

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2020

JOIN OUR BOOKCLUB AND COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

AIHA monthly book club meets on the fourth Tuesday except in December. This year's **Christmas Gathering** is in the committee room of The Irish Club on **Tuesday 15 December at 6.30 pm**. Dinner menu averages \$20 with full menu featuring Christmas specials. **Secret Santa** must be a book (new or used in good condition). If you are not happy with your book feel free to swap on the night. Invitation is to book club members, AIHA committee and volunteers, members and friends. Enquires on Christmas Gathering to secretary@irishheritage.com.au

January 28 To be Decided from a list of 15 book titles available on request

Venue Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

Admission All welcome. Pay as you go for **Christmas Social**. Monthly book club is free with light refreshments provided. Tea and coffee from the Bar \$2

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

ORAL HISTORIES OF IRISH SENIORS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Claddagh Association with the support of the Irish Government and AIHA have published a book of life stories of Irish elders in our local community compiled by professional media interviewers, titled **'FROM HOME TO HOME'**.

The books will not be sold. They will be gifted to accomplish the aims of the project - create connections between generations in the Irish community of WA, highlight the history of the Irish community in WA, and contribute to the ongoing identity formation of the Irish community in WA.

The book will be launched at a strictly invitation-only event in Fremantle on Thursday 10 December from 5 to 7 pm. Numbers are restricted due to Covid regulations and therefore the invitation is limited to community groups. The Honorary Irish Consul Marty Kavanagh will launch the publication. There will be a presentation to the CEO of the State Library of WA of audio files and transcripts, as well as a celebration (including Irish dancing and music) with the participants of the Oral History Project. Invitations have been extended to Irish Australian politicians, Steven Dawson, Minister for Environment, Disability Services and Electoral Affairs, Jessica Stojkovski MLA, Kate Doust, President of the Legislative Council and Alanna Clohesy MLC.

Breandán Ó Caollaí, Ambassador of Ireland to Australia, wrote the foreword and the chapters are made up of edited excerpts from each interview. This publication was prepared for wide dissemination and will be available for download at Claddagh's website after the launch (www.claddagh.org.au). The *Irish Scene* will serialise the chapters of 'From Home to Home' over their next ten issues.

AIHA have a small number of invitations. If you want to be our guest contact our secretary Tony Bray for full details.

Brendan Award – deadline 31 December 2020

Nominate someone who has made an outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage. It may be someone in your community whose service reflects favourably on Ireland and the Irish. Nomination forms are available from AIHA website or by contact details at foot of this page. See Honour Board in the Irish Club of WA for previous recipients.

Recipient for 2020 was Paul Tanham, Patron, honorary life member and former President and executive of the Irish Club of WA, former Rose of Tralee coordinator, Chairman of Irish Fleadh, and Captain of the Irish Golf Club.

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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 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 Club of WA, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco –

"Home away from Home" Christmas Party on **Saturday 5th December**. The very talented **Prohibition Band** will be playing on the night plus there will be a Christmas special menu and prizes for best dressed. Time to get the Santa hat or Christmas jumper out of the cupboard! The Club would like to see Irish Community groups represented at the party.

Irish Club **"The Big Fat Christmas Quiz"** on Tuesday 22nd December

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. Check website and face book for regular senior's lunches and outings, and current projects. <https://claddagh.org.au/>

Irish Theatre Players Christmas Pantomime, "A Christmas Wish", written & directed by Noel O'Neill Dec 10, 11, 12 17, 18 19 at 7.30pm. Matinees Dec 12, 13, 19, 20 at 2pm. \$25, seniors \$20, children \$15 Some nights already booked out, see www.trybooking.com/BMFRU

AIHA thank Dr Tom Brett for donating *"We are Mayo"* and Deirdre McGorry for donating *"Rose's Children"* as free door prizes at our Parlour Concert on 15 November. We highly recommend these books.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR AIHA IN 2021?

We are at a crossroads and need to build a committee to adapt to the times. Established in 1993 the AIHA has presented and facilitated programmes of historical, educational, literary, art, culture and social themes.

We need to be relevant in these changing times and we want to continue to provide opportunities for community socialising in preference to the virtual stay-at-home world. The key to human happiness is relationships and if we can offer events that give people a sense of belonging, shared interests and stimulation then we will survive and prosper.

So on Saturday 12 December we are inviting people who might be interested in shaping the future of our Association from 2021 to a meeting of the committee from 2 to 4pm. Specific invitations have been issued on recommendation of some people. If you want to see the AIHA grow and feel you might be able to offer your talents and new ways of thinking please contact our secretary Tony Bray to sound out your thoughts. Now is the time because this meeting will decide on the future existence of the AIHA. Don't put it off or leave it to someone else. Passive advertising to attract people to become active in devising and presenting programmes is rarely effective. Now we have a deadline and pressure to take action for our future.

We are looking for volunteers with IT, bookkeeping, and event organisation skills to help us rebuild and adapt to create our future. The rewards are a sense of collective empowerment and deep fulfilment in being active in a community enterprise.

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 Journal is issued Quarterly to members only. Summer edition will be mailed out in December. Back editions are available to new members on request.

Editor Denis Bratton is stepping down after the December edition. We are looking for an enthusiastic replacement and are grateful for the three years of Denis' quality tenure after taking over from Dr Ian Chambers in 2018.

AIHA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President – Heather Deighan

Treasurer/ Membership – Patricia Bratton

Secretary – Tony Bray

Committee – Gayle Lannon

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

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