

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL & MAY 2023

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

April *Cancelled as most members will be out of the State*

May 23 'The Power of the Dog' by Thomas Savage, presented by Cecilia Bray

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

EASTER MONDAY CATALPA COMMEMORATION ROCKINGHAM, 11am

17th Annual commemoration of the escape of six Fenian convicts on 17-18 April, 1876. With oration, verse, music, drama and song at the Catalpa Wild Geese Memorial.

Guest speakers and dignitaries in attendance, including Mayor Deb Hamblin and city councilors; Hon Stephen Pratt MLC, Federal Minister Madeleine King; Richard Offen, President Royal WA Historical Society and media historian; actor Michael Sheehy, John McCarthy of Fenians Fremantle Festival; musician Ormonde Og Waters; writer Kez Wickham St George, business leader Michael Malone and members of AIHA committee. Coordinated and researched by David McKnight.

The program covers Setting the scene - political state of affairs within Ireland and globally, why Fenian prisoners happened to be in Fremantle; Plans for the escape; Escape day finally arrives; Exchange on the High Seas; Aftermath in USA and Impact in WA

This event has been registered with the National Trust for their annual Heritage Festival which runs 10 April to 14 May. Brochures available on the day. See their website for full program: <https://nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/wa>

Date Easter Monday, 10 April at 11am to 12 noon.

Venue Catalpa Memorial, Palm Beach, Rockingham, walking distance south of Township. Seating available.

Entry Free public event.

Followed by

Inaugural **Catalpa Adventure Festival** by the local Rockingham Catalpa Rescue Project on Churchill Park from 12 noon to 6pm. It will feature an afternoon concert of Irish performers, children's activities, food vans, licensed bar and market stalls. Free event. <https://www.facebook.com/TourismRockingham/> Flyer attached

NOTICES

ANZAC Day Commemoration, Tuesday 25 April, 8am. AIHA at invitation of Subiaco RSL lay wreaths for Irish ANZACS. Morning tea follows. Subject to confirmation

St Patrick's Festival, Leederville, 18 March. Winners of competitions:

Favourite Irish Author - Dearbhla Delaney won a complimentary membership of AIHA. Michele won a book by Claire Keegan donated by Diana MacTiernan. Data base competition – Christine Darling was drawn from the names and won the recently published book 'A Man of Honour' by Simon Smith, compliments of Echo Publishing. Review of this book to be published in our June edition of AIHA Journal. The children's colouring activities was a sellout. Many patrons enjoyed being photographed in picture frames wearing hats from our large collection. For photos and video of parade and festival see <https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksfestivalwa/>

Website and Facebook assistance – if you know of someone who can assist with Wordpress for an hour a month we would love to hear from you.

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New Editor for The Journal

We welcome Teresa O'Brien as our new editor of the AIHA quarterly Journal. Teresa is a Doctor of Education with an impressive academic record with qualifications and national accreditation in editing among an impressive CV of accomplishments. Members can look forward to the March Journal, Vol 31, No1 to be mailed in early April. Correspondence may be emailed to journal@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 Digital Workshops, Visa Clinics, Volunteer opportunities, Seniors lunches, Coach trips. <https://claddagh.org.au/> Membership \$10

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

Fremantle Fenian Festival: info@feniansfestival.com.au To join What's App group text Anne on +61 457 199 953

Irish Club, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. Bar, Lounge, Kitchen, Theatre, meeting rooms. Weekly quiz Wed 7pm. Tel 9381 5213 <https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/>

Irish Theatre Players – 'The Hen Night Epiphany' by Jimmy Murphy, directed by Brendan Ellis. This play focuses on women and our unique relationship with each other. Irish Club Theatre April 27, 28, 29, May 4, 5, 6 at 7.30pm, Matinee Sunday Apr 30 at 2.30pm. www.trybooking.com/CGNSX

Royal WA Historical Society – Stirling House 49 Broadway Nedlands. Slater Homestead Goomalling tour, Sat 15 April, 8am to 4.30pm, \$85, \$90 non-members includes morning tea in Toodyay, and two-course lunch at the homestead. High Street Fremantle walk, Wed 10 May, 10am, incl morning tea at Culleys, \$20, \$25 non-members. Check website for regular talks and tours, 9386 3841, www.histwest.org.au Email admin@histwest.org.au

FOR SALE: First edition of 'John Boyle O'Reilly - His Life, Poems and Speeches' by James Jeffrey Roche. Published in 1891, hardback. Enquiries Anne 0418 922 762

5km Darkness into Light walk Saturday 6 May, 5.30am at Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth to support those who have been bereaved by suicide, who have self-harmed or who have experienced suicidal ideation. Registrations www.darknessintolight.com. Launch event at Dirty Nelly's Bar Sun 16 April, 3 to 5pm. Cheque to be presented to Claddagh Association for 2022 donation of €43,992.45!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Now Due 1 January, 2023

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

Pay Online – you can register your details and pay via <https://irishheritage.com.au/membership/registration/>

Or Bank Transfer: Bank: Commonwealth, BSB: 066-192 Account No: 1054 6502

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

Chairperson – Heather Deighan **Treasurer/ Membership** – Patricia Bratton **Secretary** – Tony Bray
Committee – Peter Conole, Gayle Lannon

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

Coming Up

- Bloomsday Literary celebration of James Joyce's Ulysses, Friday, June 16
- Mary Durack Memorial Lecture, July
- John O'Donohue (Irish poet, author and philosopher) Afternoon reflection, Sunday, August 27
- 'The Silver Branch' documentary and conversation, Sunday, October 29
- Other events in planning

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