

# French national ball; social news and events

**Finale to the French National Day on Monday will be the annual national ball at the Grace Auditorium when guests of honor will be the Consul-General for France and Mme. Jean Strauss.**

Before going to the ball, M. and Mme Strauss will entertain members of the French community at a celebration cocktail party at Prince's.

Mme P. Vialatte, wife of the French Commercial Attache is president of the committee arranging the ball, for which tickets are still available at Alliance Francaise and the French Bank.

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The Governor, Lieut.-General Sir John Northcott, and Miss Elizabeth Northcott, will be present at the Guides' Own Service in the Sydney Town Hall on Sunday, August 3, at 7.15 pm.

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Among congratulatory messages received this week by Mr. Ian Neill and his fiancée, Miss Edna Beck, was a cable from Ian's brother, Dr. Keith Neill, who

is doing a post-graduate course at Nottingham University.

Edna is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Beck, of Deewhy, and Ian, who announced his engagement on Saturday, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Neill, of Mosman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr-Smith, of Mount William Station, Willaura, Victoria, arrived in Sydney this morning in their yacht Watania. They will spend a few days here before

swimming. They will spend a few days here before sailing to the Barrier Reef for two months' holiday, accompanied by their son Dickie.

**Members of St. Paul's College will hold their mid-winter term informal dance at the college tonight.**

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vaughan, of Neutral Bay, will give a prewedding party at their home on Saturday evening.

Guests of honor will be their son Peter and his fiancée, Miss Nerida Nettleton, who will be married at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wahroonga, on Friday, July 18. Nerida is the only daughter of the K. Nettletons of Warrawee.

Among the guests will be Judy Mitchell, Judy Deffell and Hugh Gillies.