

# Australian - Irish Heritage Association



## NOTICEBOARD July and August 2019

### STORY OF IRELAND continues SUNDAY July 7 and Aug 4 at 3pm

This series of five lectures titled 'The Story of Ireland' is meticulously researched, beautifully filmed and a definitive account of Ireland's remarkable past.

This is not a list of dates and battle types of history experience redolent of school-day history lessons. Presenter Fergal Keane from Cork, one of RTE's and the BBC's noted presenters, travels across three continents, tracing the events, the people and influences that shaped modern Ireland.

If you didn't study history at school, or did and hated it, this series of presentations will educate and delight you. If your memory of history lessons was dull and boring and sleep inducing, this will change your mind and should not be missed.

Sunday July 7 The Age of Union  
Sunday Aug 4 The Age of Nations

**Venue** Irish Club Theatre, Townshend Road Subiaco  
**Time** Sunday afternoons 3pm to 4.30pm, 7 July and 4 August  
**Presenter** Introduction and concluding discussion over afternoon tea moderated by Denis Bratton  
**Cost** \$10, pay at the door, includes Irish afternoon tea

### ANNUAL MARY DURACK MEMORIAL LECTURE, SUNDAY July 21, 2.30pm

Amanda Curtin, author of 'Kathleen O'Connor of Paris' – who was a daughter of noted engineer CY O'Connor will explore the persistence and influence of Kate's Irish heritage on her extraordinary life and career. Kathleen (Kate) O'Connor, was a fearless, determined woman who flouted the conventions and expectations of her time to pursue a career in art. She became an acclaimed impressionist artist, exhibiting for six decades, and her work is now held in the national galleries of Australia and New Zealand, every state gallery, and major art collections such as those of The University of Western Australia, Wesfarmers, Janet Holmes à Court, Kerry Stokes and the City of Fremantle.

Although Kate was born in New Zealand, came of age in Western Australia, and lived and worked for most of her life in Paris, she identified herself throughout as being 'Irish in mind and spirit'.

Amanda is author of novels *Elemental* (2013) and *The Sinkings* (2008), and short story collection *Inherited* (2011). *Elemental* was shortlisted for the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, and in 2016 was published in the UK

**Venue** Irish Club Theatre, Townshend Road Subiaco  
**Time** Sunday afternoon 2.30pm, July 21  
**Cost** \$10 includes Irish afternoon tea and Q&A. Books will be available for purchase

### THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets fourth Tuesday of the month, with exception of December. At 8pm

**Venue** Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco  
**July 23** 'The Shell Seekers', by Rosamund Pilcher. presented by Margaret Ireland  
**August 27** 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine', by Gail Honeyman

**Admission** Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Tea and coffee from the Bar \$2  
**Contact** Convener Mary Purcell

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANK MURPHY, BRENDAN AWARD RECIPIENT

During a live Radio Fremantle broadcast of the weekly 'Song for Ireland' on Saturday 15 June, at the conclusion of live readings from "Ulysses" by James Joyce, the director and presenter Frank Murphy was interrupted by producer Gerry Grogan who said 'Frank I'm going to turn the tables on you now'. There descended in the studio Board members of the AIHA led by president Heather Deighan and Award registrar Denis Bratton who presented Frank with the award for his outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage. Frank was initially lost for words in a humbled and moving response. The packed studio included actors Mike Anthony Sheehy, Niall O'Toole, Howard Moses, Jennifer McGrath and AIHA Board members Patricia Bratton, Carmel Ryan and Tony Bray joined in a spontaneous applause for Frank who is highly respected in media, art and academic circles as a great ambassador for the Irish Brand. All adjourned back to Frank's home where partner and elite Chef Gerry Grogan had secretly prepared a wonderful morning reception joined by friends and neighbours. Full report in AIHA coming Journal and in The Irish Scene. **Radio Fremantle, 107.9fm, Saturdays 8am to 10am**

## WRITING COMPETITIONS FOR 2019, Deadline 31 October

**The Joe O'Sullivan Writers' Prize** honouring the memory of the Organisation's late founder, worth \$1,000, limit of 2,000 to 4,000 words - prose, fact or fiction. Australian-wide entries invited.

Topic: "Memories"

**Joyce Parkes Women's Writers' Prize** honours Joyce Parkes who is a well-known poet living in WA. She is the patron of the prize, which aims at promoting and encouraging women writers in Australia. Limit of 1,000 to 2,000 words – Prose, fact or fiction. Prize Money: \$500 Australian-wide entries invited

Topic: "If Only"

Entrance Fee \$10 for all competitions. Deadline **31 October, 2019**. Enquiries to Denis Bratton 9345 3530

*Winner of Joyce Parkes Writers Prize for 2018 was Freya Cox from Tasmania with 'Blackbird Fly'.*

*Winner of the Joe O'Sullivan Writers' prize was Peta Shaw of Lesmurdie with 'Wildflowers'*

## AIHA supports

**Planning AIHA future.** We welcome suggestions on projects, activities and events, and people willing to assist. Reply to contact details in footer section of this page

**AIHA new Website** went live on 31 May. Please visit, log in for discussion and enjoy interactive media and photo gallery of events, <https://irishheritage.com.au> We acknowledge support of Lottery West and thank Patricia Bratton.

**The Journal** is issued Quarterly to members only and the latest edition was mailed out in April. This collector's digest of over 70 pages features stories from at home and abroad, poems, reports and features. Back editions are available to new members on request. Next edition will be mailed to members in July

**Revelation Perth International Film Festival.** July 4 – 17, features 5 Irish films plus documentaries and a talk on Irish Cinema by Dr Enda Murray. <http://www.revelationfilmfest.org/schedule>

**The Perth Male Voice Choir** – Irish Club Fri July 26 (sold out) and Sat July 27 at 7.30pm. Annual club concert with a strong Welsh flavor. The Choir made a successful tour of UK in 2018 concluding with a major combined choral concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Bookings \$20, Dave Bonner 0407 380 210

**Opera Under the Stars**, Sat Aug 31 Mangrove Hotel Broome, starring Teddy Tahu Rhodes. Tourism Event of Excellence. Director Mary Attracta Connolly. [http://www.operaunderthestars.com.au/opera/Ticket\\_Bookings.htm](http://www.operaunderthestars.com.au/opera/Ticket_Bookings.htm)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Due 1 January, 2019

Family membership \$65

Concession (Centrelink and unwaged students with ID) \$55

Distant (200 kms from Perth) \$45

Membership fee includes tax deductible donation of \$20

*Members enjoy discounted rates to dinners and functions, exclusive events, quarterly Journal, voting rights, and opportunities to participate in activities which promote an awareness of Australia's Irish Heritage*

## AIHA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**President** – Heather Deighan

**Treasurer/ Membership** – Patricia Bratton

**Secretary** – Tony Bray

**Committee** – Carmel Ryan, Denis Bratton, John Sullivan

Supported by a tier of volunteers. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way!

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