

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR JULY & AUGUST 2026

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets fourth Tuesday of the month, with exception of December annual Dinner. At 7.30pm
July 28 'Three Reasons for Revenge' by Dervla MacTiernan, presented by Mary Purcell
August 25 'This is Happiness' by Niall Williams, presented by Thelma Blackford
Venue meetings at presenter's home. Light refreshments provided
Contact Convener Mary Purcell, m.purcell@telstra.com

NEW BENEFITS OF AIHA MEMBERSHIP

We have signed a memorandum of understanding with the **Celtic Club**, 48 Ord Street, West Perth. This offers our members reciprocal membership of the Celtic Club without voting rights. We plan to host functions there on a regular basis. The Club was established in 1902 in St George's Terrace following a meeting in the Hibernian Hall. In an article in The Journal, Summer 2002, AIHA founder Joe O'Sullivan noted the stated reason for its foundation was that the Irish community in Perth needed 'a permanent meeting place for the interchange of Irish ideas and the privileges of social enjoyment'. Membership was 200 after the first year. In 1908 the committee decided to open membership to all Celts regardless of whether they were of Irish descent. This was a commercial decision to attract membership. After the Irish war of Independence the Club was an Irish Club in name only. AIHA have held dinners celebrating St Patrick's Day, WB Yeats, special occasions and life memberships, guest talks, launched books and a Chocktaw painting commissioned by the Irish Government, by then Irish ambassador Richard O'Brien in 1997, and launched our Irish Heritage Scholarship Foundation by Hon Richard Court in 1998.

On 6th June we celebrated a public tribute to **Austin Appelbee** and his family before a large attendance who later enjoyed dinner and drinks to the music of Maggie's Delight trio. Read our next Journal and The Irish Scene for reports and photos. You may be interested in supporting the family via <https://www.gofundme.com/f/austin-applebee-a-true-champion>

You can look forward to innovative events in the Celtic Club presented by AIHA in this beautiful gracious establishment. Free transport via Red Cat Bus from Perth Train Station stops at Outram Street near Ord Street, every 8 minutes at weekends. Free street parking at weekends. West Perth is a Free transit zone for busses.

Join AIHA members at **Celtic Club Christmas in July dinner**, Friday 17 July, 7 to 10pm in Celtic Club – shared feast three-course menu of Irish, English and Brazilian traditions from chef Andre Nunes. \$79

Bookings <https://www.celticclubperth.com/event-details/christmas-in-july-1>

WINTER CINEMA MATINEE SEASON – opens Saturday 25 July, 2pm

AIHA plan a monthly season of Irish cinema in Celtic Club function room during July, August and September. Enjoy opportunity for social connections, prestige venue, entertainment and comfort.

Saturday 25 July: THE SNAPPER, 1993, 91 min, Drama from Roddy Doyle's Barrytown Trilogy. Rated 15+

Soon after a wild night at the pub, twenty-year-old Sharon Curley finds herself expecting a little "snapper" (baby) by a man she loathes. Her refusal to name the father sets in motion a family drama. With Colm Meaney (nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy), Brendan Gleeson, directed by Stephen Frears. Filmed around Dublin including Raheny, Kilbarrack, Ballybough, Dún Laoghaire & The Old Shieling Hotel.

Plus supporting Irish documentary, together with afternoon tea/coffee and cakes.

Venue Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street, West Perth.

Entry Donation \$20 to cover catering and costs, pay at the door.

Parking Free transport via Red Cat Bus from Perth Train Station stops at Outram Street near Ord Street, every 8 minutes at weekends. Free street parking at weekends. Free transit zone.

Enquiries 9367 6026, check AIHA and Celtic Club website and facebook.

Lunch available from 12 noon off Club menu or prebook for movie special lunch – bacon & egg roll and coffee \$20, Tel 9322 2299 or manager@celticclubperth.com.au Bar facilities available.

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NOTICES

The Journal – our quarterly book publication edited by Teresa O'Brien. Correspondence may be emailed to journal@irishheritage.com.au. June edition, Vol 34 no 2, released early July. Free to members, purchase 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/>

New Committee member – we welcome Dr Peter Gifford, ethno-historian and author who was co-opted at our June meeting. Peter has been a regular contributor to The Journal for almost 30 years.

Survey of members – you may be contacted by a committee member for your feedback on AIHA activities

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. Christmas in July, Wed July 22, 12 noon, The Mighty Quinn, \$30 member, \$45 non-member. <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. July/August edition now 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 **Irish Freedom at Last - A Catalpa 150 Celebration**, Wed 19 Aug, Kidogo Arthouse. <https://www.kidogo.com.au/event-details/irish-freedom-at-last-a-catalpa-150-celebration>

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 irishbrideshipswa@gmail.com

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
Irish Film Festival monthly E-newsletter of events all across Australia, irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com

The Gathering Northern Suburbs Social Group monthly meetings of Music, Quiz, Entertainment & Social Info - July 16, August 20. 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. 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 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. Free finger food, tea and coffee. Live Irish music. Coordinated by Claire Wynne, Brendan Award recipient 2024. Check out facebook.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was 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, Peter Gifford

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

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