

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR MAY & JUNE 2026

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

May 26 'Where the Light Gets in', by Ben Crowe, presented by Bill Cotter

June 23 'Red Notice' by Bill Browder, presented by Cecilia Bray

Venue meetings at presenter's home. Light refreshments provided

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

REFLECTION ON EASTER MONDAY CATALPA COMMEMORATION

There was a large attendance at our 20th annual Commemoration at the Wild Geese Memorial on Palm Beach, Rockingham. Rain fell during the event and an incredible sight of 5 white birds flying over the memorial in formation at a reflective moment had the audience gasping.

We are grateful to Rockingham Council and Mayor Lorna Buchan for hosting a 150th Commemoration Civic Reception at Cabana Café following our event. Report and photos are in our current March JOURNAL. If you want to hear a summary of this historic story we thank Danny Cusack for sending us the following link to RTE Radio 1, 'The History Show' broadcast on 19 April: [The History Show | The History Show - RTÉ Radio 1](#)

BLOOMSDAY COMES TO FREMANTLE – Tuesday 16 June

Experience a unique worldwide literary celebration of performed readings in character from James Joyce's literary masterpiece 'Ulysses', published 1922. The novel parallels Homer's Odyssey with main characters Stephen Dedalus (the hero of Joyce's earlier Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man); Leopold Bloom, a Jewish advertising canvasser; and his wife, Molly as modern counterparts of Telemachus, Ulysses (Odysseus), and Penelope, respectively. The events of the novel take place in Dublin on one day, June 16, 1904 and loosely parallel the major events in Odysseus's journey home after the Trojan War

Presented by Mons O'Shea Irish Pub Shop, South Terrace Fremantle in association with the AIHA. Editor Sean Byrne has scripted extracts from Ulysses dialogue with subtle references to Perth and weaved some of Joyce's 'Finnegans Wake', published 1939.

With performers Peter Holland, Gillian O'Shaughnessy, Geraldine Mellett, Tony Bray, Marian Byrne, Niall O'Toole; pianist Louise Hodge and soprano Fiona Mariah. Enjoy an Edwardian evening of literature, music, song, over an Irish dinner and drinks.

Ticket-only as the Pub is hosting Bloomsday as an exclusive event. Prize for best dressed Edwardian male or female <https://monsoshea.com.au/whats-on/> Doors open 6pm, dinner served 7pm with performance in two acts.

SPECIAL AIHA COMMUNITY EVENT – CELTIC CLUB – Saturday 6 June

AIHA will present a Special Community award on behalf of Perth's Australian-Irish community to 13-year-old Austin Appelbee whose heroic rescue of his family from the ocean off Quindalup beach, Geographe Bay in January made world headlines. Hear his story, meet the family, enjoy music by *Maggie's Delight* over refreshments.

Celtic Club, Ord Street, West Perth, 6pm, Saturday 6 June. We encourage you to avail of dinner and bar menu. Free entry, Donations welcome towards costs. Please confirm attendance to 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. March edition, Vol 34 no 1, now out. Free to members. Non-members can purchase copies at \$10

Brendan Award 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. Nominations are invited for 2026. Details can be found on <https://irishheritage.com.au/awards/the-brendan-award/>

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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. Registrations are now live for **Darkness into Light** Perth 2026. This year we are raising funds for The Claddagh Association. Join hundreds of others all walking to end the stigma around suicide. Saturday 9th May at Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth. Meet at 5am for walk at 5.30am. Register at <https://eventmaster.ie/event/Vv69UERTwv>

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, www.fremantlefenians.com.au

9th Annual WA Irish Famine Commemoration at An Gorta Mor Memorial, Market Square, Subiaco, Sunday 17 May, 3pm. Famine prayer, laying of wreaths, verse, song and dance reflecting on the memory of Irish famine emigrants and famine in the world today. Individuals & organisations invited to lay flowers. jimegan1@hotmail.com
Irish Bride Ships Legacy Project – online archive of information and biographies of Irish women who left their homeland in the wake of the Famine (from 1850's to 1880's), emigrating to Western Australia. Email irishbrideships@icloud.com

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 - May 21, June 18. 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. Annual General Meeting Tues 14 April, Molly's Irish Pub, Highgate. Season of 3 One Act Plays with Playlovers and Grads. ITP present 'The Yalta Game' by Brian Friel, directed by Caroline McDonnell & Siobhan O'Gara. Stirling Theatre, 25 Morris Place, Innaloo. May 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23 at 7pm; Matinées: May 17 & 24 at 1:30pm \$27 | \$22 concession, www.taztix.com.au/itp
Coming soon – ITP Present 'Pygmalion' by George Bernard Shaw, directed by Stephen Lee at Old Mill Theatre, South Perth, August 14 to 29. \$27/22 www.taztix.com.au/itp

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. 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
Committee Gayle Lannon, Teresa O'Brien, Patricia Bratton

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

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