

IRISH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION Inc

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IRISH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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THE BOARD

Following the recent AGM and the first meeting the new Board of the IAA is made up of the following:

President:	Denis Carey	Vice President:	Vacant
Chairperson:	Vacant	Treasurer:	Keith Byrne
Secretary:	Vacant	Membership Secretary:	Shirley Quinn

Ordinary Board Members: Frank O'Reilly, Marc O'Conaill, Tony Lynch

Bar Manager: Frank O' Reilly

Hall Hire: Denis Carey

Since the AGM the position of Secretary has fallen vacant. Also, Erin Abell has been appointed as an Ordinary Board member.

While it is disappointing that these positions were not filled the new Board will consider how to function in relation to the offices currently vacant.

AGM DRAFT MINUTES

The draft minutes will be tabled at the next AGM for ratification. If anyone would like to have a copy of the draft minutes before then please contact us.

MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that under the terms of the Constitution a member should renew their membership by paying the annual subscription within 1 month of the AGM. After that date membership ceases but can be reinstated by the Board. A number have already been renewed which is most welcome. Your membership cards will be sent as soon as we are able.

If you are receiving this by email, there is a renewal form attached should you require it. Without members the Irish Club cannot exist, so your continuing membership is critical. The Board will endeavour to make membership worthwhile to you. In that regard, members may have differing views as to what they want from the Club. If you have any ideas, we are always happy to hear about them.

Finally, if your personal details change during the year please inform us so we can make the necessary changes to the Register as it allows us to remain in contact with you.

CULTURAL EVENTS

As some may be aware the IAA is part of a coalition of Irish community groups to identify and coordinate key events in the traditional Irish calendar. We will keep you informed as events develop. Not surprisingly the build up to St Patrick's Day 2024 will be a key focus.



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FRIDAYS AT THE IRISH CLUB

All members (and non-members) are encouraged to attend and support the Club on a Friday night. It is an opportunity to catch up with friends or make some new ones while enjoying a drink and live music.

We continue to acknowledge and thank the various groups and performers who have performed at the Club on a Friday night without any payment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First, a special thank you to the remarkable and talented Emma Hinchey for organising a fantastic evening last Friday. As well as the ever-popular Celtic Sounds we had the Adelaide Accordion Orchestra bring a distinctive Latino vibe to the Clubroom. Paddy Kelly gave a cameo performance and we were treated to a rare appearance of Buz Cully, Tony Lynch, Malachy O'Reilly and Marc O'Conaill in a world first (for them) performance of 'The Auld Triangle'. Geraldine O'Reilly was not to be outdone by Malachy so she gave us an Eric Bogle song 'Leaving the Land'. Finally, Sean Hinchey gave a warm rendition of Seamus O'Rourke's poem, 'The Drawer'. It was a remarkable evening and thank you to everyone who contributed.

Also, thank you to the ever popular 'Craic & Cratur' for a great night of music last night. They always bring in a good crowd and last night was no exception. We love having you.

Friday 13 October The endearing Tony Lynch will be front and centre at the microphone. We are also organising a special night to celebrate the 99th birthday of Joe McCole who some of you may know.

Friday 20 October a new duo called 'Sharradogg' will be performing so help us welcome them to the Club.

Saturday 21 October The CMC Bush Dance is replaced with a Halloween Ceili. Starting at 8pm tickets are \$10 for adults with children admitted free. You can book a table at cmcadelaide@gmail.com

Friday 27 October The ever young Malachy O'Reilly refreshed from his recent travels will be putting on a performance.

****ADVANCE NOTICE****

Saturday 18 November we are looking to secure two exceptional young Irish performers in Colm Broderick (Uilleann Pipes) and Francis Cunningham (Concertina) to play at the Club. Some may recall the great night last year with the acclaimed Irish fiddler Manus McGuire so we will try to replicate that.

We will keep you informed as details become available.

OTHER EVENT INFORMATION

The Club is a registered venue for the upcoming *Good Music Month* festival and the *Adelaide Fringe* in 2024.

Friday 15 December 2023 will be the last Clubroom event for the year.

Friday 12 January 2024 will be the first Clubroom event in the new year.

LIKE TO LEARN THE BAGPIPES?

The Adelaide Irish Pipe Band meets at the Irish Club every Wednesday at 7pm. No experience is needed and tuition is free. You can make enquiries at 0424081866 or 0424335907.



CONGRATULATIONS NIAMH SHEEHY

One of our members is proud of the achievement of his daughter with Niamh being named the 2023 National Irish Dancing Champion in Sydney last week. Rumour has it that South Australian entrants performed exceptionally well so congratulations to everyone involved.

HALL HIRE

Members are reminded that the hiring of the Hall and Clubroom provides a good income stream for the Club. If you know of anyone or an organisation requiring such a facility why not suggest that they contact the Club. Members can also be entitled to one free hire of the Clubroom during their membership year.

VOLUNTEERS

The Club is very dependent on the good will and remarkable efforts of our volunteers. Thank you. If you feel you have something to offer please contact us.

In particular, anyone with a Responsible Service of Alcohol certification who is prepared to be a 'Responsible Person' we would love to hear from you.

THANK YOU COMHALTAS

The Club was the recipient of a very generous donation from Comhaltas. As some may know Comhaltas hasn't functioned for a little while so it is important to recognise the donation. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE IAA

The cost of running the Club is significant and while the Club has a sound financial platform there are still a number of challenges to meet to ensure its ongoing viability. Recent electrical problems will result in some expenditure but efforts must be made to ensure the building is compliant with all relevant legislation and Australian Standards.

The Board is appreciative of the support given to it by members and a special thank you to the volunteers who assist in making events so successful.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

At the AGM members were informed that issues relating to the administration of the Association were raised with Consumer and Business Services (CBS). The Board has not been able to establish any details of the allegations of mismanagement or non-compliance and at this time the Board will comply with the request to provide CBS with the range of documents requested.

The Board is disappointed that this has occurred as at no time over the last 12 months has there been any issue raised with the Board in relation to matters of compliance.

As stated at the AGM the membership will be kept informed.

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.

All correspondence by email should be addressed to secretary@irishclub.org.au.

