

Alliance Francaise Albury Wodonga President's Report

- This report covers the 2020 calendar year.
- It will be tabled and discussed as necessary at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
- 2020 initially seemed like it was going to be a great year for the Alliance Francaise Albury Wodonga (FAAW) with a new Travellers class added to our other usual classes (Beginners 1 and 2, Intermediate and Advanced) and an over-subscribed Advanced class.
- The committee thought that arriving at a satisfactory resolution about the over-subscribed Advanced class would probably be one of our trickier issues to address during the year.
- However, as everybody would be aware, the global pandemic known as COVID-19 required the Committee to cancel all classes to ensure the safety of students and teachers. While this was a sad decision to make it wasn't a difficult one as it was clear that the health of our students and teachers had to take priority over all other matters.
- In addition to cancelling classes, and with the introduction of public health restrictions and border closures throughout the year, the Committee also had to cancel all our social and cultural events.
- It should be noted that Committee Member Clare D'Arcy kept Café Bavard going albeit in a different format and with much reduced numbers.
- Special thanks also to our Treasurer Phil Sefton who designed a system to ensure students could receive a refund on the fees for the cancelled classes.
- While the recovery of AFAW during 2021 will be a matter for the President's Report for the 2022 AGM, it is pleasing to see that we are already taking steps to reinvigorate our organization.

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