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## CAMBRIDGE / LE QUESNOY

### FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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22 June 2016

Bonjour, Tena Koutou, Greetings!

We have recently had confirmation from **Marie José Burlion, Présidente de l'association Le Quesnoy Nouvelle Zélande**, that 26 delegate friends from our Sister City in Le Quesnoy confirmed their itinerary for their **tour of New Zealand in February 2017**. We look forward to hosting them from Friday, 17 February to Monday, 20 February. We will now begin putting a programme together for their stay with us. We will ensure there is time to mix and mingle with us and people from around our district along with visiting some of our local attractions.

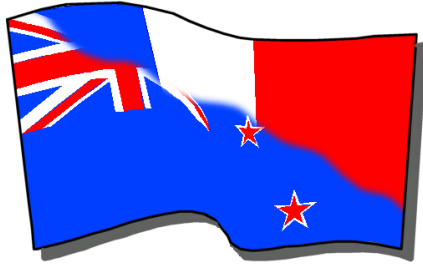
This year's **Cambridge Autumn Festival** saw Dynamic Dance School perform French Dance to modern French music and another quality display by Miriam and Brian Farrell of Le Quesnoy memorabilia and the relationship between our two towns.

As requested Council has now placed **Sister City signage** on all entranceways signs into town.

We were informed that Anne Lee representative for **Alliance Francaise de Hamilton**, will be departing to Wellington soon. We thank Anne for her contributions to the committee and wish her well. We will be looking forward to also welcoming on board Anne's successor.

**Bastille Day (Thursday 14 July)** preparations are well underway and Julie and Grant have done a lot of work getting the retailers, cafes and restaurants on board to "Go French" for the day (see page four). Make your way to the CBD and enjoy the day. There's even a "French Scrabble" competition running through the day. There are plans for a French progressive dinner in Cambridge restaurants in the evening – for more details about how to book, please keep an eye on our facebook page [www.facebook.com/CambridgeLeQuesnoy/](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeLeQuesnoy/) or email Noelene on [Noelene.Barr-Allwood@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:Noelene.Barr-Allwood@waipadc.govt.nz) It is all about promoting the Sister City relationship to our community and bringing it alive. Bring a friend, see you there!

The **Armistice in Cambridge Committee** were successful in gaining funds to commemorate **Armistice 2018**, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I and the Battle for Le Quesnoy the week preceding this. A sculpture is also commissioned which will include red brick symbolic of the wall/ramparts of Le Quesnoy and will represent the link between our two towns. The sculpture will incorporate a ladder, used to scale the ramparts and remember those that fell. The funding will also cover a large graphic that will be hung from the wall of the Cambridge Town Hall. Funding for a street festival was not successful however the Cambridge Community Board will support the Armistice Committee in any way we can to help ensure this community event does take place.



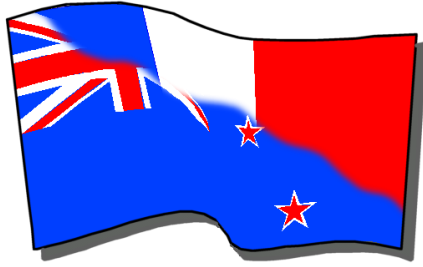
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John Bishop (Waipa District Councilor and member of the Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee) visited Le Quesnoy recently and attended their **ANZAC Day** service representing Cambridge and Waipa District and laid a wreath on our behalf.



At our latest Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee meeting **Herb Farrant, President of the New Zealand Military Historical Society**, presented, "Le Brick" brought all the way from Le Quesnoy itself. We celebrated this with some nibbles and fine wine. Herb also gave us an update on the progress of the **New Zealand Memorial Museum** which was very positive.





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For the last four weeks, a fun and enthusiastic bunch of learners have been taking part in **French night classes**, held at Cambridge High School. They are run by a local native speaker Cedric, and Cherie Cartwright (not French! but a qualified ESOL and French language teacher). The idea started after great interest was shown at Cedric's monthly French Chats, which takes place in various local bars/cafes on Friday nights. The feedback for both the classes and the chats has been very positive! The classes are relaxed and fun, with the focus on learning conversational French and encouraging everyone to give it a go. Plus, some traditional French cooking has been added along the way. If you would like know more about either the classes or the Friday night chats, please contact Cherie on [cherie.cartwright@outlook.com](mailto:cherie.cartwright@outlook.com), or visit the French Connection Cambridge page on Facebook. Merci!

For your information, the **New Zealand Youth Choir** will be performing two concerts in Le Quesnoy on 7 July 2016 as part of a European tour. The concert will celebrate the liberation of the town by the New Zealand Division in World War I and the town's friendship with New Zealand over the last 100 years.

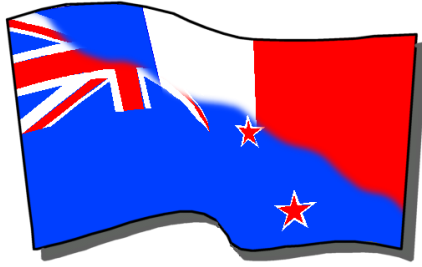
Kind regards

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# BONJOUR BASTILLE DAY!

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

“When Cambridge goes a bit French for a Day”

The Cambridge Le Quesnoy Sister City Committee has invited Cambridge cafes, restaurants & shops to have a French-themed day for Bastille Day, in recognition of our sister city Le Quesnoy in France.

It's the middle of the school holidays, so come along and enjoy some French atmosphere in Cambridge.



To find out about the activities and participating cafes, restaurants and shops, check out the Cambridge-Le Quesnoy facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/CambridgeLeQuesnoy](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeLeQuesnoy)  
and the local papers.

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