

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH & APRIL 2025

AIHA FILM CLUB SEASON concludes Wednesdays 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 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, fresh homemade Irish wheaten bread & jams, brack 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

March 25 'Frankie' by Graham Norton, presented by Gayle Lannon

April 22 to be confirmed, presented by Bill Cotter

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

SAINT PATRICK'S FESTIVAL, Saturday March 15, Birdwood Square

The AIHA will be participating in the parade at 10am at Birdwood Square, 301 Beaufort St (opposite Brisbane Hotel). You are invited to join our float featuring Steve Higgins' vintage sedan, with AIHA banners and participants dressed in black and white. We will provide participants with a green ribbon and hats. Concert in the park all day to 6pm is free.

St Patrick's Day Mass will be held in St Joseph's Subiaco on Monday 17th March at 10.30am

Brendan Award Recipient 2024 – Claire Wynne

At the now established annual Saint Brigid Festival in Kidogo Arthouse by the beach in Fremantle Gayle Lannon and Diana MacTiernan presented the story of St Brigid on behalf of AIHA to a sell-out crowd. The presentation was immediately followed by a surprise presentation of the Brendan Award. AIHA Chairperson Heather Deighan explained it was created in 1997 to recognise persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage. It is named after Saint Brendan of Clonfert (c. 484 – 577), who was believed to be the first European emigrant to North America having sailed across the Atlantic solo. Claire Wynne was presented with a uniquely designed Irish Standing Stone award for her long-term leadership of The Irish Theatre Players and her contribution to other Irish organisations. An Honour Board of all recipients was on display. A full report will be published in The Journal.

Nominations are invited for 2025. Details can be found on <https://irishheritage.com.au/awards/the-brendan-award/>

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The Journal – is our quarterly book publication edited by Teresa O'Brien. Correspondence may be emailed to journal@irishheritage.com.au.

Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 23 February, in Claddagh Association premises, Morley. New committee elected is: Chairperson – Heather Deighan; Secretary – Tony Bray; Treasurer/Membership – Patricia Bratton; Journal and Website – Teresa O'Brien; Committee – Gayle Lannon, Michael Lawlor and Joseph McNeill. We welcome Michael and Joseph and farewell Peter Conole who will continue as a contributor to The Journal. Committee profiles are on <https://irishheritage.com.au/>

On-line screening of REBEL WIFE, March 8-31 via Rebel Wife - The Story of Mary Jane O'Donovan Rossa | REBEL WIFE (plus Q&A + Extras) . AIHA member 20% discount – use code V5XZ9NVPEJL2P2C. Story of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa's wife Mary Jane, by New York-based great grandson.

GAA 2nd annual Australasian Feile with junior teams from interstate, Pat O'Hara Reserve Morley, Sat & Sun, March 8 & 9, from 9.30am. Enquiries secretarygaawa@hotmail.com

Coming Up –

Mar 29, Rockingham Catalpa Sunset Concert with participation of Irish organisations. Churchill Park 3 to 9pm
Apr 21, Easter Monday annual AIHA Catalpa Commemoration Rockingham, 11 am to 12 noon.
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. St Patrick's Festival, Birdwood Square, Sat Mar 15, dedicated Seniors' Tent with shaded seating, light refreshments, and a welcoming space to relax and socialise.

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 - Membership \$25, due 1 January. BSB 633 000, A/C 160679791, Ref Your Name and Membership. info@feniansfestival.com.au

Royal WA Historical Society – New Premises 109 Stirling Highway, 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. 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
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Supported by a tier of volunteers. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way!

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