

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

AIHA FILM CLUB SEASON Wednesdays February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5

Fifteenth 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 Feb 5: WIDE OPEN SPACES, 2009, 84 min, Comedy

Two thirty-something slackers find themselves in the middle of rural Ireland building a family theme park for a dodgy local entrepreneur. The endeavour tests their friendship to breaking point. By writer of Fr Ted tv series, featuring Ardal O'Hanlon, Ewen Bremner, Owen Roe, Don Wycherley, Gerard McSorley. Filmed in Prosperous, Co Kildare

Wed Feb 12: MOONDANCE, 1994, 98 min, Romance Drama

Patrick and Dominic are brothers. Nothing has ever come between them until a beautiful young woman unexpectedly enters their lives. Their bond quickly changes as they become rivals for her affections, each trying to win her passion. With Marianne Faithful, Brendan Grace, Gerard McSorley, David Kelly. Based on 1936 novel The White Hare by Francis Stuart.

Wed Feb 19: ALBERT NOBBS, 2011, 90 min, Period Drama

Albert Nobbs works in a posh hotel in late 19th century Dublin and struggles to lead an independent life in Ireland. He meets a handsome painter who comes to know of his real identity that he's been hiding. With Glenn Close, Mia Wasikowska, Pauline Collins, Brenda Fricker, Brendan Gleeson, Maria Doyle-Kennedy. Based on 1927 novella Albert Nobbs by George Moore. Multi award winner including 3 Oscar nominations.

Wed Feb 28: THE SECRET OF ROAN INISH, 1994, 102 min, Fantasy/Adventure

Fiona is a young Irish girl with an unusual family history, including a long-missing baby brother. When she goes to live with her grandparents on the west coast of Ireland, Fiona hears stories about her ancestors, tales that involve mythical creatures called selkies who can shift from seal to human form. After Fiona ends up on the small island of Roan Inish, her family's ancestral home, she believes she may have found her little brother living by the sea. Filmed in Co Donegal. With Mick Lally and Susan Lynch

Wed Mar 5: PATRICK'S DAY, 2015, 99 min, Romance

When a young man with mental health issues becomes intimate with a suicidal flight attendant, his obsessive mother enlists a dysfunctional cop to separate them. With Moe Dunford, Kerry Fox, Phillip Jackson. A provocative love story about the right to intimacy for everyone Patrick's Day suggests, when it comes to love, we're all a little crazy. Filmed in Dublin. Winner of eleven awards and nine nominations.

Plus Each night a supporting Irish short film or 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*

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

January 28 "Inner Song" by Jillian Graham to be presented by Grace Toczylowski.

February 25 To be decided at January meeting

Venue Due to closure of Irish Club meetings will be at member homes or other agreed venue.

Admission Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided.

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

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NOTICES

Brendan Award 2024 will be presented in the new year. 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 2025. Details can be found on <https://irishheritage.com.au/awards/the-brendan-award/>

The Journal – is our quarterly book publication edited by Teresa O'Brien. Correspondence may be emailed to journal@irishheritage.com.au. December edition, Vol 32 no 4, will be mailed to members in early January.

Annual General Meeting is planned for Sunday 23 February. Details will be in February newsletter. Special Planning meeting on future of AIHA will be held in advance of AGM and outcomes taken to that meeting. Options being considered for AIHA are to Rebrand, Broaden, Focus, Downsize, or Wind-up. Survey feedback forms will be available at Garden Film Festival and on request. Please take the time to complete these.

Saint Brigid's Festival – Presented by Torc Ceili at Kidogo Arthouse, Fremantle on Sunday, 2 Feb, AIHA will participate with a presentation at 2pm..

Coming Up –

Mar 15, Saturday, St Patricks Festival, parade and concert Birdwood Square, corner Beaufort & Bulwer Streets.

Mar 28-30, Rockingham Catalpa Adventure Festival with participation of Irish organisations.

Apr 21, Easter Monday annual AIHA Catalpa Commemoration 11 am

April 25, Friday, ANZAC Commemoration Subiaco at 8am. AIHA participate in wreath laying for Irish contribution.

AIHA Supports

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. Digital Training, Visa Clinics, Seniors outings. <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 hospitality venues

Fremantle Fenian Festival - AGM – 6 pm, Friday 10 January 2025, Hougoumont Hotel, Fremantle followed by live music and poetry session from 7pm - 9pm at Calamity's Rod bar. Raffle with prizes over \$2,000 drawn on the night. Membership \$25, due 1 January. BSB 633 000, A/C 160679791, Ref Your Name and Membership. info@feniansfestival.com.au

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

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

Anglo & Celtic Magazine – National round-up of Celtic nations activities in Australia. editor@angloandceltic.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Now Due 1 January, 2025

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. Deductable 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. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way!

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