

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

Nov 28 'The Stranger in the Lifeboat', by Mitch Albom, presented by Bill Cotter

Dec 11 Christmas social gathering at CBlu restaurant, Ocean Beach Hotel, 140 Marine Parade Cottesloe. This is a Monday night, open to all (subject to booking), bring Secret Santa book to value of \$16. Include receipt in book to allow for exchange. Meet at 7pm

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

Mary Durack Memorial Lecture

Launched in 1995 the annual Mary Durack Memorial Lecture honours the pioneering work in Australia on many fronts by the Durack family and our founding member and first patron Dame Mary Durack AC DBE Australian author and historian, (1913 - 1994). Brothers Patrick (Patsy) and Michael (Stumpy) Durack and Patsy's granddaughter Mary Durack are listed among the 100 People who Shaped our State, published by the West Australian this year.



This year's lecture is titled "**The Third Act**" and will be delivered by Michael Malone, founder of iiNet, who was born in Co Clare. iiNet was the first Internet Service Provider in WA, starting 30 years ago in the Padbury garage of Michael's parents, Moira and Patrick. iiNet grew to employ 3,500 people, provide Internet access to a million Australian homes, and revenues of a billion dollars per year. Michael will tell us what him to start iiNet, some of the key events during its growth, and how to approach the third act

Venue Irish Club Theatre, Townshend Road, Subiaco

Date Sunday 19 November at 3pm.

Bookings \$20 non-members, \$15 members. <https://www.trybooking.com/CMTAT>

Includes Irish afternoon tea, moderated Q&A segment open to the audience

NOTICES

The Journal – September edition features AIHA 30 years ago; tribute to the late Colm O'Doherty; Fergus Hynes' book 'Half a loaf and a Thrupenny bit'; John Moriarty – Aboriginal elder, artist, sportsman and Philanthropist; Who is William Carleton?; Daisy Bates, pioneer anthropologist; Mythology and legends of Ireland; Thomas Meagher: the making of a dual patriot (Pt 3); Irish-Australian mothers' expressions; Vincent O'Brien the King of horses (Pt 2); A new history of the Irish in Australia book review; Fr John Fahey, DSO, Chaplain 11th Battalion, First AIF; Uncovering the mysteries of a Clachan in South Australia; ET Hooley and the battle of Minderoo; plus poetry and records of interest. Email articles to journal@irishheritage.com.au

Planning Meeting Sunday 3 December – addressing future direction of AIHA. Enquiries or suggestions to secretary@irishheritage.com.au

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. Website has recently been reviewed to improve functionality.

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AIHA Supports

Radio Fremantle 107.9fm, **Celtic Rambles**, Saturdays 8 to 10 am. Hosts Heather Deighan, president AIHA and Eoin Kenna. Irish radio with interviews, news items, music and opinions. Email requests to celticrambles@outlook.com

Claddagh Association founded 1997 is a voluntary, non-profit organisation with Gift Recipient Status. It provides crisis support to people in WA's Irish community in times of hardship and trauma. Supported by the Government of Ireland, local Irish organisations and individuals. **Annual Claddagh Remembrance Service** Sun 5 Nov, 2pm, St Joseph's Subiaco. **Seniors trip to Cicarellos Fremantle**, Tues 14 Nov, \$20/30. **Christmas Lunch** at Mighty Quinn Wed 13 Dec, 12 noon <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 Membership is \$25 per year, payable to BSB 633000 A/C 60679791, please include your name with payments

Irish Club, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Annual General meeting Sun Nov 5 at 4pm – important motions on future of the Club to be voted on. Bar, Lounge, Kitchen, Theatre, meeting rooms. Weekly quiz Wed 7pm. Membership renewals now due. Tel 9381 5213 <https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/>

Irish Theatre Players – "Santa Claus the Panto" by Diana Kimpton, directed by Andrew Watson. Dec 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7pm, matinees 9, 10, 16, 17 at 1pm. \$25/20 conc. www.trybooking.com/cmrev

Irish-Australian Arts Round Up monthly newsletter issued by irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com

JB Forever 27 Gala Ball in aid of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust and the Claddagh Association WA, Hyatt Regency Perth, Sat Nov 11, 2023. <https://aus.givergy.com/JBForever27GalaBall2023/?controller=tickets>

Royal WA Historical Society – Stirling House 49 Broadway Nedlands. Check website for regular talks and tours, 9386 3841, www.histwest.org.au Email admin@histwest.org.au Donations of books welcome for 2024 book sale

British Film Festival, Perth Nov – 'Dance First' (Sam Beckett), 'In the land of Saints & Sinners' (Ireland 1970's)

AIHA 30 years on

The early Journals provide examples of founder Joe O'Sullivan's wit. From Vol 1, Nos.3 & 4 of 1993: For the uninitiated, the people of Cork resolutely refuse to pronounce "th", preferring "de", an atavistic homage to their Viking forbears. In Dublin to play Ireland, Alan Border declared his Irish background. This was probably why the Irish bowlers were so easy on him. They know it would be undiplomatic just now to remove the Irish Border. "It sometimes seems to me you have to get out of Ireland to be Irish at all", writer Joseph O'Connor. Isn't that the truth. "If Ireland did not exist, countries like Australia would have to invent it". "To have an Irish ancestry is to have an asset one carries forever" – quotes from Paul Keating in Ireland. A woman in Bristol who has reached her 102nd birthday attributes her longevity to a daily drink of Guinness stout. George Bernard Shaw attributed his long life to abstaining from strong drink, tobacco and loose women until he was 14. No accounting for tastes we suppose.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was 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!

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