

# Australian - Irish Heritage Association



## NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE & JULY 2026

### THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

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

**June 23** 'Red Notice' by Bill Browder, presented by Cecilia Bray  
**July 28** 'Three Reasons for Revenge' by Dervla MacTiernan, presented by Mary Purcell  
**Venue** meetings at presenter's home. Light refreshments provided  
**Contact** Convener Mary Purcell, [m.purcell@telstra.com](mailto:m.purcell@telstra.com)

### AUSTIN APPELBEER TRIBUTE – 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. For background to the story read the report in the current Irish Scene May/June Magazine pages 40 & 41 to get a sense of the emotion in this human story.

Hear his story, meet the family, enjoy music by *Maggie's Delight* Trio over refreshments. Hon Irish Consul Marty Kavanagh will be in attendance

We encourage you to avail of dinner and bar menu. Flyer attached for sharing.

**Venue** Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street, West Perth  
**Time** From 6pm, Saturday 6 June  
**Programme** Speeches and presentations from 6.30pm. Then enjoy restaurant and bar menus over live music  
**Admission** Free entry, Donations welcome towards costs  
**Parking** Free in West Perth from 6pm  
**RSVP** Please confirm attendance to [secretary@irishheritage.com.au](mailto:secretary@irishheritage.com.au) – over 60 confirmations to date

### 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 (former ABC & Ch 9 broadcaster, and lecturer), Gillian O'Shaughnessy (author, former ABC broadcaster), Geraldine Mellett (ABC broadcaster, writer and public health advocate), Tony Bray (coordinator), Marian Byrne, Niall O'Toole (Irish Theatre Players); 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.

**Venue** Mons O'Shea Traditional Irish Pub, 6 South Terrace, Fremantle  
**Time** Tuesday 16 June, Doors open 6pm, dinner served 7pm with performance in two acts.  
**Enjoy** 4 Course Irish Dinner, performed readings and parlour music.  
**Bookings** \$60, [Bloomsday – Mons O'Shea](#) 6234 8508  
**Plus** Dress in your finest Edwardian attire to receive a complimentary Irish Coffee on arrival!  
**Enquiries** Tony Bray, 9367 6026, [secretary@irishheritage.com.au](mailto:secretary@irishheritage.com.au) Flyer attached

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## NOTICES

**The Journal** – is our quarterly book publication edited by Teresa O'Brien. Correspondence may be emailed to [journal@irishheritage.com.au](mailto:journal@irishheritage.com.au). March edition, Vol 34 no 1, now out. Free to members. Copies available at \$10. Mercedes College Perth celebrate 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We are interested in hearing from alumni please!

**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/>

**Planning Meeting** for future of AIHA will be held in Celtic Club, Saturday 27 June from 12 noon. Non-committee participation is welcome from 1pm. Why not avail of lunch menu while waiting?

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@feniansfestival.com.au), [www.fremantlefenians.com.au](http://www.fremantlefenians.com.au)

**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@gmail.com](mailto:irishbrideships@gmail.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](http://www.histwest.org.au) Email [admin@histwest.org.au](mailto:admin@histwest.org.au)

**Anglo & Celtic Magazine** – National round-up of Celtic nations activities in Australia. [editor@angloandceltic.com](mailto:editor@angloandceltic.com)  
**Irish Film Festival monthly E-newsletter** of events all across Australia, [irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com)

**The Gathering Northern Suburbs Social Group** monthly meetings of Music, Quiz, Entertainment & Social Info - June 18, July 16, Christmas Lunch July 2. Contact Jim 0413 866 320, [thegatheringnorthernsuburbs@gmail.com](mailto:thegatheringnorthernsuburbs@gmail.com)

**Cupla Focal** – Irish Language Classes and community. [Cuplafocalcrew@gmail.com](mailto:Cuplafocalcrew@gmail.com)

**Irish Theatre Players** <https://irishtheatreplayers.com.au/> also on Facebook. 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](http://www.taztix.com.au/itp) 08 9255 3336

**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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