

# Australian - Irish Heritage Association



## COMING EVENTS July and August 2018 AND BEYOND

### 'THE VERSE' Sunday August 12, 3pm

You have watched The Voice on national TV. Now we invite you to **THE VERSE** – an afternoon of poetry for writers, reciters and listeners. If you have a favourite poem you would like to read (one you may have written or one you want to share) then email your expression of interest to [aiha@irishheritage.net](mailto:aiha@irishheritage.net) by no later than 28 July. No entry fee.

This will be an entertaining afternoon where readers step up to the mic and our MC will ask about the person and the poem. There will be audio visuals and live music by Pavla Walsh on harp and whistle. Readers can vote on favorite poems. It will be pacy and fun and so good for the soul. Cabaret seating.

AIHA acknowledge support of The Irish Theatre Players.

**Venue** Irish Club Theatre, Townshend Road, Subiaco  
**Entry** \$10 includes Irish afternoon tea, pay at the door.  
**Enquiries** Tony Bray 9367 6026

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday August 12, 2.45pm

Members are invited to attend a short Special Meeting preceding '**THE VERSE**' to vote on one resolution:

"That Denis Bratton be awarded honorary life membership of the Australian Irish Heritage Association"

Motion has been proposed by Frank Murphy and seconded by Tony Bray.

A citation will be read in support of the motion. Denis Bratton was president for 10 years and now serves on the Board as immediate past president. He is also our new editor of the quarterly AIHA publication, The Journal.

To vote you must be a current paid-up member. Membership was due on 1 January. Contact membership secretary Patricia on 9345 3530. Family membership \$65, Concession \$55, Distant (200 kms from Perth) \$45. Membership fee includes tax deductible donation of \$20. Credit cards welcome.

### THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets last Tuesday of the month with exception of December at 8pm.

**Venue** Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

**July 24** '**Force of Nature**' by Jane Harper presented by Trish Hilton

**August** deferred to September due to most members travelling overseas

**Sep 25** '**The RUIN**' by Dearvla McTeirnan presented by Maureen Hart

**Oct 23** '**A MAN CALLED OVE**' by Fredrik Backman

**Admission** Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Coin donation to Club for tea and coffee

**Contact** Maureen on 9279 5959

### AIHA 'DAY DAWN' RIVER CRUISE, Sun morning 21 October

Join us for a three hour river cruise departing and returning Point Walter where there is free parking. Themed on the beautiful new CD by master fiddler Rob Zielinski who will perform live accompanied by Phil Waldron on bouzouki and double bass. Enjoy Irish morning tea and the joys of a Perth spring morning.

**Cost** \$50, limit of 40 people

**Enquiries** Heather Deighan 0417 594 237

**Dress** Smart casual

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## WRITING COMPETITIONS FOR 2018, Deadline 31 October

**The Joe O'Sullivan Writers' Prize** honouring the memory of the Organisation's late founder, worth \$1,000, limit of 2,000 to 4,000 words - prose, fact or fiction. Open to residents of WA only  
Topic: "A Knock on the Door"

**Joyce Parkes Women's Writers' Prize** honours Joyce Parkes who is a well-known poet living in WA. She is the patron of the prize, which aims at promoting and encouraging women writers in Australia. Limit of 1,000 to 2,000 words – Prose, fact or fiction. Prize Money: \$500  
Topic: "A Pleasant Memory"

Entrance Fee \$10 for all competitions. Deadline **31 October, 2018**. Enquiries to Denis Bratton 9345 3530  
*Winner of Joyce Parkes Writers Prize for 2017 was Gina Dawson with 'Leaving Home'.*  
*Winner of the Joe O'Sullivan Writers' prize was Guy Salvidge with 'The Centre Cannot Hold'*

## AIHA supports Irish Heritage Organisations and Events

### Interested in the Irish Fenian story in WA? - Fenians Fremantle and Freedom Inc present A TALK

Jim Ryan, great grandson of Captain George Anthony who skippered the Catalpa Whaling Ship that took six Fenian escapees to America in 1876, will be in Fremantle where he will deliver a lecture at the Maritime Museum on Saturday 28 July at 2pm. Admission by donation at the door. Flyers attached  
Bookings: Eventbrite – Catalpa Talk or [info@feniansfestival.com.au](mailto:info@feniansfestival.com.au)  
Jim lives in New Bedford, Massachusetts and owns a large collection of artefacts from the Catalpa.

### Commemorating Irish Female Convicts - Blessing of the Bonnets Sunday 29 July 2018 10am - 12 noon

Kate Bousfield and Lyn Francis have arranged a Blessing of the Bonnets event with Tasmania artist Dr Christina Henri of Roses of the Heart Memorial who will talk about the convict system in general and the Irish people involved at the time  
East Workshop, Fremantle Prison 1 The Terrace, Fremantle. Free event

### THEATRE – 'DEAR FRANKIE' presented by Frank Murphy and Gromurph Productions

Frankie Byrne was Ireland's radio agony aunt who broadcast on RTE primetime from 1963 to 1985 sponsored by Jacobs biscuits. Her byline was 'It may not be your problem today but it could be someday'. This production is the Australian premiere of a sellout show from Ireland scripted by Niamh Gleeson and features Alide Chaney as Frankie, Mike Anthony Sheehy and Jennifer McGrath. Directed by Frank Murphy who produced 'Sense of Ireland' concerts in the Octagon theatre and presents 'Songs for Ireland' weekly on Radio Fremantle, Sat 8 – 10am.

Venue: Kidogo Art House, Bathers Beach, Fremantle

Dates: Aug 15,16,17,18,19\*, 22,23,24,25,26\* at 7.30pm, \*matinee 2.30pm

Tickets: \$25, [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

## THE JOURNAL July (Winter) Edition

Denis Bratton took over editorship from long-serving Dr Ian Chambers to produce this edition of our quarterly bookshelf publication. This edition features colour plates for the first time and a stimulating mix of prose and poetry.

## AIHA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

**President** – Heather Deighan

**Immediate Past President** - Denis Bratton

**Secretary** – Tony Bray

**Treasurer/ Membership** – Patricia Bratton

**Committee** – Frank Murphy, Eleanor Nolan, Carmel Ryan,

**WEEKLY RADIO SONGS FOR IRELAND** with Frank Murphy, Radio Fremantle, 107.9fm

Saturday 8 to 10am. Also available on archive for 7 days on: <http://www.radiofremantle.com/archives.html>

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