

NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR October & November 2021

ANNUAL BRENDAN AWARD 2021 Recipient Sean O'Casey

It was a full house in the Irish Club on Sunday evening 26 September for the 50th anniversary of the Gaelic Athletic Association of WA. Following presentation of life memberships by GAA President John Whelehan the Brendan Award was introduced by AIHA registrar Denis Bratton who announced the winner **Sean O'Casey**. AIHA chairperson Heather Deighan read the citation and award criteria. Sean was born in Dungannon, County Tyrone and has dedicated 50 years to the development and promotion of Gaelic Games at club, state and national level as player, referee and administrator. Many of the previous recipients of the Brendan Award were in attendance. A full report and photos will feature in the December AIHA quarterly Journal. All recipients are acknowledged on an Honour Board on display in the upstairs bar of the Irish Club.

AIHA thank GAA secretary Tom Murphy for facilitating this presentation.

PARLOUR CONCERT, Sunday 17 October at 3pm

An afternoon of Irish music, song and story interspersed with literary vignettes co-ordinated by Gayle Lannon and Diana MacTiernan. This event has evolved from our innovative 'The Verse' in 2018 to 'Sunday Miscellany' in 2019 to our inaugural 'Parlour Concert' in 2020. A family entertainment for all ages.

'Ireland - a land of poets and legends, of dreamers and rebels.'

The concert features Ciaran O'Sullivan, Tommy O'Brien, Ross Hume, Chris MacDonald, Sean Byrne, Heather Deighan, Julie Breathnach-Banwait, Gill Kenny, Rob Zielinski, Colleen Wallace and Colin Smiley.

Venue Irish Club Theatre 3pm to 4.45pm.

Entry \$15 members, \$20 non-members. www.trybooking.com/BULPY (\$0.50 booking fee applies) or

Pay at the door. Children free!

Expect Cabaret seating, Irish afternoon tea. Bar facilities. Illustrated presentations. Flyer attached

Coming up

Welsh afternoon featuring live Welsh Choir (from Perth Male Choir), a short history on the Welsh language and Welsh movie '*Very Annie Mary*' over afternoon tea, Irish Club Theatre, Sunday 28 November, 2021 at 3pm.

The Journal – members of AIHA receive a free quarterly book bound publication. Current edition edited by Julie Breathnach-Banwait is due out this month. For sale to non-members at \$10

Annual Writers Competitions have been deferred pending a full review of the concept with some changes to prizes, rules and deadline and a focus on emerging writers and poets. AIHA committee meet to plan and review this and all activities on Sunday 14 November.

If you know of someone interested in receiving our monthly 'Noticeboard' two-page newsletter just email our secretary to be added to our growing data base.

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets fourth Tuesday of the month, with exception of December. At 7.30pm

October 26 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig, presented by Mary Rose Cullinane
November 23 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' by Christy Lefteri, presented by Mary Purcell

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

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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 – interviews, news items, music and opinions. Hear latest AIHA activities.

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/ Membership costs \$10 Annual Claddagh Remembrance service, Saint Josephs Catholic Church Subiaco, Sunday 7 November at 3pm, followed by a gathering at the Irish Club.

Fenians Fremantle and Freedom Inc – Annual General Meeting on 12 October, at 6.30pm in Samson Cellars, Cliff Street Fremantle where you are invited to share their achievements for the year, enjoy some fine wine and good Irish music and a fun 'Know your Fenians' quiz before they tackle the official business of the AGM. Nominations are invited for the committee and to help share the Fenian Story in new and innovative ways. Annual membership is \$25. info@feniansfestival.com.au

Irish Club, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Affiliated membership available to AIHA members at \$25. Weekly quiz Wednesday 7pm, \$5 https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/

Irish Theatre Players celebrate 40th anniversary in the Irish Club Theatre on Friday 22 October at 7.30pm. Tickets are free but you need to register via https://www.trybooking.com/bujlv Membership costs \$10pa. Look out for end of year panto 'Cinderella' (the slightly deviated version), written by Yvette Wall, directed by Michael Balmer, choreography and singing coaching by Connie Wetherilt.

Irish Scene free bi-monthly magazine is the go-to source of all activities in WA's Australian Irish community. Check out AIHA regular page. Available from Irish Club and Irish hospitality venues

Royal WA Historical Society (Inc.) – regularly present talks and tours of interest. Stirling House 49 Broadway, Nedlands. Tel 9386 3841, admin@histwest.org.au www.histwest.org.au www.histwest.org.au Guided Coach Tour to Toodyay, Sat 16 Oct, 9am. \$100, non members \$120. Includes morning tea and lunch. Tour of Government House Gardens, Friday Nov 5 at 10am. Guided by Ron Bodycoat. \$20 society members, \$25 non members. Includes light refreshments.

Comhaltas Perth – Sean Doherty Branch celebrate 40th anniversary of promotion of the music, song, dance and the language of Ireland, with music camp at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp, Hardinge Road, Orange Grove on weekend of 29-31 October, 2021. Music lessons and session every Monday at 7pm in Irish Club, Subiaco.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was due 1 January, 2021

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 Committee

President — Heather Deighan **Treasurer/ Membership** — Patricia Bratton **Secretary** — Tony Bray **Committee** — Peter Conole, Gayle Lannon, Diana MacTiernan, Julie Walsh-Banwait, Gill Kenny Supported by a tier of volunteers. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way!

Wanted – volunteer with IT skills for wordpress website administration. Please contact our secretary.

Youth Ambassador — With more and more young Irish families moving to Western Australia, it is becoming increasingly important that the AIHA provide them with opportunities to keep in touch with their heritage. The profile of our current membership is in the older demographic hence the reason we need to look at growing it to include a broader age range and demographic. If you know someone aged around 18 to 24 who has an interest in Irish heritage we will forward them a light discussion paper and an invitation to meet with our committee. We are holding an in-house planning session in October. With our current committee comprising many new members this is a good time to review and renew the activities and direction of the Association with complete openness. Please contact secretary@irishheritage.com.au

Check our facebook for regular snippets of interesting facts as well as our activities.