

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

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 in 2023.

This year's lecture will be delivered by Ashley McGrath, Chief Executive Officer of CEOS FOR GENDER EQUITY. The talk will focus on gender equity in Australia and how it has evolved, with examples of pioneering solutions to gender equity by Australian organisations/government.

Venue	Irish Club Theatre, Townshend Road, Subiaco
Date	Sunday 13 October at 3pm.
Bookings	\$20 non-members, \$15 members.
Includes	Irish afternoon tea, moderated Q&A segment open to the audience

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

September 24 'The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell' by Robert Dugoni, presented by Mary Purcell

October 22 'Trespases' by Loise Kennedy, presented by Trish Dooey.

Venue Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

Admission Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided.

Contact Convener Mary Purcell, m.purcell@telstra.com

NOTICES

The Journal – is our quarterly book publication edited by Teresa O'Brien. June edition features report on Brendan Award Recipients for 2022 and 2023, Part 2 of interview with Dan Mulhall, Diplomat, Ambassador, Historian, Academic and Author; Mandurah drowning tragedy of priest and three nuns in 1959; Farewell tribute to Frank Murphy and Gerry Grogan; Karl Marx and the Irish revolutionary struggle; Bi-lingual poem by WA Rose of Tralee winner Olivia Duffy; Part 2 on Doctor Richard Robert Madden, Abolitionist and Historian of United Irishmen; Talk on the Irish Language by Bridie Higgins; Interview with broadcaster Gerry Gannon and wife Maryann; Part 2 on Governor Charles Fitzgerald - hero and scapegoat; Fr. Des Reid obituary from Australian ABC interview; and images from AIHA annual Easter Monday Catalpa commemoration. AIHA acknowledge support of the Irish Government with an Emigrant Support Grant 2023/24 towards costs of The Journal. *Email correspondence to* journal@irishheritage.com.au.

Coming Up – Tour of Parliament House including lunch and live proceedings to commemorate AIHA 30th anniversary, Thursday 19 September– limited to committee and volunteers. Thanks to Hon Alanna Clohessy, MLC, President of the Legislative Council

Brendan Award - recognises persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage We invite nominations for 2024, Details can be found on <https://irishheritage.com.au/awards/the-brendan-award/>

Annual Planning Meeting will be held in December to review AIHA activities and plan for 2025. Your input is welcome in advance.

Documentaries on Ireland with afternoon Tea and open discussion in Irish Club, Sunday in November to be confirmed

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AIHA Supports

Irish Theatre Players - Claire Wynne stepped down after 14 successful years as President. Caroline McDonnell takes over. Rehearsals begin soon for the Christmas Panto, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' by Alan Frayn directed by Denice Byrne.

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. 2026 will be the 150th Anniversary of the audacious escape from Fremantle prison of six Irish Political Fenians who had been transported to WA on the last convict ship The Hougomont in 1868. They escaped on Easter Monday, 17 April 1876 on the 'Catalpa' American Whaler. Copy of Visions Session Outcomes for 2026 150th commemorative festival is available from info@feniansfestival.com.au Website <https://fremantlefenians.com.au/>

Irish Club, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Bar, Lounge, Kitchen, Theatre, meeting rooms. Membership July 1 to June 30, \$60, conc \$50, additional family members \$25. Annual General Meeting, Sunday 15 Sep, 4pm <https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/>

Royal WA Historical Society – Stirling House 49 Broadway Nedlands. Talk 'C Y O'Connor – Beyond the pipeline and what happened next' by Bill Cutler, Wed 4 Sep, 2pm, Citiplace Conference Room, Perth Railway Station Concourse. Tel 9386 3841, www.histwest.org.au Email admin@histwest.org.au

Irish-Australian Arts Round Up monthly newsletter issued by irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com 2024 Irish Film Festival Luna Leederville, Nov 1 to 3

Anglo & Celtic Magazine – National round-up of Celtic nations activities in Australia. editor@angloandceltic.com Scottish Highland Gathering featuring Perth Kilt Run, Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Armadale, October 6, <http://www.perthkiltirun.com.au/>

Fenian Hunter is a new book by local historian Peter Murphy launched on 11 August in Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre. <https://www.fenianfear.com/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was 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!

How About You?

Are you interested in producing an event but need some encouragement? Talk to us. We are keen to present innovative events that bring people together as a community. It can be open to the imagination. For 30 years AIHA have presented events and activities celebrating our distinctive Irish heritage, always adapting to the changing times.



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