

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH & APRIL 2026

AIHA FILM CLUB SEASON concludes Wednesday, 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 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 Angelina Ball, Maria Doyle, Andrew Strong, Colm Meaney, Andrea Corr. Directed by Alan Parker. Filmed in locations all over Dublin.

- Plus** 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

- March 24** 'Wild Houses' by Colin Barrett, presented by Trish Dooey
April 28 'A Different Kind of Power' by Jacinta Adern, presented by Thelma Blackford
Venue meetings at presenter's home
Admission Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided.
Contact Convener Mary Purcell, m.purcell@telstra.com

SAINT PATRICK'S FESTIVAL, Saturday March 14, 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 a 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.

Brendan Award 2025 will be announced at the Festival. 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/>

St Patrick's Day **Mass** will be held in St Joseph's Subiaco on Tuesday 17th March at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the church hall. Principal celebrant Fr Vincent Glynn. Organised by Claddagh Association

NOTICES

Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 22 February, 3pm in Claddagh Association premises, Morley. New committee elected is: Chairperson – Heather Deighan; Secretary – Tony Bray; Treasurer/Membership – Michael Lawlor; Journal and Website – Teresa O'Brien; Committee – Gayle Lannon, Patricia Bratton; Committee profiles are on <https://irishheritage.com.au/> If you are interested in joining our committee or as a volunteer or event/activity organiser please talk to us or contact secretary@irishheritage.com.au

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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. December edition, Vol 33 no 4, is out now. Free to members. Non-members can purchase copies at \$10

Coming Up –

April 6, Easter Monday annual AIHA Catalpa Commemoration, Rockingham 11 am – special 150th Anniversary!
April 5, Easter Sunday Rockingham festival, Churchill Park, 12 noon to 6pm
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 Fenian Festival runs March 23 – 31, www.fremantlefenians.com.au

Ireland – 800 Years of Sadness, 2nd Edition now published, 267pages by AIHA member and former President Brian Corr (now resident in Tasmania). Was reviewed in June 2025 edition of The Journal. Available from amazon.com.au (search for 'brian corr'). Kindle & paperback available. More information, reviews etc www.corr.au

Fremantle to Freedom 120-page coffee table book written and edited by Peter Murphy and Fred Rea on true story of the six Fenian prisoners who escaped from WA on the Catalpa ship in 1876. Told through the eyes of the last surviving member of the six Catalpa escapees, James McNally Wilson. <https://www.fenianfear.com/fremantle-to-freedomevents.html>

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

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

The Gathering Northern Suburbs Social Group monthly meetings of Music, Quiz, Entertainment & Social Info - Mar 19, Apr 16. 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. Actors workshop, Mondays 7pm, over ten weeks from March 2 to May 4. Unit 1, 8 Dewar Street, Morley

Mo Chara (My Friend) – new social group for Irish people at Molly's on Beaufort Street, Highgate. First Monday of every month, 7pm. Irish Culture - i.e. Irish language with Cupla Focal, Irish Theatre with ITP, Irish music with Comhaltas and Teresa Kelleher – see flyer of schedule of events for 2026. Coordinated by Claire Wynne, Brendan Award recipient 2024

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** Michael Lawlor **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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