

# Australian - Irish Heritage Association



## **NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH & APRIL 2024**

### **AIHA FILM CLUB SEASON concludes Wednesday March 6**

Fourteenth annual outdoor Irish Film Festival with a programme of rarely seen and some classic Irish cinema. Private garden cinema, 7.45pm nightly. Ample parking available. Big fifteen-foot cinema screen.

**Wed Mar 6: YOU'RE UGLY TOO, 2015, 80 min, Comedy Drama**

With Aidan Gillen and Lauren Kinsella. After her mother's death, Stacey moves with her Uncle Will, who is on compassionate leave from prison to a remote region in the Irish midlands. As the two cautiously get to know each other, they must deal with the dark shadows of the past. An astute character-driven study on the need to regain footing and let go, told with a good dose of Irish humour. Filmed in Offaly and Donabate, County Dublin.

**Plus** A supporting Irish documentary, together with tea/coffee and cakes. Ice creams \$3  
**Venue** 8 Fourth Avenue, Kensington (South Perth). Ample parking - primary school across the road  
**Entry** Donation \$15 to cover catering and costs, pay at the gate.  
**Seating** Come early for best seats, bring deckchair if running late  
**Enquiries** 9367 6026, check our website and facebook. *Flyer available*

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Sun March 24**

Review of year to 31 December, 2023; reports tabled, election of new committee; special motions nominating two life members – Patricia Bratton and Tony Bray; general business. *Please support by your attendance.*

Please consider nominating for committee, or as a coordinator of a Literary, Historical or Social event, or as a volunteer. Meetings are held monthly in addition to annual brainstormers and planning meetings.

Contact our secretary Tony Bray on 9367 6026 or [secretary@irishheritage.com.au](mailto:secretary@irishheritage.com.au)

**Venue** Irish Club Committee Room (Upstairs)

**Date** Sunday March 24 at 3pm, followed by complimentary afternoon tea

### **THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB**

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

**March 26** 'Old God's Time' by Sebastian Barry, presented by Mary Rose Cullinane

**April 23** 'Geneva' by Richard Armitage, presented by Gayle Lannon

**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](mailto:m.purcell@telstra.com)

### **SAINT PATRICK'S FESTIVAL, Saturday March 16 in Leederville**

The AIHA will be participating in the parade at 10am. You are invited to join our float featuring Steve Higgins' latest acquisition, a 1936 Riley Lynx Sports Tourer vintage sedan, with AIHA banners and participants dressed in black and white. We will provide participants with a green ribbon and hats. The theme for the 2024 Festival Parade is "Irish TV and Film". Concert at the oval is free.

Brendan Awards 2022 and 2023 – we had hoped to present at the Saint Patrick's Festival subject to the planets aligning! This prestigious award recognises individuals or groups with a record of dedicated service and outstanding achievement in one or more aspects of Australia's Irish heritage. Meanwhile we invite nominations for 2024, Details can be found on <https://irishheritage.com.au/awards/the-brendan-award/>



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Look us up on **Facebook**

## EASTER MONDAY CATALPA COMMEMORATION ROCKINGHAM, 11am

Annual commemoration of the escape of six Fenian convicts on 17-18 April, 1876. With oration, verse, music and song at the Catalpa Memorial. Guest speakers and dignitaries in attendance, including Mayor Deb Hamblin and city councilors; Federal Minister Madeline King; State Minister Stephen Dawson; Ms. Somer Bessire-Briers, US Consulate of Perth; actor Michael Sheehy; musician Ormonde Og Waters; Kate Ferguson of Fremantle Fenian Festival; and more. Coordinated by David McKnight. *With improved outdoor sound system this year!*

**Date** Easter Monday, 1 April at 11am to 12 noon. Flyer attached for sharing.

**Venue** Catalpa Memorial, Rockingham Beach, walking distance south of Township.

**Entry** Free public event.

**Followed by** Irish Festival by the local Rockingham Catalpa Rescue Project on Churchill Park from 12 noon to 6pm. Festival runs over Easter Sat, Sun and Monday. Free event. <https://www.facebook.com/TourismRockingham/>

## NOTICES

**The Journal** – is our quarterly book publication edited by Teresa O'Brien. December edition featured articles on WA Irish farming pioneers, Percy Black war hero, Thomas Meagher dual patriot, Irish and Anzac tradition, Irish naming patterns, St Brigid, plus stories, poetry and reviews. Email correspondence to [journal@irishheritage.com.au](mailto:journal@irishheritage.com.au).

## AIHA Supports

Radio Fremantle 107.9fm, **Voices of Ireland** launching Saturday 9 March, 8-10 am. Host Heather Deighan, president AIHA. Irish radio with interviews, news items, music and opinions.

**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. <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** - Membership \$25, due 1 January. BSB 633 000, A/C 160679791, Ref Your Name and Membership. [info@feniansfestival.com.au](mailto:info@feniansfestival.com.au)

**Irish Club**, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Bar, Lounge, Kitchen, Theatre, meeting rooms. <https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/> St Patricks Party, Sat 16 March, kitchen open from midday

**Royal WA Historical Society** – Stirling House 49 Broadway Nedlands. Check website for regular talks and tours, 9386 3841, [www.histwest.org.au](http://www.histwest.org.au) Email [admin@histwest.org.au](mailto:admin@histwest.org.au) Annual Second Hand book sale April 5, 6, 7

**Irish-Australian Arts Round Up** monthly newsletter issued by [irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com)

**Anglo & Celtic Magazine** – National round-up of Celtic nations activities in Australia. [editor@angloandceltic.com](mailto:editor@angloandceltic.com)

**Kidogo Irish Aboriginal Festival**, Bathers Beach, Fremantle, 15-17 March, <https://kidogo.com.au/>

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Now Due 1 January, 2024

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

AIHA has approved charity and tax deductible status. Deductible Gift Recipient Status (DGR) allows our sponsors claim a tax deduction.

Membership rates are unchanged since 2014.

*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, Teresa O'Brien

Supported by a tier of volunteers. We need event coordinators please talk to us if you are interested!



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