

# Australian - Irish Heritage Association

## UPDATE ON WEEKEND MARCH 10 AND 11

### CY O'CONNOR OUTDOOR RADIO BROADCAST Sat 10 March

It is no publicity stunt that having announced the commemorative outside broadcast by Frank Murphy and Radio Fremantle of the life of engineer CY O'Connor that the iconic sculpture of him on his horse capturing his last moments before taking his own life on the morning of 10 March 1902 was vandalised last week.

It was reported that last Monday a boat used the sculpture in the sea as a mooring post and either wilfully or by accident, ripped off the torso from the horse when they decided to leave. Fortunately the torso was not taken and lay on the seabed at the base of the statue until it was picked up by the council on Wednesday. The complete statue has been removed and is now safely back in Tony Jones' studio for repair. It will be repositioned in about a month's time. Evidently there are pictures of the boat (a catamaran) taken from the shore and police are on the case. Despite the missing statue the family still plan to gather, spread some flowers and swim out as normal.



**WHAT:** 'SONG FOR IRELAND' weekly Irish radio programme presented by Frank Murphy

**WHERE:** CY O'Connor Beach, Cockburn. Car parking off Robb Road

**TIME:** from 7.30am. Broadcast 8am to 10am

**BRING:** Flowers and Petals (sunflowers if possible)

**FEATURING:** Live music with Rob Zielinski and Bernard Carney on the beach. Interview with Meteorologist Neil Bennett who will deliver the annual CY O'Connor National Trust Lecture on Wednesday, 14 March in State Library Theatre at 6pm (Flyer attached)

**WHY NOT:** Join descendants of CY O'Conner on the beach for a unique experience in their annual commemoration of his life. Bring a picnic breakfast or defer to a local café later. Swimmers invited. Low tide is 7am so the beach will be spacious.

**CHECK OUT:** <http://www.irishscene.com.au/news/cy-oconnor-remembered-on-song-for-ireland>

**AND:** Visit Fremantle Prison to view the original 7 editions of 'The Wild Goose' handwritten newspapers written on board the 89-day voyage of the last convict ship to WA in 1867/8, on loan from the Mitchell Library in NSW. The exhibition called 'Transportation' ends this month and is free.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 11 March, 3pm

Denis Bratton who has been president for 11 years wants to step down but is happy to continue on the Board with many of his current responsibilities. This AGM will recognise Denis' contribution by an afternoon tea presentation. All will take place in a garden party atmosphere at 8 Fourth Avenue, Kensington. Plenty of parking available. Meeting is restricted by AIHA Constitution to members only.

Members are encouraged to **consider nominating for a Board position** or for coordinating one of our many events and activities. Ring our secretary on 9367 6026 to talk about your area of interest.

Attendees must be current paid-up members. Membership was due on 1 January. Contact membership secretary Patricia on 9345 3530. Credit cards welcome. The Association cannot function without a supportive membership base.

Minutes 2017, President and Treasurer reports will be distributed at the meeting.

The meeting usually concludes within an hour

Family Membership \$65

Distant (200 kms from Perth) \$45

Concession (Centrelink and unwaged students with ID) \$55

Membership fee includes tax deductible donation of \$20

## AFTERNOON HIGH TEA Sunday 11 March, 4pm

Members and non-members are invited to a free high tea following the above Annual General Meeting, from 4pm.

A generous assortment of sandwiches including fresh home-made Irish wheaten brown bread, jams and smoked salmon, and home-made cakes together with bottomless tea and brewed coffee will be provided.

For catering purposes please confirm to Cecilia on 0417 249 245 or email [tcbray@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tcbray@optusnet.com.au) by Thursday 8 March. Seating for 40. Subject to numbers you may be asked to bring a folding chair.

There will be live entertainment from fiddler Rob Zielinski and balladeer Fred Rea.

What a lovely way to spend an early autumn sunny afternoon in Perth in 2018 and be part of history. We invite tributes to Denis on his long and continuing contribution to our Association.



WHERE: 8 Fourth Avenue, Kensington (South Perth). Plenty of parking available

WHEN: Sunday 11 March, 2018. AGM at 3pm. High Tea at 4pm

EXPECT: Gentrified High Tea, presentation, tributes, live music, song and poetry, good company and conversation.

COST: **Free** but do confirm for catering by 8 March on 0417 249 245 or email [tcbray@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tcbray@optusnet.com.au)

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