

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

September 23, 'Cactus Pear for my Beloved' by Samah Sabawi, presented by Thelma Blackford.

October 28, 'Power vs Force' by David R Hawkins, presented by Mary Rose Cullinane

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

THE GHOST CHRONICLES, Halloween Thursday 30 October, 7pm

A Halloween presentation with illustrated talk on real ghost stories by Jim Egan followed by Q&A and sharing your experiences.

Learn about the Irish origins of Halloween, the meaning of Samhain in Gaelic Ireland and its traditions ancient and modern.

Join in the spirit of the evening with a mask or costume. Prize for Halloween costume/mask.

Irish supper with home-baked cakes and breads incl traditional buttered barmbrack.

Thursday 30 October, 7pm, Claddagh Association premises, Unit 1/8 Dewar St, Morley. Ample parking. \$20 members \$25 non-members, pay at door.

Flyer attached – please share



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

Brendan Award recognises persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage. We invite nominations for 2025. Application forms and criteria can be found on AIHA website: <https://irishheritage.com.au/awards/the-brendan-award/>

Planning Outcomes – we are negotiating on suitable venues for future talks and events since the closure of the Irish Club in Subiaco.

Irish Government new Diaspora Strategy – AIHA were represented in a focus group discussion in Claddagh premises on 2 September. Of interest to all Irish immigrants, you can participate directly via <https://www.ireland.ie/en/irish-diaspora/global-irish-survey/>. Deadline was 31 August but there is a short extension.

Northern Ireland Politicians Launch International Appeal to Victims and Survivors of Mother and Baby Homes for their views on legislation to establish a public inquiry and financial redress scheme aimed at addressing historical injustices. Online consultation closes on 29 September 2025 via <https://lk.cmtc.fyi/InquiryRedressBill>
Email cteotrconsultation@niassembly.gov.uk

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AIHA Supports

Catalpa 150th anniversary in 2026. We are planning for our annual Easter Monday commemoration networking with Rockingham Council and other organisations. Fremantle Fenian Festival plan to hold a Symposium at the Buffalo Club on Friday 27 March 2026. In preparation for this event, the editors of *Limina: A Journal of Historical and Cultural Studies* are inviting submissions for a special edition inspired by the 150th anniversary of the *Catalpa* escape, which reflects upon the transnational nature of colonial South Western Australia. Word count can range from 5000 to 7000 words. Submissions for this edition close on the 30th September to amy.alexander@research.uwa.edu.au or daniel.elias@nd.edu.au

Claddagh Association founded in 1997 is a voluntary, non-profit organisation with Gift Recipient Status offering crisis support to those in the Irish community going through difficulties. Supported by the Government of Ireland, local Irish organisations and individuals. Digital Training, Visa Clinics, Seniors outings. <https://claddagh.org.au/> Membership \$25. Contact Claddagh Coordinator Shauna on 08 9249 9213 admin@claddagh.org.au.

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 – Annual General Meeting Sunday 12 October at 3pm in Hougoumont Hotel (John Boyle O'Reilly meeting room), 15 Bannister Street, Fremantle

Volunteer Guide Training led by Peter Murphy, 10am - 3 pm Saturday 11th October and 12- 2 Sunday 12th October RSVP to info@feniansfestival.com.au by Sunday 7 September

Membership \$25, due 1 July. BSB 633 000, Account 160679791, Reference Your Name and Membership. info@feniansfestival.com.au

Theatre 180 production **CATALPA - FLIGHT TO FREEDOM** at the WA Maritime Museum in Fremantle, Thursday 30 October – Sunday 9 November 2025. Tickets: <https://shorturl.at/BLbQG> Duration: 105 mins (no interval). Book for the 7pm show on Saturday 1 November, and meet the FFF committee and other members at nearby Gage Roads, A Shed in Fremantle Port, from 6pm for a pre-show drink.

Torc Ceili Club adult classes - enquiries <https://linktr.ee/Torcceili>

Irish-Australian Arts Round Up monthly newsletter issued by irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com Irish Film Festival Friday 7 - Sunday 9 Nov, Palace Raine Square Perth

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

The Gathering Northern Suburbs Social Group with monthly meetings of Music, Quiz, Entertainment and Social Information. Now in 9th year. thegatheringnorthernsuburbs@gmail.com

Irish Theatre Players <https://irishtheatreplayers.com.au/> also on Facebook. Auditions for 'Shush' by Elaine Murphy, directed by Denice Byrne, Thurs 11 Sep, 7pm in Claddagh Premises, 1/8 Dewar St, Morley to be staged in Nov in Old Mill Theatre South Perth.

Cupla Focal – Irish Language Classes and community. Cuplafocalcrew@gmail.com

Royal WA Historical Society – Stirling House 109 Stirling Hwy, Nedlands. AGM 15 October, 6pm. Check website for regular talks and tours, 9386 3841, www.histwest.org.au Email admin@histwest.org.au

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was 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

Committee – Gayle Lannon, Teresa O'Brien, Michael Lawlor, Peter Conole

Supported by a tier of volunteers. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way!

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