

# Australian - Irish Heritage Association



## NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 2020

### BRENDAN AWARD PRESENTATION, Saturday 29 August

Come along for 4pm afternoon presentation to discover this year's winner (unknown to even the Board members of AIHA) who will join the ranks of eminent recipients from National, International and local communities. This year's presentation had been scheduled for 17 March Saint Patrick's Day but was deferred due to restrictions on public gatherings.

The Brendan award has been presented since 1997 in recognition of an outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage which clearly reflects favourably on Ireland and the Irish.

<b>Venue</b>	Irish Club Roses Room (upstairs)
<b>Time</b>	4pm commencing with complimentary afternoon tea followed by formal presentation.
<b>Entry</b>	Free by invitation to guests and to all members and friends of AIHA
<b>Expect</b>	No health risk. Club has been redecorated and painted. This will be the first event of the day in the Club. Social distancing applies and hand sanitising is available
<b>Past Winners</b>	See honour board in Irish Club, AIHA website and quarterly Journal

### ANNUAL SHORT STORY COMPETITIONS, deadline November 30

**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.

Topic: "Closed Doors" or "*Dorais Duntá*" (Gaelic)

**Joyce Parkes Women's Writers' Prize** honours the late poet Joyce Parkes who died this year. Joyce was 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

Topic: "Welcome" or "*Faite*" (Gaelic)

Entrance Fee \$10 for all competitions. Deadline **30 November, 2020**. Enquiries to Denis Bratton 9345 3530

Winner of Joyce Parkes Writers Prize for 2019 was Lynne Geary, Victoria, for her entry 'My Mother's Garden'. Winner of The Joe O'Sullivan Writers Prize of \$1,000 was awarded to Kylie Worth, Victoria, for her entry 'Edelweiss'. Winning entries are published in The Journal and on AIHA website

### THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets fourth Tuesday of the month, with exception of December Christmas gathering. At 7.30pm  
Plans to resume October 27. Members will be notified of book title in September

<b>Venue</b>	Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco
<b>Admission</b>	Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Tea and coffee from the Bar \$2
<b>Contact</b>	Convener Mary Purcell, m.purcell@telstra.com

### UPDATE ON 2020 PROGRAMME

Our committee met on 11 August for the first time since 19 March. We welcomed Gayle Lannon to the committee. New treasurer Deirdre McGorry had to step back due to Covid 19 concerns and Patricia Bratton returned to maintain continuity. We thank Patricia for her commitment to the association. Denis Bratton continued publishing our quarterly Journal in March and June.

We had a great varied programme of events organised for 2020 and are reluctant to commit to resuming these until there is greater assurance from health authorities on safety of close community gatherings.

We will host a planning and ideas session possibly in October and welcome your participation or submissions for that.

You can also help if you have IT skills to manage our website which is wordpress or if you know of someone who can. We want to optimise the interactive potential for members and the public.

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## AIHA Supports ...

Radio Fremantle 107.9fm, **Celtic Rambles**, Saturdays 8 to 10 am. Host Frank Murphy, producer Gerry Grogan. Irish radio at its best – local and international interviews, news items, music and opinions

Former AIHA President Brian Corr who is now resident in Tasmania broadcasts an Irish Radio Programme every Sunday morning on **Hobart FM**. Click on [www.ozirish.com](http://www.ozirish.com)

**Irish Scene** bi-monthly free glossy magazine of Irish happenings in Perth, <https://www.facebook.com/irishscene/>  
Look for AIHA page in every edition.

**Irish Club of WA**, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco – new committee have redecorated the premises, members avail of free hire of rooms, fully equipped theatre, bars, dining, library, games, live Irish music, Big screens for sporting events, classes in Irish dancing and traditional music. Milestone events coming up – Winner Takes All fundraising raffle – 1000 tickets at \$100 each to win \$15,000 or Two Business Class tickets to Europe, drawn 4 October; 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Irish Club in Perth commemoration second weekend in September.  
<https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/>

**Claddagh Association** founded in 1997 is a voluntary, non-profit organisation with Gift Recipient Status. The association aim to provide where possible, crisis support to people in the Irish community in Western Australia in times of hardship and trauma. They provide a safety net to assist people in crisis situations where all other avenues have been exhausted. Supported by the Government of Ireland, local Irish organisations and individuals. Check website and face book for regular seniors lunches and outings, and current projects. <https://claddagh.org.au/>

**Irish Theatre Players** auditions for Christmas Panto, “A Christmas Wish”, written and directed by Noel O’Neill, Tuesday August 25 at 7pm, Irish Club Theatre, Subiaco. To be staged in December.  
<https://www.facebook.com/IrishTheatrePlayers/>

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was Due 1 January, 2020

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*

The **Irish Club** is promoting Affiliated Membership to AIHA members at \$25 pa (normal full membership is \$75). Check the web <https://www.irishclubofwa.com.au/membership.html> We encourage you to support the Club where AIHA host most of our events. The club has been refurbished and decorated during Covid shutdown and is now open.

## AIHA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

**President** – Heather Deighan  
**Secretary** – Tony Bray

**Treasurer/ Membership** – Patricia Bratton  
**Committee** – Gayle Lannon

Supported by a tier of volunteers. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way! We are looking for volunteers with IT, bookkeeping, and event organisation skills to help us rebuild and adapt for the future. Next committee meeting Tuesday 15 September at 7pm

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