

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR December 2021 and Beyond

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 Roses room of The Irish Club on **Tuesday 7 December at 6.30 pm**. **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. Club kitchen is expected to be open with new chef. Please rsvp to secretary@irishheritage.com.au as we need to know numbers for catering. Invitation is open to book club members, AIHA committee and volunteers, members and friends.

January 25 'American Dirt' by Jeanine Cummins, presented by Thelma Blackford
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

Brendan Award – closing date 31 December 2021

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 2021 was Sean O'Casey, Lifetime GAA activist and administrator. Full interview with Sean and his wife Siobhan by Gill Kenny will be published in our quarterly publication, *The Journal*, in December.

Member participation invited to Saint Brigid's Festival, Sunday 30 Jan 2022

Torc Ceili Club are holding a festival at Kidogo Arthouse, Fremantle on the 28th & 30th January 2022. This festival will be a weekend of creativity celebrated through music, dance, art and food. The festival's activities will mostly be interactive with the aim of bringing people together to acknowledge the culture and history of St Brigid while celebrating the creativity of our local artists.

The Friday session of the festival will include a sit-down meal of food representative of the Imbolc season. It will be an evening of entertainment including song, dance, poetry and a display of art, all from local creatives.

The Sunday session will focus on family friendly activities. There will be an Irish Céilí, which is a selection of traditional Irish dances in groups of people. These are simple dances that are suitable for people with no previous dance experience and they are heaps of fun. There will be the best of Perth's traditional musicians providing toe tapping tunes!

There will also be a program of various arts and crafts activities during the festival. There will be making of St Brigid crosses and Bridog Dolls from straw to symbolise both the spring harvest and St. Brigid. These arts and crafts activities will be suitable for all ages.

The aim of this project is to bring people together. Whether these people are dancing, singing, playing music, listening to poetry or stories, creating handmade pieces of art or just sitting back and observing all of the activities we want to bring people together and honour a woman that is a representative of Ireland's culture and history through so many different creative outlets. It will be an education through multiple mediums that are suitable for people of all ages and backgrounds.

AIHA plan to make a presentation on St Brigid on Sunday afternoon. If you have ideas or want to participate please email admin@irishheritage.com.au by 20 December and our coordinators Gayle and Diana will respond.

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Open invitation to Literary people

Bloomsday, 16 June 2022 marks the centenary of the publication of James Joyce's 'Ulysses'.

For thirty years Bloomsday was presented in Perth as an Edwardian evening of performed readings and music by celebrities and actors to packed houses. With the support of the Irish Embassy in Canberra we are planning an evening of 15/20 minute literary Joycean or Ulysses vignettes of prose/play/poetry in a Bloomsday stage competition. There will be a cash incentive for all accepted entries and cash prizes for the best entry and best performer.

Register your expression of interest before 22 April 2022 to admin@irishheritage.com.au

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. Seniors Christmas Lunch at Mighty Quinn, Monday 13 December, live music with Broken Pokers. Check website and face book for regular senior's lunches and outings, and current projects. <https://claddagh.org.au/> Membership costs \$10

Irish Club, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Weekly quiz Wednesday 7pm, Christmas Quiz Dec 15, \$5. Seniors Christmas Lunch Dec 3, Family Christmas Day Dec 5 <https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/>

Irish Theatre Players present *Cinderella (The slightly deviated version)* in Irish Club Theatre, Written by Yvette Wall, directed by Michael Balmer. December 15 to 19 at 7pm, matinees Dec 18 & 19 at 1pm. \$25, conc \$20, kids \$15. www.trybooking.com/buslf ITP Membership costs \$10pa.

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

Comhaltas Perth – Music lessons and session every Monday at 7pm in Irish Club, Subiaco.

Irish Choir Christmas Concert, Irish Club Theatre, Sat December 4 at 2pm and 7.30pm. Conductor Hillary Price. irishchoirperth@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL due 1 January, 2022

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

AIHA Committee

President – Heather Deighan **Treasurer/ Membership** – Patricia Bratton **Secretary** – Tony Bray **Committee**

– Peter Conole, Gayle Lannon, Diana MacTiernan, Julie Breathnach-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 – 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 held an in-house planning session on Sun 14 November facilitated by Niamh Toohey. With our current committee comprising many new members we are reviewing activities and direction of the Association with complete openness. Please contact secretary@irishheritage.com.au

Coming Activities – December The Journal featuring exclusive interviews will be mailed to members in coming weeks. Garden Festival of Irish Cinema over five Wednesdays from February 2, 2022. AIHA will celebrate 30th anniversary in 2023. A sub-committee will be formed. Input welcome.

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

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