

NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2020

COME INTO THE PARLOUR CONCERT, Sunday 15 November at 3pm

The Irish Club will present a weekend Fleadh (festival of Irish Culture) on November 13, 14 and 15. It is proposed to feature an opening Medieval Banquet with theatrical entertainment, a 32 County quiz, a Ceile with traditional dancing, sean-nos singing and music, a seanchaí (story telling) evening featuring a Culchie (rural/farming person) segment, traditional Irish music workshops, junior variety concert, exhibitions and

A PARLOUR CONCERT presented by the Australian Irish Heritage Association. This will feature short stories, verse, songs and music, complimented with slides, a live host and with an Irish afternoon tea.

Last year we launched Sunday Miscellany based on Irish National Radio RTE 50-year long-running Sunday morning programme, and once again we are inviting writers, reciters, readers and listeners for an afternoon of "Radio essays, reportage, appreciations, memory pieces, poetry, travel writing and personal accounts".

We invite you to email your interest in reading a poem or prose/essay of your choice or written by you, with an Irish connection to secretary@irishheritage.com.au by no later than 30 October.

Our Criteria is,

- Essays are generally 700/800 words that can hold listeners attention, usually 5 minutes maximum
- Subject is geared for the ear. Therefore the reader should have an engaging voice. The focus is on entertaining our audience
- Prose and poetry can be original or sourced from other writers

The programme will include live music, visual slides and introduction of readers. There will be two 40 minute segments with afternoon tea during the interval. Readings from behind lecterns with microphone facility under theatre light.

Venue Irish Club Theatre **Time** 3pm to 4.45pm.

Entry Members \$5 (discounted due to lack of events presented this year), Non-members \$10

Expect Cabaret seating, Irish afternoon tea.

Optional Lunch available upstairs between 12 noon and 3pm.

Contact Enquiries, Bookings – 9367 6026, or <u>secretary@irishheritage.com.au</u>

More Full programme of Fleadh will be released in a timely manner by the Irish Club

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 Dunta" (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 "Failte" (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

This is the first gathering since February due to Covid restrictions.

October 27 "The Little Paris Book Shop" by Nina George. Presenter Mary Purcell

November 24 To be decided at October gathering

Venue Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

Admission Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Tea and coffee from the Bar \$2

Contact Convener Mary Purcell, m.purcell@telstra.com

AIHA NEWS

Congratulations to Paul Tanham winner of this year's **Brendan Award**. Paul joins an elite group of 30 recipients recognised by the award for their outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage. Full report will be featured in quarterly member's AIHA Journal. Check the Honour Board displayed in the Irish Club upstairs bar area.

Vale Michael Nolan – former Hon Consul General and member of AIHA Michael passed away on 8 September. We extend our condolences to his widow Eleanor who served on our Board for many years. Report in The Journal.

We are developing a concept of a **walking tour** of places of Irish interest. Check out our Irish Heritage Trail on AIHA website. That trail covers the broad metro area. If you are interested in assisting in developing a shorter guided walking tour please contact us.

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.

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 with online archive.

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

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 – newly decorated 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 7 November; Irish Fleadh weekend November 13, 14 and 15. Weekly Quiz night upstairs Bar every Tuesday 7pm has become very popular, Hot food available. Affiliated membership available to AIHA members at \$25. https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/

Claddagh Association founded in 1997 is a voluntary, non-profit organisation with Gift Recipient Status. Supported by the Government of Ireland, local Irish organisations and individuals. AGM will be held in the Irish Club on Friday 23 October at 6pm. Check website and face book for regular seniors lunches and outings, and current projects. https://claddagh.org.au/

Irish Theatre Players will stage a Christmas Panto, "A Christmas Wish", written and directed by Noel O'Neill, December 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 at 7pm, Irish Club Theatre, Subiaco. https://www.facebook.com/IrishTheatrePlayers/

Royal WA Historical Society have a secondhand book sale on Saturday and Sunday 7 & 8 November from 9 to 5pm at 49 Broadway, Nedlands. Bookings are open for a visit to the Fremantle Round House and the Whalers Tunnel with a talk on Friday 30 October at 11.30 am. Non-members cost \$30 including lunch at Kailis Fish market. Limited to 20 spaces. tel 9386 3841. www.histwest.org.au

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was Due 1 January, 2020

Family membership \$65 Distant (200 kms from Perth) \$45 Concession (Centrelink and unwaged students with ID) \$55 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). We encourage you to support the Club where AIHA host most of our events. https://www.irishclubofwa.com.au/membership.html