

Australian - Irish Heritage Association



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CATALPA COMMEMORATION, Easter Monday 17th April, 11 am

Annual commemoration of the escape of six Fenian convicts on 17-18 April, 1876. The Catalpa memorial depicts 6 wild geese in flight commissioned by Rockingham Council and created by Charles and Joan Walsh-Smith. It was unveiled in September 2005.

Free event presented by AIHA with a program of music, song, poetry, historic and reflective presentations commemorating the escape on this exact date 141 years ago.

Special guests include His Worship Mayor Barry Sammels, Deputy Mayor Deb Hamblin with Brendan Woods, Luke McRae, Lachlan Kelly, musicians Ormonde Og Waters and Fred Rae and prominent members of the Australian-Irish community. Free event. Flier attached

Venue:

Catalpa Memorial, Rockingham beach just south of township

Expect:

Some seating, water and shade provided, PA system for hearing comfort

Afterwards:

Adjourn to Latitude 32 Restaurant, Railway Terrace, Palm Beach Boardwalk –
walking Distance (Bookings recommended 9592 8881)

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets last Tuesday of the month with exception of December. ***And on this month due to Anzac Day***

Venue:

Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

Time:

Tuesday, April 18th at 8pm.

Book for April:

BURIAL RITES by Hannah Kent, presented by Maureen Hart

Book for May:

BRIDGE ACROSS MY SORROWS by Christina Noble, presented By Tony Bray

Admission:

Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Tea and coffee from the Bar

Contact:

Maureen on 9279 5959

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SUBIACO, Tuesday 25th April

At invitation of RSL City of Subiaco sub-branch, AIHA members carry flags and lay a wreath in remembrance of the Irish ANZACS. Assemble at Subiaco Post Office at 8.00am for short march to Fallen Soldiers' Memorial at corner Rokeby and Hamersley Roads.

Refreshments follow at Subiaco Community Centre, corner Rupert Street and Bagot Road

Enquiries Denis Bratton 9345 3530

WRITING COMPETITIONS FOR 2017

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: "Freedom"

Joyce Parkes Women's Writers' Prize

Honouring 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: "Freedom"

Entrance Fee \$10 for all competitions. Enquiries to Denis Bratton 9345 3530

Winner of Joyce Parkes Writers Prize for 2016 was Kathy Prokhovik. No prize was awarded for the Joe O'Sullivan Writers' prize

MOVIE LAUNCH OF JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY STORY, Easter Sunday

Kidogo Arthouse and John Boyle O'Reilly Association are pleased to present the launch of the short movie (30 mins) '**In Search of the Vigilant**' at Kidogo Arthouse, Bathers Beach, Fremantle, Easter Sunday, April 16th at 7pm.

Based on the true story of the dramatic escape attempt of Irish political prisoner John Boyle O'Reilly from the Swan River Penal Colony in 1869 to America the film is scripted and directed by Irish Historian Peter Murphy.

Enquiries: Peter Murphy on 043 997 6507 www.facebook.com/jboreilly

Another CATALPA COMMEMORATION, Monday 24 April

Round House Fremantle volunteer and Catalpa expert Les Green will give a talk on the Catalpa rescue on Monday 24 April from 12.40pm on the gun deck of the Round House. Les claims to be related to Pensioner guard Thomas Butler who was aboard the Georgette when it challenged the Catalpa with the escaped Fenian prisoners on board. The talk precedes the daily firing of the canon at 1pm. Contact the Round House 9336 6897.

IRISH FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR, Sunday 28 May, 1 to 7 pm

The Irish Special Interest Group of the WA Genealogical Society (WAGS) present a seminar on

the Republic and Northern Ireland drawing on religion, history, land, deeds, newspapers, Ulster plantation records of farmers and poor Scots-Irish and more. Q & A and Brick walls.

Presenters Gillian Hunt and Fintan Mullan from Ulster Historical Foundation.

Registrations close 25 May. WAGS members \$40, Non-members \$50

Contact 9271 4311, Email irish@wags.org.au Website www.wags.org.au

Venue State Library of WA, 25 Francis St, Perth

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1st January, 2017

Family membership \$65
with ID) \$55

Concession (Centrelink and unwaged students

Distant (200 kms from Perth) \$45
of \$20

Membership fee includes tax deductible donation

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.

BRENDAN AWARD 2016 TO BE ANNOUNCED

The winner of the 2016 Brendan Award for an outstanding contribution to Australia's Irish Heritage will be presented at a special event mid-year. Details will be advertised.

AIHA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT elected at AGM 2 April 2017

President – Denis Bratton

Vice Presidents - Frank Murphy and John Sullivan

Secretary – Tony Bray

Treasurer/ Membership – Patricia Bratton

Committee – Eleanor Nolan, Carmel Ryan, Heather Deighan, Patrick Gaffney

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>

Radio Hobart FM 96.1 – tune in to former AIHA president and member Brian Corr who relocated to Hobart with his wife Julia last year. Broadcasting 'The Irish Show' on the net Tuesdays 6 to 7pm, WA time
<http://www.hobartfm.org.au/program-guide.html>

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