

# Irish Australian Association

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## IRISH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION INC NEWSLETTER

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### PERHAPS THE FINAL WORD ON ST PATRICK'S DAY

One of the bands who featured on the day, AXIS, posted the following on its social media:

*What a fantastic St Patrick's Day at the Adelaide Irish Club!!! We had the best time with the most amazingly friendly bunch of people. Fantastic entertainment and music all afternoon and well into the evening. A wonderful experience. We don't normally have a sound engineer, but we would like to give a big shout out to Will from the Irish Club who did a fantastic job of making us sound so good with the house PA. Poor bugger worked so hard all day looking after the sound for everyone and did a great job. Thank you Will. Oh, and for anyone from the club reading this, book us again for next year, we want to Craic on as well.*

### FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

Some may be aware of the sudden passing of Adam Nielsen last week. Adam featured regularly with one of our most popular bands, The Shambolics, and on occasions he did solo performances at the Club. A talented musician and gentle man he will be missed. Funeral details are not known at this time but the Club will do something appropriate. May he Rest In Peace.

### FRIDAYS AT THE IRISH CLUB

All members (and non-members) are encouraged to attend and support the Club on a Friday night. The Clubroom now opens at 6pm every Friday. This allows people to pop in after work for some craic and a drink or two. Also those who may like to avoid a 'late night' can still be involved by getting there early.

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| Friday 29 March | Closed  |
| Friday 5 April  | The band Antenna returns to play. The young and talented musicians put on a great performance last time out.  |
| Friday 12 April | Tony Lynch moves from pouring pints to pouring notes and lyrics for our enjoyment.  |
| Friday 19 April | Patrick Blooming will be performing by special arrangement during his short visit to Adelaide. After venturing through the realms of visual art and spoken word poetry he had now ventured into the world of storytelling through song. |
| Friday 26 April | Ramblin' Dave wants to give us the gift on his birthday by performing.  |



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 April acclaimed Irish fiddle player Gerry O'Connor will be playing in the Clubroom from 7pm. Gerry has toured with some of the greats in Planxty, Bothy Band, DeDannan, Boys of the Lough and the Chieftains. Tickets for \$25 from <https://events.humanitix.com/gerry-o-connor-the-irish-club>

Sunday 14 April at 2pm the public launch of the book *Irish Women In the Antipodes* will be held in the main Hall. Once more details are available we will let you know.

Saturday 20 April The next Bush Dance is locked in. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are only \$10 with children having free entry. You can book a table by email to [cmcadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:cmcadelaide@gmail.com).

### **\*\*REMINDER \*\***

August 2024 Following the successful visits from Manus McGuire (2022) and Colm Broderick and Francis Cunningham (2023) a date in August will be set aside for Jimmy Crowley and Eve Telford to play at the Club. Traditional musicians from Cork (Eve was born in Adelaide) they perform traditional music as well as their own compositions.

We will keep you informed once a firm date has been set.

## COMPETITION

### **'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'**

We have secured 3 double passes to this play being performed on:-

**Friday 5 April at 7.30pm at the Goodwood Theatre.**

At the heart of the story is fifteen year old Christopher who stands beside Mrs Shear's dead dog. It has been speared with a garden fork and Christopher is under suspicion. He records each fact in the book he is writing to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington. Christopher has an extraordinary brain and is exceptional at maths, but he is ill equipped to interpret everyday life. Christopher's detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that turns his world upside-down.

**The competition opens at 9am on Monday 1 April so do not enter before. The first 3 responses received at [secretary@irishclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@irishclub.org.au) after that date and time, correctly naming the dog, will each win a double pass to the performance.**

## PEOPLE FIRST COMMUNITY LOTTERY

The Club will soon be registered for the lottery. It is a great way for groups such as ours to raise funds. With all tickets sold, 100% of the proceeds go back to the Club. There are some 50 odd prizes up for grabs including an Early Bird Prize, of a Toyota Corolla Hybrid Ascent Sport. Ticket sales open on 18 April. Details will be provided shortly.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to those who have recently joined our pool of volunteers. Your input was greatly appreciated over the St Patrick's weekend. Your generosity is appreciated.

If you feel you have something to offer please contact us.

## **CHECK OUT THE CLUB ON YOUTUBE**

Check out our new Adelaide Irish Club YouTube Channel, and if you post any YouTube videos please make sure to tag us using the Hashtag: #AdelaideIrishClub.

Follow the link below to see some the videos from St Patricks Day. If you have any videos that you would like to have shared on the channel please send them through to us for consideration.

<https://www.youtube.com/@AdelaideIrishClub>

## **CONTACT US**

The Board encourages communication from the membership so feel free to ring, send an email or approach a Board member at an event with any ideas you have about improving your Club.

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