

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

AIHA FILM CLUB SEASON Wednesdays February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4

Sixteenth 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 4: THE O'BRIENS, 2013, 87 min, Romantic Comedy

Two years after his wife's death, an Irish father summons home his daughter and two sons, causing all to fear the worst, but he is not the only one with a secret. Modern comedy about a dysfunctional Irish family and the town they grew up in, with a top Irish cast and beautiful scenery. Filmed around Headford, County Galway.

Wed Feb 11: BLIND FLIGHT, 2003, 92 min, True Drama

Based on the true-life story of the kidnapping and imprisonment of the Irish academic Brian Keenan and the English journalist John McCarthy, in the Lebanon hostage crisis of mid 1980's. The film is based on Keenan's memoir, *An Evil Cradling and Some Other Rainbow* by John McCarthy who was a screenplay consultant. The film received widespread critical acclaim, being nominated for six awards, and winning a BAFTA.. Starring Ian Hart and Linus Roache

Wed Feb 18: GARAGE, 2007, 82 min, Drama

A tragicomedy set in rural Ireland, where an over-diligent lonely employee of a crumbling petrol station searches for intimacy during the course of a life-changing summer. Multi-award winning film starring Pat Shortt. Shot on location in Cloghan, County Offaly; Woodford, County Galway; and Rathcabbin, County Tipperary,

Wed Feb 25: PENANCE, 2018, 83 min, Action Romance

A Catholic priest in Ireland advocates violent rebellion amidst the 1916 Easter Rising rebellion and draws the respect of a young parishioner. 50 years later, the former student comes back into his life, living as a cold IRA gunman, and active in the rise of the even bloodier saga of 'The Troubles'. Filmed in Ramelton, County Donegal and St Columba's Church, Derry, Northern Ireland and is primarily in the Irish language with English subtitles.

Wed Mar 4: THE COMMITMENTS, 1991, 113 min, Musical Comedy Drama

Set in the Northside of Dublin, the film tells the story of Jimmy Rabbitte (Robert Arkins), a young music fanatic who assembles a group of working-class youths to form a soul band named "The Commitments". Based on the 1987 novel by Roddy Doyle, directed by Alan Parker, stars Angeline Ball, Maria Doyle, Andrew Strong, Colm Meaney, Andrea Corr. Directed by Alan Parker. Filmed in locations all over Dublin.

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*

Feedback ???? Suggestion box available each night for your ideas on AIHA activities and events????

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

January 27 'That Bligh Girl' by Sue Williams, presented by Joe Purcell

February 24 'The Art of Keeping Secrets' by Rachael Johns, presented by Gayle Lannon.

Venue meetings at presenter's home

Admission Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided.

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

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NOTICES

Brendan Award 2025 will be announced 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. Nominations invited for 2026. 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 33 no 4, will be mailed to members in early January.

Annual General Meeting is planned for Sunday 22 February in Claddagh Assoc premises Morley at 3pm. We welcome and encourage new committee members. Enquiries secretary@irishheritage.com.au

Saint Brigid's Festival – Presented by Torc Ceili at Kidogo Arthouse, Fremantle on Sunday, 1 Feb. AIHA will participate with an interactive presentation on Saint Brigid at 2pm. Bookings and bread baking competitions <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1515688>

Coming Up –

March 14, Saturday, St Patricks Festival, parade and concert Birdwood Square, corner Beaufort & Bulwer Streets.
April 6, Easter Monday annual AIHA Catalpa Commemoration, Rockingham 11 am – special 150th Anniversary!
April 25, Saturday, 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 \$25. Contact Shauna 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 - Membership \$25, due 1 July. BSB 633 000, A/C 160679791, Ref Your Name and Membership. info@feniansfestival.com.au

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

Royal WA Historical Society – Stirling House 109 Stirling Hwy, 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

The Gathering Northern Suburbs Social Group with monthly meetings of Music, Quiz, Entertainment and Social Information. Now in 10th year. Contact Jim 0413 866 320, thegatheringnorthernsuburbs@gmail.com

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

Irish Theatre Players <https://irishtheatreplayers.com.au/> also on Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Now Due 1 January, 2026

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

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