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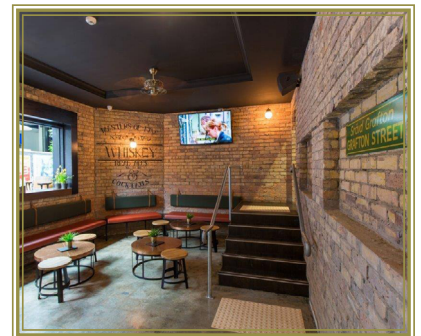


St George's Day Special



# Queensland Irish Association

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# WELCOME

by editor Mary Allen, editor@angloandceltic.com

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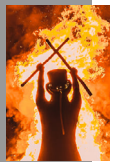
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Queensland Irish Association's stilt walkers and leprechauns enjoy a break in the park after the Brisbane Saint Patrick's Day parade. Picture: Anglo&Celtic

## Move over Saint Patrick, there's dragons to slay!

What an action-packed month we had in March with the Saint Patrick's Day festivities which were a massive success, drawing huge crowds all over the country. No surprise when you consider the influx of Irish working holidaymakers we've seen.

Here in Brisbane, the star of this year's festivities was undoubtedly Queensland Irish Association (QIA), who sold out their largest St Patrick's Eve Dinner of the modern era. It was held for the first time at the spectacular Main Auditorium in Brisbane City Hall. They also had a large attendance for a history tour of Toowong Cemetery and a fun St Patrick's Day lunch which included a dance lesson. Their entry into the St Patrick's Day parade was hugely popular with the crowds. The parade was led by QIA with the talented Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band, the

world-class QIA Dancers, and Saint Patrick on the QIA float, a vintage Fiat truck, as well as stilt walkers, an energetic leprechaun and a fun crew of walkers. Well done to all the hardworking volunteers at the QIA.

Now Saint Patrick can take a break from parades, parties and snake-catching for another year. There be dragons in town this April and there's only one man for the job of defeating them: Saint George. The patron saint of England is famed for slaying a dragon to rescue a princess.

George is gearing up for his time in the spotlight, with feasts, Morris dancing and knights re-enacting medieval battles due to take place across Australia this month.

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# If you love redheads and spuds, get down to Koroit

In the heart of Victoria, Australia's most Irish town, Koroit, is gearing up for its annual Irish Festival, and this year, love is in the air. With a theme centred around Irish Love, the festival promises to be a celebration of the deep bonds and enduring spirit that define this close-knit community.

From April 26th to 28th, Koroit will come alive with the vibrant colours and rich traditions of Irish culture. The streets will be adorned with shamrocks and banners, while the air will be filled with the sounds of traditional music and laughter.

At the heart of the festival are the quirky competitions that have become beloved fixtures of the event. From the Spud Trilogy, featuring potato picking, peeling, and eating contests, to the Flaming Folk Parade, where proud redheads strut their stuff, there's no shortage of fun and frivolity to be had.

But amid the laughter and merriment, there's also a more serious side to the festival. This year, the organisers have chosen Maureen Keane, a beloved figure in



**Maureen Keane has been chosen as ambassador for the 2024 Koroit Irish Festival.**

the Koroit community, as the festival's ambassador. Maureen's tireless dedication to her family and her community embodies the spirit of Irish love that the festival seeks to celebrate.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to be chosen as the ambassador for this year's festival," says Maureen. "It's a true honour to represent Koroit and everything it stands for."

As the festival approaches, excitement is building in Koroit and beyond.

With tickets already on sale, anticipation is high for what promises to be a week-end of love, laughter, and Irish charm.

So, mark your calendars and join the fun in Koroit for a celebration like no other. Come for the music, stay for the craic, and experience the magic of Ireland in Australia's most Irish town.

Tickets for the festival are available now at <https://www.trybooking.com/CMZNPQ>.

## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

**SPUD TRILOGY:** The Spud Trilogy is a potato competition which includes Spud Picking, Spud Peeling, and Spud Eating. After the spuds are picked and peeled by contestants, it's face down in mashed spuds.

**FLAMING FOLK PARADE:** One of the most popular events at the Koroit Irish Festival is the redhead parade. Proud redheads come from far and wide, and the Flaming Folk Person of the Year is crowned.

**DANNY BOY:** The festival is home to the Australian Danny Boy Championship song contest. The person who belts out the best rendition of the iconic song Danny Boy wins a large cash prize.

**GATHERING OF GREEN EYES:** Another very popular event that celebrates the looks of the Irish, A Gathering of Green Eyes sees people with green eyes compete for the best peepers.

**AUSTRALIA'S MOST IRISH NAME:** Past winners of this new national title were Aoife Nally and Jameson Wood.

**DRESS UP A LEPRECHAUN:** People around Koroit dress a leprechaun and display it at the front of their businesses and houses to win prizes.

## Make your mark on Monument to Migration

Join the Australian National Maritime Museum in celebrating the rich history of migration as they collect and exhibit the stories of migrants and honour them on the wall of Australia's National Monument to Migration in Sydney.

Any person born overseas and settled in Australia can paste their journey on the National Monument to Migration, to be revealed on Mother's Day weekend, 11th May.

A new release of places on the National Monument to Migration have just become available.

The museum collects the

stories of migrants to Australia, and the National Monument is their most visible way of recognising the people behind these stories.

Over 32,000 names already appear on the 88 bronze panels that are joined together and run down the promenade of the museum.

You can honour a migrant – a loved one, a member of your family, yourself, or a new arrival – on Australia's National Monument to Migration. For \$500, their name will be etched in bronze onto the monument to Migration in recognition of their journey across the seas to make Aus-



**Australia's National Monument to Migration. Picture: UKinAustralia**

tralia their new home.

Secure your place for the ceremony by registering at

[www.sea.museum/support/national-monument](http://www.sea.museum/support/national-monument) or calling (02) 9298 3777.

# All Cillians get a supermarket discount to celebrate Oscar win

Bad news for Sillians and good news for Cillians, because if you have the actor's real name, and not the mispronounced version he gets called by 'silly' photographers on the red carpet, you can earn discounts.

Lidl Ireland has unveiled an offer that's stealing the show to celebrate the Cork actor's Best Actor Oscar win.

The discount supermarket chain has announced a blockbuster giveaway – €50 (AU\$82.90) in free cash – but with a twist worthy of an Oscar-winning plot. This generous reward is exclusively reserved for those bearing the distinguished name of Cillian Murphy on their Lidl Plus app. Yes, you heard that right – those whose name matches the celebrated actor's are in for a cinematic treat worth €50, making this promotion a gold winner.



The Brisbane St Patrick's Day parade paid tribute to Irish Legends including Cillian Murphy. Picture: Anglo&Celtic

But hold onto your popcorn because the excitement doesn't end there! Even if your name doesn't quite match, fear not – Lidl is spreading the love by offering a charming €5

(AU\$8.29) discount to all users named Cillian. It's a gesture that's sure to warm hearts and bring smiles to shoppers across Ireland.

As news of this delightful promotion spread like



Lidl Ireland is offering money off to all Cillians. Picture: Lidl Ireland

wildfire, social media buzzed with excitement. Comments poured in from delighted shoppers, with one exclaiming, "This is pure gold," while another couldn't resist joking, "What a time to be alive!"

The announcement came after Cillian Murphy made history by becoming the first Irish star to win Best Actor for his role in Oppenheimer. In all, the film won seven Oscars.

## Scottish chocolatier enjoys sweet victory at Academy Awards

In a plotline that could have easily been lifted from the silver screen, Fiona McArthur, a vegan chocolatier in the picturesque Scottish town of Campbeltown, found herself basking in the glow of the Oscars.

At Fetcha, her cosy chocolate haven, Fiona crafts each treat with love. What started as a humble venture in 2019 caught the eye of the Academy Awards' goody bag team, leaving Fiona initially in disbelief when they contacted her to tell her they wanted her chocolates to be given out at the awards. But as reality sunk in, she poured her passion for film into crafting bespoke vegan chocolates for ceremony attendees inspired by this year's films.

From the fiery Oppenheimer truffle to the whimsical



Fiona with her Fetcha chocolates. Picture: [Facebook/fetchachocolates](https://www.facebook.com/fetchachocolates)

Barbie heart, Fiona's creations were as eclectic as the films themselves.

Part of Fiona's appeal to the Hollywood Oscars team is likely her commitment to environmentalism and health consciousness in making her chocolates.

## Melbourne Comhaltas Irish Weekend in Queenscliff



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# Get thee to Brisbane, where botanic bliss meets the Bard

Celebrate the work and times of the Great Bard at Brisbane's Botanic Gardens!

The gardens in Mt Coot-tha are set to transform into an Elizabethan pageant of music, craft, botanical discoveries, and Shakespearian delights.

Highlights will include outdoor performances of Half-hour Hamlet and Instant Romeo and Juliet by the Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble and music by the Indooroopilly Chamber Orchestra. And it's all happening on Sunday, April 21st.

There will be lots to see, hear and do. Listen to the sweet tones of our Renaissance musicians - lute, viol, and harp - in the Japanese Garden or take a guided walk to view the flowers and plants featured in Shake-



Mt Coot-tha gardens will be transformed into an Elizabethan pageant to celebrate Shakespeare. Picture: [Facebook/BrisbaneCityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneCityCouncil)

speare's plays. Watch the fencing by Prima Spada and Elizabethan dancing displays, or better still, join in.

Learn about the exciting New World plant discoveries happening at that time or see what was growing already in the traditional English gar-

den. Visit the Physic Garden and apothecary stall to learn how plants were important elements in dyes, medicine, cosmetics, and beverages (such as beer).

Learn Elizabethan beauty tips, or how to create a manuscript 'illuminated letter'

- they'll have all the latest in Tudor trends.

Make your own pomander bead, create a tussie-mussie, or try your hand dyeing with indigo, making paper or binding your very own book. Watch the mad monk explain the ins and outs of making Tudor beer, try some delicious mead, or spend time with the spinners, weavers and felters. Don't forget to check out what's cooking in the Elizabethan Kitchen.

There will be performances at 11am and 12.30pm. You are welcome to come in costume and join the performance. All are welcome to part in the dance. At 12pm Dr Heather Clarke will be giving a talk about dance in Shakespeare's life and plays.

This is a free event by Brisbane City Council.

## Ireland to open new consulate general office in Melbourne

Ireland's Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence, Micheál Martin TD, has announced the opening of five new overseas missions under the Global Ireland program, further strengthening Ireland's global presence and influence.

The Tánaiste received government approval for the opening of new embassies in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Moldova, and new consulates general in Málaga and Melbourne.

The Tánaiste said: "Ireland is broadening its existing networks and building new partnerships across the world. Today's decision will bring to 27 the number of new

missions opened since 2018. This expansion is amplifying Ireland's voice in the world."

Speaking about the expansion in Australia, The Tánaiste said: "A new consulate general in Melbourne will give Ireland a stronger platform in this thriving economic hub, which is also home to vibrant Irish diaspora communities. Australia is the world's sixth largest country and Melbourne is on track to be its biggest city by 2030. This is somewhere we need to be, making our links to Australia even stronger."

Global Ireland 2025 is a strategy that aims to double Ireland's global footprint and influence by 2025.

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# London pub The Rose & Crown opens in Brisbane's Southbank

A new British pub has opened in Brisbane and Alex Derrick, owner of The Rose & Crown, shared his excitement on social media days after its grand opening in February.

"I couldn't be prouder of the team in getting the place up and running since I got the keys five weeks ago," Derrick enthused, highlighting the dedication of his staff in bringing the establishment to life.

With more than 20 years of experience in the British pub scene, Derrick aimed to infuse The Rose & Crown with the authentic charm of London gastropubs.

"The Rose & Crown is based on classic London gastropubs, which I think is the best fit for South Bank Brisbane," Derrick explained, drawing inspiration from his extensive experience running pubs across the south of



Alex Derrick, centre, and his staff at the newly-opened The Rose & Crown pub in Brisbane. Picture: [The Rose & Crown Facebook](#)

England and Wales. Featuring traditional British dishes such as fish and

chips, sausage and mash, and Scotch eggs, the menu promises patrons a taste of

authentic British cuisine.

"I've never claimed to be British... but I did spend that time running lots of great independent pubs all over the south of England and Wales," Derrick shared, reflecting on his background and expertise in the industry.

Looking ahead, Derrick expressed his plans to host various events at The Rose & Crown, including live music performances, quiz nights, and screenings of major sporting events.

As The Rose & Crown embarks on its journey to become a beloved fixture in Brisbane's dining scene, Derrick extended a warm invitation to all to experience the pub's unique blend of British charm and Aussie hospitality. You'll find The Rose & Crown at Southpoint South Bank, 271 Grey Street, South Brisbane.

## Irish holidaymakers pack in the snacks

New research from TUI has uncovered some bizarre packing habits among Irish travellers that would land them in hot water if they were travelling down under.

It turns out that 52% of Irish travellers stash tea bags in their suitcases when going on holidays, while 34% pack their precious coffee supplies.

A jaw-dropping 12% insist on bringing ketchup or sliced bread, and 11% are so committed to their breakfast routine that they wouldn't dream of starting the day without their favourite cereal.

A staggering 8% of Irish holidaymakers feel the need to pack their trusty kettle, while 7% wouldn't be caught dead without their favourite mug. And if that's not enough to raise an eyebrow, get this: 10% are so devoted to their dairy that they make room in their luggage for Cheddar

cheese. Yummy!

The survey also reveals that 36% can't travel without their slippers, and 22% insist on bringing their own pillow. In fact, this passion for creature comforts has even resulted in one in ten (12%) finding space for their hot water bottle and favourite blanket (11%).

Good thing then that Irish holiday makers know not to start planning their next breakfast feast down under because there's one small hiccup: customs.

You see, if they jetted here to Australia with a suitcase full of their favourite Irish goodies, they would be in for a rude awakening. Those precious tea bags? Confiscated. That beloved cereal? Say goodbye. And as for the cheese? Well, let's just say they'd be facing a hefty fine instead of a tasty snack.

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# Watch out dragons, Saint George is coming to town

Saint George's Day, celebrated on April 23rd, is the feast day of Saint George, a Christian martyr, and the patron saint of England.

George's cross forms the national flag of England, a red cross on a white background, which also (through the structure of England and Wales) represents Wales within the Union Flag of the United Kingdom and other national flags containing the Union Flag, including those of Australia and New Zealand.

By the 14th century, the saint had been declared both the patron saint and the protector of the royal family.

Saint George is known for his bravery, martyrdom, and association with the legendary tale of slaying a dragon.

Saint George was born in Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey) in the late 3rd century AD. He served as a Roman soldier in the army of Emperor Diocletian, rising to a high rank due to his courage and skill in battle.

Despite his loyalty to the Roman army, Saint George openly protested against Emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. He refused to renounce his Christian faith, even in the face of imprisonment and torture.

One of the most famous legends associated with Saint George is the tale of him slaying a dragon to rescue a princess. According to the myth, a fierce dragon terrorized the city of Silene in Libya, demanding the sacrifice of local inhabitants, including the king's daughter. Saint George bravely confronted the dragon, wounded it with his lance, and subdued it, thereby saving the princess and the city.

Saint George is revered as the patron saint of various countries and regions, including England, Georgia, Catalonia, and others. He is also



**Saint George's Day in Gravesend, Kent. Picture: [Glen - Flickr](#)**

the patron saint of soldiers, knights, and scouts.

Saint George was martyred for his Christian faith around the year 303 AD. Despite enduring torture and imprisonment, he steadfastly refused to renounce his beliefs. He was eventually executed by decapitation, becoming one of the most venerated martyrs of Christianity.

Throughout history, Saint George's Day has been marked by various traditions and customs, both religious and secular, that reflect the reverence for Saint George and the cultural significance of his legend. While St George's Day observances have fluctuated over time, especially in comparison to other national holidays like

St Patrick's Day in Ireland or St Andrew's Day in Scotland, there are several traditions associated with the day.

One of the most enduring traditions of St George's Day is the wearing of a red rose. This symbolizes the blood shed by Saint George in his martyrdom and is often displayed prominently on clothing or as a lapel pin. In addition to the red rose, the St George's Cross is flown as a flag on St George's Day.

Religious observances on St George's Day typically include church services dedicated to Saint George. Many churches hold processions to commemorate the saint. St George's Day is also celebrated through secular customs. These include parades,

## WHO WAS ST GEORGE?

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festivals, and community gatherings featuring music, dancing, and traditional foods. In some areas, reenactments of the legendary tale of Saint George and the dragon are performed, often involving elaborate costumes and theatrical productions.

Historically, St George's Day was once a major holiday in England, comparable in significance to Christmas or Easter. However, over time, its observance waned, and by the 18th and 19th centuries, it had become more subdued, with few formal celebrations. In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in reviving St George's Day as a national holiday, with calls for greater recognition and public festivities.

# Australia plans days and knights of St George fun!

Saint George's Day celebrations will see knights, dragons and Morris dancers entertain you while you enjoy traditional English food and ale.

The Fox and Hounds on the Gold Coast is planning a special St George's Day on April 20th, telling the tale of St George and the dragon, with live knights fighting over a princess.

After the battle, all will join in a feast to St George with live entertainment by Bels-wagger Morris dancers.

Also in Queensland, Bacchus Brewing Co. in Capalaba will have a St George's Day English Beerfest weekend on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April. In association with Sussex brewery Harvey's of Lewis, they will brew four of their finest award-winning ales, alongside other favourite English-style brews, all served with an authentic English Ploughman's Lunch. The annual event will also see London Spuds food truck pay a visit on the Sunday.

Kings Creek Vineyard in Balnarring, Victoria, will have a fun-filled afternoon to celebrate all things English, with live music by Paul Dillon. Expect fabulous food from Rob the British Butcher cooking on the BBQ, including his amazing sausages, burgers and black pudding, plus delicious scones from Yvette at These Scones.

Fun events on the day will include a British Bake Off.

In Western Australia, on April 23rd, The Woodvale Tavern will celebrate St George's Day with English food and drink specials. The day will feature live acoustic music from Duke Vox, giveaways, and a raffle for an English hamper.

Staying in WA, there will be a St George's Day British Chippy Long Table and Bottomless Stella celebration at Peel Alehouse in Halls Head on Tuesday, 23rd April.



**St George's medieval banquet knights battle and Morris dancers will be at Fox & Hounds, Wongawallan, Queensland on Saturday, 20th April. Picture: Supplied**

The traditional British Chippy themed long table will have two hours of bottomless battered fish, crispy chips, mushy peas, curry sauce, pickled onions and more!

In Perth, St George's Cathedral is planning a Big Cathedral Lunch, and everyone is invited. The lunch is on Sunday, April 21st after the 10am Choral Eucharist with Bishop David Bassett.

On April 21st, St George's Day at The Lizzie in Perth will feature medieval fighters, live music, Sunday roast, outdoor games, and a costume competition. That's at The Last Drop Elizabethan in Bedforddale from 11.30am.

Staying in WA, The Duke Bar and Bistro in Carramar will be having a big weekend of St George's Day celebra-

tions on Saturday, 20th, and Sunday 21st April. On Saturday, catch 21Robbie Vs Ed Sheeran Tribute in the Sports Bar from 9pm. There will be traditional English food and drink specials all day. On Sunday, there will be an English garden party, Sunday roast and a la carte menu,



**Marlee Morris in action in Perth. Picture: Supplied**

## ST GEORGE'S DAY EVENTS

20 APR

Medieval Banquet Knights Battle  
Fox & Hounds, Wongawallan QLD  
St Georges Day at Kings Creek Vineyard, Balnarring VIC  
St George's Day weekend at The Duke, Carramar WA  
St George's Day Beerfest Weekend (& 21 APR)  
Bacchus Brewing Co., Capalaba QLD

21 APR

Patronal festival with Big Cathedral Lunch at St George's Cathedral, Perth WA  
Marlee Morris at Boorloo Heritage Festival, Perth WA  
St George's Day weekend at The Duke, Carramar WA  
St George's Day at The Lizzie  
Last Drop Elizabethan, Perth WA

23 APR

St George's Day at the Woodvale Tavern, Woodvale WA  
St George's Day Chippy Long Table  
Peel Alehouse, Halls Head WA

plus Marlee Morris will be dancing from 3pm. There will also be live acoustic music from Mark Stone, and traditional English food and drink specials all day.

Marlee Morris will be dancing at King Park in Perth on April 21st to celebrate St George's Day as part of the Boorloo Heritage Festival. You can catch them in action from 10am. Details [here](#).

# Mornington will mesmerise Muggles with magic woods

Broomsticks at the ready for a wild ride as the magical world of Harry Potter comes to life in Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience at The Briars, Mt Martha.

It's like bringing a bit of Hogwarts to the Mornington Peninsula, so Melbourne, mark your calendars for the grand wizarding affair starting on Saturday, April 6th.

Crafted by the dynamic trio of Fever, Warner Bros, and IMG, this mystical extravaganza is set to turn The Briars into a magical escape, and we're not talking about finding your keys with a spell (though that would be handy).

You can join the wizarding party any day of the week, from 5.30pm to 11pm. Get ready for a magical mystery tour that lasts approximately 60 to 90 minutes, including a leisurely stroll through the enchanted woods for about 45 to 75 minutes.

This isn't your average nature walk, folks. Expect to bump into Hippogriffs, Unicorns, and even mischievous Nifflers along the way. Pro



**Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience is coming to Mt Martha.**

tip: Brush up on your spell-casting skills because you might need them. "Wingardium Leviosa" is not just for levitating feathers; it's also handy for impressing magical creatures.

As you emerge from the

enchanted woods, behold a themed village where you can treat yourself to magical delights like mulled wine and butterbeer.

We're not promising that you'll suddenly be able to speak Parseltongue, but it's

worth a shot after a butterbeer or two.

And guess what? There's a gift shop stocked with more magical goodies than you can shake a wand at. Get your hands on merchandise from the beloved Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts movies.

Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience is designed for everyone – wizards, witches, and Muggles of all ages. So, grab your wands and broomsticks, and let's make Melbourne the most magical place in Australia.

Now, for the ticket details.

Dates: From April 6, 2024

Time: Mondays to Sundays, 5.30pm to 11pm (last entry at 9.45 pm).

Duration: Approx. 60 to 90 minutes (the walking trail takes approx. 45 to 75 minutes).

Location: The Briars, Mount Martha VIC.

Age requirement: Wizards, witches, and Muggles of all ages are welcome!

For more details, go to <https://hpforbiddenforestexperience.com/melbourne/>

## Travel back in time at SA Medieval Fair

Embark on a journey back in time to the medieval era at the SA Medieval Fair 2024.

You are invited to the Paracombe Recreational Grounds in the Adelaide Hills on May 4th and 5th for a royal showcase like no other.

Experience the thrill of jousting with the King's Horses Jousters, witness the awe-inspiring horse archery displays, and marvel at the majestic Highland Cattle from Mac-Ladanae Highland Fold.

Get ready for fierce battles in the combat arena, where warriors from the Society for Creative Anachronism Barony of Innilgard and Ironclad Academy of the Sword will

clash swords with skill and precision.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Enjoy medieval archery sessions, living history encampments, and performances by jesters, minstrels, and belly dancers. Explore nearly 100 artisan stalls offering unique handcrafted wares, tantalise your taste buds with flavours from around the world at the Flavours of the Fair food vendors, and quench your thirst with mulled wine, mead, and boutique beers at The Pale Raven Tavern.

Don't miss the chance to win an exclusive handcrafted axe in the ticket draw, partic-



**Scots with rocks at the 2023 fair. Picture: [Facebook/SA Medieval Fair](https://www.facebook.com/SAMedievalFair)**

ipate in the costume competition for fabulous prizes, and let the young ones enjoy free face painting. With dedicated parent and children's areas, this event promises fun for the

whole family. Huzzah to the SA Medieval Fair 2024!

Tickets are available for purchase online at the official site, <https://www.samedievalfair.com.au>.

# Australian Welsh Male Choir celebrates 50th anniversary



Victoria's Welsh community celebrated St David's Day with Gymanfa Ganu (Songs of Praise) at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, March 2nd. Pictures: [Facebook/AusWelshChoir](https://www.facebook.com/AusWelshChoir)

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Australian Welsh Male Choir took part in "a truly wonderful" Gymanfa Ganu at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne.

Organised by the Melbourne Welsh Church, the event featured six choirs.

The Australian Welsh Male Choir, the Mornington Peninsula Welsh Ladies Choir, Excelsis, the Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir, the Victorian Welsh and Melbourne Welsh Male Choirs sang together with a congregation of more than 800 people.

Australian Welsh Male Choir shared on their social media: "A truly Welsh event was enhanced under the direction of renowned Welsh musician, composer and conductor, Jeffrey Howard and Welsh soloists Ceri Haf Roberts and Heulen Cynfal."

The choirs and congregation were welcomed by Revd Canon Robert Vun, Rev. Siôn Gough Hughes and the Brit-



Australian Welsh Male Choir at Gymanfa Ganu in St Paul's Cathedral.

ish Consul General Stephen Lysaght.

The choir thanked their music director Tom Buchanan, and president Ian Mackie and his committee for steering them through an amazing 50th anniversary year, that will continue with an Australian Outback Pub Tour in September.

With 50 members, the

choir honours the legacy of Welsh male choirs, singing in both Welsh and English.

They've toured globally, including singing at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

In February, they held their 50th Anniversary Concert at Frankston Arts Centre.

Find out more about the choir on their website, at [www.awmc.org.au](http://www.awmc.org.au).

## Raising a glass to Dublin's first no-alcohol bar

Board is a new pub in Dublin's city centre that offers an extensive range of non-alcoholic drinks together with over 200 board games that patrons can play for free.

The recently opened dry pub has become an instant hit with locals and visitors alike and is filled nightly with people in high spirits, though not of the 40% proof kind.

The idea behind Board is to create a space that has the look and feel of a modern Irish pub but without the alcohol. It stocks premium 0% beers, a wide range of alcohol-free craft beers and, of course, has the famous 'black stuff' Guinness 0.0 on draught.

Board also offers an impressive mocktail list mimicking favourite classics such as Espresso Martinis Aperol Spritzes and Bloody



Board is a new pub in Dublin city centre that offers non-alcoholic drinks and board games.

Marys, plus over 30 non-alcoholic spirits. A menu of Mood Boosters made with a natural mix of botanicals, herbs, spices or mushrooms are designed to sooth or stimulate as required, and the non-alcoholic wines available includes Irish-owned Hollow Leg, produced in Spain.

The comprehensive games collection caters for those who enjoy the classics, such as Monopoly and Yahtzee, to groups who want to conquer the world in Risk or Catan, have a noisy competition with Articulate! or just enjoy a quiet game of chess.

To complement the drinks

menu there is a food menu available all day offering tasty meals and sweet treats, with vegan options. From 4pm Board offers homemade pizzas.

As well as board games, there is lots of entertainment including regular jazz nights, comedy events, pub quizzes, bingo and sports screenings in the pub.

The Six Nations Championship was the first major sporting event to be screened in the pub. Ireland winning the final was the icing on the cake.

Dublin is a city with a thriving pub scene and is renowned for the 'craic' to be found in its cosy bars and cosmopolitan clubs. Board adds another dimension to this with a space to meet without involving alcohol.

[www.ireland.com](http://www.ireland.com)

# May Day celebrations are changing with the seasons

As the British Isles welcome summer with dancing around the Maypole and fire festivals, Australia too will be marking May Day with both Anglo and Celtic traditions.

Dancing around the Maypole is a traditional folk dance that dates back centuries and is very much associated with English May Day celebrations. It is believed to have ancient pagan roots linked to fertility rituals.

The Maypole, typically a tall wooden pole decorated with ribbons, flowers, and greenery, symbolises the renewal of life and the awakening of nature after winter.

The dance itself involves participants, often young men and women, weaving in and out around the Maypole, each holding onto a ribbon attached to the top of the pole. As they move in opposite directions, the ribbons become intertwined, creating intricate patterns on the pole.

Once a common practice here in Australia, Maypole dancing has largely died out. One of the last Maypoles left standing in Australia is at the New South Wales Schoolhouse Museum of Public Education in North Ryde.

Gaye Braiding, Education Officer at the museum, told Anglo&Celtic: "We use a reproduction Maypole for our education program made from some re-purposed materials. To our knowledge, maypole dancing ceased as an activity in NSW public schools probably around the early 1980s. Prior to that there were booklets issued to teachers with instructions on the dances and weaving of ribbons.

"From the photographs we have seen, the 'hey-day' of maypole dancing in NSW public schools, and community events involving schools, seems to be between about 1870 and the 1940s."

Westbury in Tasmania also



**Belswagger Morris in action with their travelling Maypole in Marburg, Queensland. Picture: [Facebook/belswagger](https://www.facebook.com/belswagger)**

has a Maypole. It is a permanent structure on the village green. The local school children dance around the Maypole during St Patrick's Day celebrations.

While May Day is widely celebrated across England with Maypole dancing and crowning of the Queen of May, the practice is not as common in the Celtic nations. But one village in Ireland bucks the trend.

The Queen of the May is practiced in the County Cork seaside village of Whitegate.

The May Queen is a girl who rides or walks at the front of a parade on May Day. She wears a white gown to symbolise purity and often has a crown of flowers.

In Whitegate, young girls go 'garlanding,' or flower-gathering, in preparation for their Queen of the May procession, which takes place on the first Sunday in May. The tradition is thought to have been brought by British soldiers stationed at nearby Fort Carlisle in the 1800s.

At Whitegate National School, girls gather wildflowers to decorate the May bough, a mature,

horseshoe-based briar and a traditional centrepiece for the parade. The May Queen, chosen from the previous year's First Communion class, leads a procession through the village in her Communion dress, followed by local schoolgirls. They sing May songs and collect donations.

While the worship of the Goddess of Summer is at the root of the old May-time rituals, in Ireland, this evolved into Catholic Marian processions and May altars filled with flowers to worship Mary.

Now, ancient Celtic pagan festivals such as Beltane (Scotland, Isle of Man),



**Teachers embracing the Maypole at New South Wales Schoolhouse Museum. Picture: [X@SchoolhouseMus](https://www.schoolhousemuseum.com.au)**

## BEALTINE & MAY DAY EVENTS

27 APR

Lá Bealtaine at The Gaelic Club  
Sydney NSW

01 MAY

Dawn Morris Dancing  
Mount Coot-tha QLD  
Brandragon Morris Dance Up The Sun  
6am, All Nations Park, Northcote VIC

06 MAY

May Day Monday with Morris dancers  
Fox and Hounds, Wongawallan QLD

11 MAY

Queensland Irish Association Bealtaine  
Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley, QLD

Calan Mai (Wales) and Bealtaine (Ireland) are enjoying a resurgence.

Beltane is associated with the Celtic God of fire, light and the sun, Bel. Fires are an important custom at Beltane and people would leap over them to ensure their fertility.

Bealtaine will be celebrated in the Irish communities in both Sydney and Brisbane this April and May.

And Beltane Fire Festival at Rocky Creek Camp Grounds in Beerwah, Queensland will be held in November. Celebrations will include a feast, fire ceremony and Maypole dancing.

# Queensland Irish Association's spectacular St Pat's



Left, Queensland Irish Association at the St Patrick's Day parade in Brisbane, and, above, their St Patrick's Eve Dinner at Brisbane City Hall. Pictures: QIA/Anglo&Celtic



Committee members with distinguished guests at the St Patrick's Eve Dinner, including Queensland Governor Jeanette Young and Irish Health Minister Stephen Donnelly.



The Association's annual Saint Patrick's Day lunch was a hit with families.



A group from the Association walking in the Brisbane Saint Patrick's Day parade.



The Association held a very popular Irish history tour of Toowong Cemetery.

# English Ale brings old traditions to new lands

The English Ale is a unique seasonal gathering that takes place in the picturesque Adelaide hills town of Mylor every May. It is an autumn gathering celebrating the village customs and ritual traditions from the UK that occur within the seasonal wheel of the year.

The event acknowledges the end of the hot dry summer and the fire season and moving into the 'greener' time of the year. The first of the winter rains has arrived and the land that was so parched and dry is now coming back to life.

Jack In The Green has returned.

The leafy faces of green men peek out from behind the trees as King George and his mummers players ring their bell to summon all to gather. A bonfire is built with a wicker man waiting to light the night. Masked guisers in rag coats beat their drums to lead the procession along the path while Morris dancers with their bells, sticks and hankies accompany the giants, Petal, Rufus, and the Mari Llwyd, to watch the lighting of a ritual fire.

All are invited to join in for a day and night of music, mumming, merriment, dance, giants, hobby horses and guisers. Wear a mask and take part in the torchlight procession to the bonfire!

South Australia has officially started winter, the storms have blown in, and red and orange leaves have been snatched from the branches of the European trees by icy southern winds and are laying in slushy pools on the ground. Leaves are glistening on the eucalyptus trees in the chill, misty mornings and the kookaburras are waking people later.

Adrienne Piggot, director of the English Ale, explains: "I am obsessed with the seasons and the customs and traditions that herald the turning of the wheel. I think this is because of my being of northern hemisphere ancestry. I yearn to connect to those seasonal traditions that



Guiser performing music



The Mari Llwyd



Guisers

are being celebrated at this time of the year but, of course, can't because we are topsy turvy. It would be wrong, wouldn't it, to mess with ancient customs at an incorrect time of the year?"

The English Ale is attended by many magical creatures: pageant giants, hobby horses, Mari Llwyds, hooden horses, Jack In The Green, guisers and dancing monsters. All of these characters come from various village calendar customs from around Great Britain and now find themselves adapting and settling into life in the Australian festival landscape.

## Jack In The Green

Jack is the green man of the woods, a figure who is covered in greenery who cavorts in the spring. A dancer carries him along the procession route, accompanied by other dancers, musicians, and general revelry. Traditionally, Jack is 'killed' in a ceremony that releases the spirit of summer. However, at The English Ale, they don't kill their Jack because they don't want to mess with the seasons, so he is put to bed in the forest after the Ale to await Australia's spring in September.

## Hobby Horses, Hooden Horses and Dragons

These are costumed characters that feature in traditional seasonal customs, processions, and similar observances around the world. They are particularly associated with May Day celebrations, mummers' plays and the Morris dance in England. They are beasts who make merry but may also wreak chaos and mayhem. May here is our Samhain time, but the hobbies still like to pull unsuspecting revelers under their skirts no matter what the time of year!

## The Mari Llwyd

Mari is an ancient pre-Christian tradition which takes place in parts of Wales during the time of Samhain and the winter fes-



**English Ale Procession and, below, Hot For Joe Morris dancers. Pictures: Jlayuan Liang/Supplied**

tive season in which a horse's skull is draped in bells and ribbons. Each year, the Mari Lwyd is taken from house to house asking for entry via song. The name Mari Lwyd translates as Grey Mare or Grey Mary. Thought to have originated from Celtic mythology, the pale horse is known to be able to pass to the underworld. She is perfect for The English Ale as the veil is thinning and the ancestors are close by.

#### Guisers

The ancient tradition of guising goes back centuries in Scotland and Ireland. Guising derives from the word disguise. The tradition of guising, going house to house

at Halloween and putting on a small performance to be rewarded with food or treats, goes back at least as far as the 16th century, as does the tradition of people wearing costumes at Halloween. It was believed that, by disguising themselves, they would blend in with any wandering spirits and remain safe from harm. The English Ale guisers carry the flaming torches in the procession and enjoy a bit of mischief and mayhem.

#### Morris Dancers

Hot for Joe are an Adelaide women's Morris team dancing 'Border' Morris, a dance tradition from the border counties of England along the Welsh border.

Border dancing is considered a winter tradition. Hot For Joe presents a highly styled, unique form of Morris dancing focusing on precise, energetic and dramatic dancing. It is an inspiring, modern interpretation of an ancient dance tradition.

#### Pageant Giants

Dancing or pageant giants are folkloric manifestations, larger than life characters that parade along with hobby horses and Jack In The Green, a seasonal figure commonly seen at folk rituals and seasonal events. The English Ale's giants are 'Petal', named after Helen 'The Petal' Lyons, and Rufus of the Wildwood.

#### The Wicker Man

A wicker man is part of a seasonal festival and is burnt specifically for the celebration of a fire feast or at harvest time. The English Ale's wicker man is lit after the torchlight procession and Druid peace ceremony, a ritual where they acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where they gather, the Peramangk people, and call for peace. It is a call to put aside conflict and come together to celebrate the turning of the season on Mother Earth!

- The English Ale 2024 will be held in the picturesque Adelaide hills village of Mylor, South Australia on Saturday, 18th May, from 12pm to late at night.

There will be food and drink available, including cider, whisky bar and food trucks.

Dress up in your greenery, finery, magical costumes and wear a mask if you wish.

Everyone is invited to join in the magic that is the English Ale!

All the information you need and tickets are available at [www.theenglishale.org](http://www.theenglishale.org) and [www.facebook.com/TheEnglishAle](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnglishAle)



## Festivals

### AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The country's largest community-driven heritage event, with the theme 'Connections'.

Nationwide

APR & MAY

### BODDINGTON FAYRE & FEAST

Annual medieval fayre has stalls, sword fighters, actors, petting zoo.

Boddington WA

06 APR

### 2024 PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The championships will be hosted by the Victoria branch of Pipe Bands Australia.

Maryborough VIC

13 APR

### ST GEORGE'S DAY BEERFEST

All tap ales and ciders one low price, English food available at Bacchus Brewing Co.

Capalaba QLD

20 & 21 APR

### KOROIT IRISH FESTIVAL

Australia's most Irish town's annual fun weekend celebration.

Koroit VIC

26 to 28 APR

As events are subject to change, please go to events' and artists' websites to confirm dates and full details. Paid advertisers get a ticket link. Email listings to editor@angloandceltic.com

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## RIVERDANCE

Nationwide

The 25th anniversary production of Riverdance will grace Australian stages this month. It will visit Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth.

02 - 14 APR

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**MON 1 APR**  
Easter Monday  
Nationwide  
Elvis Costello  
Sydney NSW  
Katie Melua  
Tyagarah NSW

**TUE 2 APR**  
Elvis Costello  
Sydney NSW  
Tom Jones  
Newcastle NSW  
Riverdance 25  
Perth WA  
Luka Bloom  
Adelaide SA  
Eleanor McEvoy  
Melbourne VIC

**WED 3 APR**  
Riverdance 25  
Perth WA  
Paddy McDonnell On The Tools  
Brisbane QLD  
Katie Melua  
Sydney NSW

**THU 4 APR**  
Elvis Costello  
Melbourne VIC  
Tom Jones  
Sydney NSW  
Luka Bloom  
Perth WA  
Katie Melua  
Melbourne VIC  
Irish Thursdays feat The Gathering  
[Finn McCool's Gold Coast QLD](http://www.finnmccool.com)

**FRI 5 APR**  
Jimeoin  
Melbourne VIC  
Luka Bloom  
Mandurah WA  
Voxneon  
Adelaide SA  
Steven Bartlett presents The Business & Life Speaking Tour  
Sydney NSW  
Paddy McDonnell On The Tools

Sydney NSW  
David Nihill  
Perth WA  
BZH (Brittany) Sydney Dance  
Class at Mungerie com hall  
Rouse Hill NSW

**SAT 6 APR**  
Bundanoon Highland Gathering  
Bundanoon NSW  
Port Adelaide Caledonian  
Society Autumn Ceilidh  
Exeter SA  
Riverdance 25  
Melbourne VIC  
Jimeoin  
Melbourne VIC  
Luka Bloom  
Fairbridge WA  
Boddington Fayre & Feast  
Boddington WA  
Steven Bartlett presents The Business & Life Speaking Tour  
Adelaide SA

**SUN 7 APR**  
Riverdance 25  
Melbourne VIC  
Luka Bloom  
Fairbridge WA  
Irish Sundays at [Finn McCool's](http://www.finnmccool.com)  
from 4pm  
Fortitude Valley QLD

**MON 8 APR**  
Riverdance  
Melbourne VIC

**TUE 9 APR**  
Steven Bartlett presents The Business & Life Speaking Tour  
Perth WA

**WED 10 APR**  
Dawn French  
Perth WA  
Riverdance 25  
Brisbane QLD

**THU 11 APR**  
Dawn French  
Perth WA

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Riverdance 25  
Brisbane QLD  
Melbourne Comhaltas Irish  
Weekend in Queenscliff (until  
15 APR)  
Queenscliff VIC  
A Taste of Ireland  
Noosa QLD  
David Nihill  
Brisbane QLD  
Daniel Holt  
Maroochydore QLD  
Irish Thursdays featuring The  
Gathering  
[Finn McCool's Gold Coast QLD](http://www.finnmccool.com)

**FRI 12 APR**  
Jimeoin  
Melbourne VIC  
Steven Bartlett presents The Business & Life Speaking Tour  
Melbourne VIC  
Australian Historical Dance  
Community Folk Dance  
Samford QLD

**SAT 13 APR**  
Riverdance 25  
Sydney NSW  
Jimeoin  
Melbourne VIC  
2024 Australian Pipe Band  
Championships  
Maryborough VIC  
A Taste of Ireland  
Coffs Harbour NSW  
The U2 Show Achtung Baby  
Adelaide SA  
Comann Albannach - Scottish  
Society UQ Bagpipes and Beers  
St Lucia QLD  
Fantasy Medieval Fair (to 14  
APR)  
Mount Gambier SA

**SUN 14 APR**  
Riverdance 25  
Sydney NSW  
Steven Bartlett presents The Business & Life Speaking Tour  
Brisbane QLD  
David Nihill

Sydney NSW  
Book launch of Irish Women in the Antipodes: Foregrounded at Adelaide Irish Club  
Adelaide SA

**TUE 16 APR**  
Dawn French  
Adelaide SA

**WED 17 APR**  
Blackbox, Tecnotronic and N-Trance  
Sydney NSW

**THU 18 APR**  
Eireborne  
Perth WA  
Australian Heritage Festival (to 19 MAY)  
Nationwide  
Blackbox, Tecnotronic and N-Trance  
Brisbane QLD  
Irish Thursdays featuring The Gathering  
[Finn McCool's Gold Coast QLD](http://www.finnmccool.com)

**FRI 19 APR**  
Eireborne  
Perth WA  
Dawn French  
Newcastle NSW  
Sionnach Rua  
Bairnsdale VIC  
Jimeoin  
Melbourne VIC  
A Taste of Ireland  
Grafton NSW  
Chase & Status  
Brisbane QLD  
Just Floyd  
Palmerstown NT  
David Nihill  
Melbourne VIC  
Cool Britannia feat Brisbane  
Symphony Orchestra Quartet  
Maroochydore QLD

**SAT 20 APR**  
Blackbox, Tecnotronic and N-Trance

# GIGS & REELS

English Scottish Irish Welsh Celtic Other events



## BUNDANOON HIGHLAND GATHERING

Bundanoon NSW

Enjoy massed pipes and drums, stalls, dancing, swordplay, heavy events, kilts, dash, music and storytelling.

06 APR

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Perth WA  
Eireborne  
Perth WA  
Ironfest  
Lithgow NSW  
Jimeoin  
Melbourne VIC  
A Taste of Ireland  
Taree NSW  
Pandemoneum (featuring Placabo, Deep Purple, Psychedelic Furs)  
Melbourne VIC  
Chase & Status  
Sydney NSW  
Just Floyd  
Palmerstown NT  
St George's Day Medieval Banquet Knights Battle at Fox & Hounds  
Wongawallan QLD  
St Georges Day at Kings Creek Vineyard  
Balnarring VIC  
St George's Day weekend at The Duke (to 21 APR)  
Carramar WA  
St George's Day Beerfest Weekend (& 21 APR)  
Bacchus Brewing Co, Capalaba QLD

SUN 21 APR  
Eireborne  
Perth WA  
Ironfest  
Lithgow NSW  
Irish Sessions at The Northern Star  
Hamilton NSW  
Crusades & Warfare at Victory Village at Riverbend  
Tiara QLD  
St George's Day Patronal festival with Big Cathedral Lunch at St George's Cathedral  
Perth WA  
St George's Day with Marlee Morris at Boorloo Heritage Festival, Perth WA

St George's Day at The Lizzie Bedfordale, Perth WA  
Shakespeare in the Gardens 2024  
Mount Cootha QLD  
Steve Hughes  
Melbourne VIC  
Scottish Australian Heritage Council AGM  
Online  
Irish Sundays at Finn McCool's from 4pm  
Fortitude Valley QLD

MON 22 APR  
Eireborne  
Banbury WA

TUE 23 APR  
Eireborne  
Mandurah WA  
Dawn French  
Melbourne VIC  
Pandemoneum side show with Alice Cooper and Deep Purple  
Newcastle NSW  
St George's Day at the Woodvale Tavern  
Woodvale WA  
St George's Day Chippy Long Table at Peel Alehouse  
Halls Head WA

WED 24 APR  
Lebanon Hanover  
Melbourne VIC  
Beth Orton  
Melbourne VIC  
Blackbox, Tecnotronic and N-Trance  
Melbourne VIC  
Chase & Status  
Perth WA

THU 25 APR  
Anzac Day  
Nationwide  
Eireborne  
Parramatta NSW  
The Thing (Viking Festival)

Tharwa ACT  
Lebanon Hanover  
Sydney NSW  
Pandemoneum featuring Placabo, Deep Purple, Psychedelic Furs  
Sydney NSW  
Anzac Day at The Vic  
Brisbane QLD

FRI 26 APR  
The Thing (Viking Festival)  
Tharwa ACT  
Lebanon Hanover  
Brisbane QLD  
Koroit Irish Festival (until APR 28)  
Koroit VIC  
Beth Orton  
Hobart TAS  
Australian Historical Dance Community Folk Dance: Jane Austen (National Heritage Festival)  
Arana Hills QLD  
Hermitage Green  
Manly NSW

SAT 27 APR  
Eireborne  
Newcastle NSW  
The Thing (Viking Festival)  
Tharwa ACT  
A Taste of Ireland  
Belrose NSW  
Beth Orton  
Sydney NSW  
Voxneon  
Dee Why NSW  
Pandemoneum featuring Placabo, Deep Purple, Psychedelic Furs  
Gold Coast QLD  
York Heritage Festival (to 29 APR)  
York WA  
Chase & Status  
Adelaide SA  
Scoil an Gaeilge Lá Bealtaine Celtic Club, Sydney NSW

Hermitage Green  
Melbourne VIC  
Townsville Scottish Country  
Dancing Golden Anniversary (to 28 APR)  
Townsville QLD

SUN 28 APR  
Eireborne  
Port Macquarie NSW  
Niall Horan  
Brisbane QLD  
Murphy's Pigs  
Gympie QLD  
The Thing (Viking Festival)  
Tharwa ACT  
Lebanon Hanover  
Perth WA  
Pandemoneum (featuring Placabo, Deep Purple, Psychedelic Furs)  
Bribie Island QLD  
Chase & Status  
Melbourne VIC  
Hermitage Green  
Perth WA  
Wollongong Welsh Choir  
Camanta Ganu  
Moss Vale Uniting Church NSW  
Irish Sundays at Finn McCool's from 4pm  
Fortitude Valley QLD

MON 29 APR  
Dawn French  
Hobart TAS  
Comann Albannach UQ (UQ Scottish Society) Hightland Games  
St Lucia QLD  
Beth Orton  
Brisbane QLD  
Mahalia  
Perth WA

TUE 30 APR  
Nothing But Thieves  
Sydney NSW  
The Kooks  
Melbourne VIC

## Tours

### DAWN FRENCH

10, 11 APR Perth WA  
16 APR Adelaide SA  
19 APR Newcastle NSW  
23 APR Melbourne VIC  
29 APR Hobart TAS  
03 MAY Canberra ACT  
08, 09 MAY Sydney NSW  
14 MAY Gold Coast QLD  
16 MAY Brisbane QLD



### EIREBORNE

18 APR Perth WA  
19 APR Perth WA  
20 APR Perth WA  
21 APR Perth WA  
22 APR Bunbury WA  
23 APR Mandurah WA  
25 APR Parramatta NSW  
27 APR Newcastle NSW  
28 APR Pt Macquarie NSW



### THE KOOKS

30 APR Melbourne VIC  
03 MAY Brisbane QLD  
07 MAY Sydney NSW  
12 MAY Perth WA



### NIALL HORAN

28 APR Brisbane QLD  
01 MAY Sydney NSW  
03 MAY Melbourne VIC  
04 MAY Melbourne VIC



### ELVIS COSTELLO

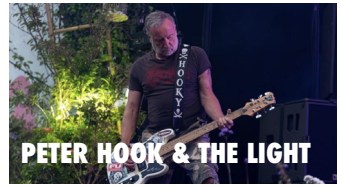
01 APR Sydney NSW  
02 APR Sydney NSW  
04 APR Melbourne VIC



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## MAY

Tours:  
 Niall Horan NSW, VIC  
 The SKIDS QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA  
 Eireborne ACT, QLD, NSW, VIC  
 Dawn French ACT, NSW, QLD  
 Peter Hook & The Light SA, QLD, NSW, VIC, WA  
 Ben Howard WA, SA, VIC, NSW, QLD  
 The Mary Wallopers VIC, NSW, WA, SA, QLD  
 Jungle VIC, QLD, NSW  
 The Snuts QLD, NSW, VIC  
 The Vaccines and Everything Everything QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA  
 Nothing But Thieves QLD, VIC, SA  
 The Kooks QLD  
 Jimeoin WA, VIC  
 Mahalia SA, VIC, NSW, QLD  
 Ryan McMullan VIC, NSW, QLD, WA  
 A Taste of Ireland NSW, VIC

Festivals:  
 May Day  
 Australian Celtic Festival NSW  
 Wintermoon Festival QLD  
 SA Medieval Fair SA  
 Medieval and Rare Trades Festival SA  
 Berry Celtic Festival NSW  
 Blacktown City Medieval Fayre NSW  
 St Yve's Day  
 Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival NSW

## JUNE

Tours:  
 Dr Jane Goodall's Reasons for Hope Tour VIC, NSW  
 Led Zeppelin IV Live NSW, QLD, WA, ACT, VIC  
 Absolute Bowie NSW, VIC  
 Jimeoin VIC  
 The High Kings QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC, SA, WA  
 A Taste of Ireland WA, QLD

Festivals:  
 Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival NSW  
 Townsville Folk Festival QLD  
 Sussex Inlet Viking Festival NSW  
 National Celtic Festival Portarlinton VIC  
 10th Townsville Tartan Weekend QLD  
 Robert Burns Celtic Festival 2024 Camp-erdown VIC  
 Clydesdale Spectacular 2024 Boonah QLD  
 Scottish Week 2024 Sydney NSW  
 2nd Annual NT Irish Music Festival NT

## JULY

Tours:  
 A Taste of Ireland QLD  
 Jimeoin NSW  
 Ben Portsmouth This Is Elvis QLD, NSW, ACT, VIC  
 Hugh Cornwell NSW  
 Absolute Bowie QLD, SA, WA

Festivals:  
 Aberdeen Highland Games NSW  
 Willie Smith's Mid-Winter Festival TAS  
 Abbey Medieval Festival QLD  
 Tynwald Day  
 Melbourne Tartan Festival Gala Dinner VIC  
 Irish Support Agency NSW Christmas in July Ball, Sydney NSW  
 Bonfire Night at Sandstone Point Hotel QLD  
 Christmas in July  
 The 47th Australian Winter School QLD

## AUGUST

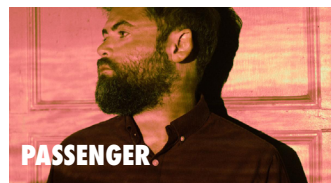
Tours:  
 Hugh Cornwell NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA  
 The Mersey Beatles NSW, QLD, VIC, SA  
 The U2 Show Achtung Baby VIC

Festivals:  
 Royal Queensland Show QLD  
 Highland Spectacular VIC  
 Hunter Valley Highland Games NSW  
 Mackay Blue Water Fling QLD

## SEPTEMBER

Tours:  
 Iron Maiden WA, SA, VIC, NSW  
 David Walliams NSW, QLD, SA, VIC

Festivals:  
 Folk by the Sea, Kiama NSW



# Brisbane's Finn McCool's throws epic St Pat's party



Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley took over Brunswick Street for an epic after parade St Patrick's party in Brisbane. Pictures: Finn McCool's Fortitude Valley



Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band performing in Finn McCool's.



The Gathering performing at the street party.



# It would be Folie to miss Hugh Cornwell on tour

The original singer, songwriter, and guitarist with The Stranglers, **Hugh Cornwell** will embark on an Australian tour in July and August.

When future historians of music draw up a list of the movers and shakers who changed the modern musical landscape, there is no doubt that Hugh Cornwell's name will be prominent among them. As a pioneering musician, songwriter, and performer, his pervasive influence persists in the record collections of music aficionados across the globe's radio waves and on stages around the world. Hugh's presence is unquestionable.

As the leader of The Stranglers, Hugh was the main songwriter of all the band's most memorable songs across ten stellar albums, all of which consolidated Cornwell's stature as a unique songwriter and musician. His lyrics to Golden Brown, from the La Folie album, and their multiple meanings, are a song-writing masterclass.

Widely regarded as the poet laureate of punk, Hugh Cornwell has also built a substantial and singular body of impressive solo albums.

Don't miss this British music legend as he performs iconic Stranglers hits and classic solo songs with a full band.

The legendary **Buzzcocks** are gearing up for an electrifying return to Australia, armed with their arsenal of powerhouse punk anthems that have rocked audiences around the world.

Throughout their illustrious career, the Buzzcocks have adhered to a simple yet effective formula: delivering short, sharp slices of sublime guitar punk pop music that have garnered them a global following and immense influence on countless bands.



The original singer and songwriter with The Stranglers, Hugh Cornwell will tour in July and August.

In 2024, the Buzzcocks are hitting Australia to celebrate their essential punk hits, including classics like What Do I Get, Orgasm Addict, Promises, You Say You Don't Love Me, I Don't Mind, and the iconic Ever Fallen In Love (With Someone You Shouldn't Have Fallen In Love With)

Join Buzzcocks this October and November for a tour de force of melody and menace as they rock venues across the country.

Acclaimed multi-award winning singer/songwriter Mike Rosenberg aka **Passenger** celebrates a decade since the release of his seminal album All The Little Lights with the All The Little Lights Anniversary Tour.

Sharing the news on social media, the Brighton singer wrote: "I am delighted to say that I'll be coming back over in October to play 4 really special shows.

"Can't believe I get to play the Sydney Opera House ... what the heck !?!"

"Absolutely thrilled to be doing this little run and can't wait to see you all again !!

"Feel so lucky to get to come back and play these beautiful rooms. See ya soon straya xxx"

Assisted by the global smash Let Her Go, the original All The Little Lights album changed Passenger's life, elevating him from a touring street performer to becoming an internationally renowned artist. The record climbed charts all over the world, reaching platinum status in 11 countries, including going 6x platinum in the United States.

Over the years Mike has delivered show stopping performances from street corners to stadiums and everywhere in between. The consistency of his output and his authenticity both on and off stage has won Passenger a global fanbase.

With a new album in the can and an arsenal of adoring fans, Scottish sensations **The Snuts** will make their live return to Australia this May – the band set to bring the Millennials Tour to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

Making their triumphant return following their previous, sold-out run in August 2023, the four lads from Whitburn, West Lothian, are well on their way to solidifying their status as one of the most vital Scottish outfits of recent years. Known for emphatic live performances, The Snuts are back in 2024 with new music – highly anticipated album number three Millennials released Friday 23 February. It's the first album on the band's own label too, Happy Artist Records.

Led by lead single Millionaires, The Snuts' forthcoming album promises more of the band's infectious, euphoric, and heartfelt magic... packed to the brim with killer hooks.

# Hozier announces Unreal Unearth Australia tour

Prepare to be swept away by the soul-stirring melodies and poetic brilliance of Hozier as he graces Australian stages once again this November!

Returning for his first Aussie tour since 2019, the enigmatic singer-songwriter is set to captivate audiences with his highly anticipated Unreal Unearth tour, promising an unforgettable experience for music lovers across the country.

Joined by the exceptionally talented American artist, Joy Oladokun, Hozier will take audiences on a musical journey unlike any other, from the tranquil settings of The Drive in Adelaide to the enchanting Riverstage in Brisbane.

Renowned for his raw, emotive performances and genre-defying sound, Hozier has amassed more than 22 billion global streams and garnered multiple platinum album certifications, cementing his status as one of the most influential artists of our time.

With chart-topping hits like Take Me To Church, he has become a voice for the



soul-searchers and truth-seekers of our generation.

His latest album, *Wasteland, Baby!*, continues to showcase his unparalleled talent, earning him widespread acclaim and a plethora of awards, including Grammy nominations and wins.

Songs like Almost (Sweet Music) serve as a testament to his ability to blend intricate melodies with profound

lyricism, creating music that speaks to the heart and soul of listeners.

So, if you're ready to immerse yourself in the spellbinding world of Hozier and witness his unmatched talent first-hand, don't miss your chance to experience his magic live in concert this November.

It's a journey you won't soon forget.

## TOUR DATES

06 NOV Perth WA  
 08 NOV Adelaide SA  
 12 NOV Melbourne VIC  
 12 NOV Melbourne VIC  
 15 NOV Sydney NSW  
 18 NOV Brisbane QLD  
 Also Summersalt Festival dates:  
 10 NOV Torquay VIC  
 16 NOV Hunter Valley NSW

# Kim Wilde bringing greatest hits to Australia

Since the 1980s, UK pop icon Kim Wilde has thrilled fans across the globe with her infectious hits and engaging live performances. Now, she makes her long awaited return to Australian shores with her first tour in eight years and will deliver a nostalgic and memorable Greatest Hits package.

Mention Kim Wilde and people's eyes light up. The blonde singer with the siren voice and girl-next-door appeal is one of pop music's most dazzling stars.

In Australia she has always been very close to our hearts having charted three number



one mega-hits – Kids In America, You Keep Me Hangin' On and If I Can't Have You as well as another six Top 40 hits including Cambodia, You Came, View From A Bridge, and Chequered Love.

To put her amazing career in perspective she has sold

more than 30 million records globally and is the most successful British female artist of the 80s.

Kim Wilde has exhibited a great deal of versatility as the only person in history to obtain a #1 US charting single and a Gold Medal at

## TOUR DATES

17 OCT Brisbane QLD  
 18 OCT Tweed Heads NSW  
 19 OCT Sydney NSW  
 20 OCT Wollongong NSW  
 22 OCT Perth WA  
 24 OCT Adelaide SA  
 26 OCT Melbourne VIC

the Chelsea Flower Show.

The Australian tour marks yet another significant milestone in Kim Wilde's long and distinguished career and highlights her enduring popularity and influence in the pop music world.

# Dawn French to spill tea on embarrassing stories

The beloved Queen of British comedy, Dawn French is coming to see her Aussie fans. She will be bringing her new one-woman stand-up show, 'Dawn French is a Huge Tw\*t,' to Australia this April and May.

This tour marks Dawn French's first appearance in Australia since her astounding success with 38 sold-out shows in 2016.

The show's intriguing title, as explained by French herself, is "horribly accurate".

She explained: "There have been far too many times I have made stupid mistakes or misunderstood something vital or jumped the gun in a spectacular display of tw\*ttery. I thought I might tell some of these buttock-clenching embarrassing stories to give Australian audiences a peek behind the scenes of my work life... Roll up! Book early to see the telly vicar lady be a total tw\*t on stage, live in front of your very eyes. And ears."

As one half of the comedy duo French & Saunders, Dawn French has played an influential role in shaping British comedy, satirising pop



culture icons and blockbuster films. Her successful solo career, including starring roles in *The Vicar Of Dibley* and best-selling book authorship, firmly establish her as a comedy icon.

The tour will kick off with two uproarious shows in Perth at the Riverside Theatre on April 10th and 11th. It will then continue with performances at the AEC Theatre in Adelaide on April 16th, the

Civic Theatre in Newcastle on April 19th, Melbourne's Palais Theatre on April 23rd, Wrest Point Hobart on April 29th, Royal Theatre Canberra on May 3rd, Sydney's State Theatre on May 8th and 9th, The Star Gold Coast on May 14th, concluding at the Brisbane Convention Centre on May 16th.

For additional tour and ticket information, visit [www.livenation.com.au](http://www.livenation.com.au).

## TOUR DATES

10, 11 APR Perth WA  
16 APR Adelaide SA  
19 APR Newcastle NSW  
23 APR Melbourne VIC  
29 APR Hobart TAS  
03 MAY Canberra ACT  
08, 09 MAY Sydney NSW  
14 MAY Gold Coast QLD  
16 MAY Brisbane QLD

# Brighton indie band The Kooks return to Oz



Following an exhilarating sold-out run in 2022, beloved Brighton indie band, The Kooks, are returning to Australia by popular demand.

The Kooks have been captivating audiences worldwide since their debut in 2005. Breaking through with hits from their debut album like *Naive*, *Seaside* and *She Moves in Her Own Way* and hitting the jackpot again with tracks *Bad Habit* and *Sweet Emotion* from 2014's *Listen*, The Kooks have continued to release critically acclaimed

## TOUR DATES

30 APR Melbourne VIC  
03 MAY Brisbane QLD  
07 MAY Sydney NSW  
12 MAY Perth WA

albums whilst keeping up with a restless tour schedule.

Amassing 7.7 million monthly Spotify listeners, The Kooks continue to build a fanbase that sprawls far and wide with their trademark sound.

## Fiennes takes the throne as Macbeth hits cinemas

Expect gripping scenes when Ralph Fiennes stars in a breath-taking production of Macbeth which is soon to hit Australian cinemas.

Having played to sell-out audiences of more than 100,000 people over 110 performances in London, Liverpool and Edinburgh, Macbeth has now been filmed live at Dock X in London specially for cinemas.

Starring acclaimed actors Ralph Fiennes and Indira Varma, this cinematic production promises to captivate audiences with its raw intensity and modern interpretation. It will transport viewers into a world of ambition, betrayal, and supernatural forces.

Ralph recently said he believes trigger warnings for theatre should be ditched, after London's The Globe theatre gave a trigger warning for "upsetting" themes in its production of Romeo & Juliet.

Asked by the BBC if he felt



like audiences had gone soft, he said: "I think they have yeah, I think we didn't used to have trigger warnings.

"I mean they are very disturbing scenes in Macbeth and there are terrible murders and things but I think the impact of theatre should be

that you're shocked and you should be disturbed.

"I don't think you should be prepared for these things."

From the chilling portrayal of power-hungry characters to the evocative staging, every aspect of this production is crafted to leave

### DATES

Macbeth will be shown in cinemas nationwide from 02 MAY.

audiences on the edge of their seats.

## Back to Black celebrates Amy Winehouse's spirit

The captivating story of Amy Winehouse comes to life in the highly anticipated feature film Back to Black, set to hit cinemas on April 18th.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Sam Taylor-Johnson, the international teaser trailer and a striking new poster for Back to Black offer a glimpse into the vibrant world of the legendary music icon. Charting Winehouse's dynamic years in London and her tumultuous journey to stardom, the film stars breakout talent Marisa Abela as the incomparable Amy Winehouse.

Supported by a stellar cast including BAFTA-winning actor Jack O'Connell, Eddie

### DATES

Back to Black will be shown in cinemas nationwide from 18 APR

Marsan, Juliet Cowan, and the esteemed Lesley Manville, the film promises an intimate portrayal of Winehouse's life and legacy. Manville's portrayal of Amy's grandmother, Cynthia, adds depth and emotion to the narrative.

Featuring many of Winehouse's iconic songs performed by Marisa Abela, Back to Black is a labour of love, made with the full support of Universal Music



Group and SONY Music Publishing. Director Sam Taylor-Johnson expressed her

excitement for the project, praising Abela's transformative performance: "Discovering a talent like Marisa Abela is akin to finding gold dust."

Adding to the anticipation, Australian music legends Nick Cave and Warren Ellis have been enlisted to compose the film's score, bringing their unique sensibility and understanding of Winehouse's story to the forefront.

With its poignant portrayal of Amy Winehouse's life, "Back to Black" promises to be a moving tribute to the iconic singer, capturing the essence of her music, her struggles, and her enduring legacy.

# New movie puts Ireland on everyone's wish list

Lindsay Lohan's latest movie, *Irish Wish*, takes her character and the viewer to some of Ireland's most beautiful locations.

A new romcom from Netflix, described as a "story of luck and love and confidence", mixes Irish whimsy, Hollywood star power and the gorgeous backdrop of scenic Ireland.

*Irish Wish* tells the story of a bridesmaid who, a few days before her friend's wedding, wishes she were the bride, only to wake up next day as the bride-to-be. But she then realises who her real soulmate is.

Shooting the movie took Lindsay Lohan to Ireland for the first time and the actor has said that she was delighted to discover the land her grandfather came from.

Speaking to Netflix's Tudum, the network's official site for fans, Lohan said: "Ireland's so beautiful. I'd never been, [but] my grandfather's from there. We stayed in this little town called Dalkey. The people are so nice, and the Guinness pies were amazing."

Dalkey is a picturesque village south of Dublin, well known for its star appeal. It's home to U2's Bono and The Edge as well as superstar Enya and director Neil Jordan.

The movie was shot in several locations across Ireland including Dublin, where the vibrant Temple Bar area stood in for New York.

The beautiful landscape of County Wicklow in Ireland's Ancient East also featured and the imposing Killruddery House makes an appearance. The magnificent manor has a 400-year history and has been used as a filming



**Lindsay Lohan and Ed Speleers in *Irish Wish*, top, the movie poster, above, and Killruddery House and Gardens, Co. Wicklow, one of the filming locations, right.**



location for many movies and TV series including *Excalibur*, *The Tudors*, *Angela's Ashes*, *Camelot*, *Becoming Jane*, *Ella Enchanted* and *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

Another super scenic spot that makes it into the movie is Lough Tay, also known as the Guinness Lake. The lake is located on land owned by the Guinness family in the

Wicklow Mountains and is edged on one side with white sand to resemble a pint of the 'black stuff'. It can be clearly seen on a drive through the Sally Gap, widely regarded as one of the most scenic drives on the island of Ireland.

*Irish Wish* also includes scenes shot on the other side of the island on the Wild

Atlantic Way, including at the stunning Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's top visitor attractions.

Lohan stars alongside Ed Speleers, Alexander Vlahos, Ayesha Curry, Elizabeth Tan, Jacinta Mulcahy, and Jane Seymour in the movie.

*Irish Wish* is now available on Netflix.

[www.ireland.com](http://www.ireland.com)

# Dublin and Sydney theatres team up on *The President*

A landmark co-production between Sydney Theatre Company and Gate Theatre Dublin will see international screen star Hugo Weaving return to the stage alongside one of Ireland's greatest actors, Olwen Fouéré, in a new adaptation of Thomas Bernhard's visionary touchstone of twentieth-century playwrighting, *The President*.

This unmissable theatrical event arrives at Roslyn Packer Theatre on 13th April direct from its premiere season in Dublin and marks the first time Bernhard's play has ever been staged for Australian audiences. Considered one of the most significant European writers of modern times, on par with Beckett and Camus, Bernhard's darkly comic and prophetic voice reveals a searingly relevant story of ambition, power and change.

Weaving and Fouéré play the President and First Lady of a small, unnamed country whose regime is under siege. Despite a revolution brewing outside their front door, the couple seem frozen in time.



What follows is a mysterious trip into a complicated marriage and an unravelling political system.

Joining the powerhouse duo is an exceptional Australian and Irish cast including Danny Adcock, Helmut Bakaitis, Tony Cugin, Alan Dukes, Julie Forsyth and Kate Gilmore.

Award-winning Irish direc-

tor, Tom Creed, renowned for his innovative productions at cultural centres around the globe including the Barbican in London and New York City's Public Theater, helms a world-class creative team of Australian and Irish talent including Elizabeth Gadsby (designer), Sinead McKenna (lighting designer), Stefan Gregory (music and sound),

## DATES

13 APR - 18 MAY  
Roslyn Packer Theatre, Sydney NSW

Danielle Micich (movement director), Tom Wright (dramaturg), Ian Michael (associate director) and Florentina Burcea (assistant designer).

# Rock and dance fuse in *Eireborne*

Combining live rock music with the world's finest Irish dance, tap and ballroom performers, *Eireborne* has ignited the passion of audiences across the globe.

The acclaimed Irish dance rock show makes a triumphant return to Australia in 2024. Following sold-out success in 2022, fans' anticipation has been rewarded with another round of captivating performances.

This all-Australian production features a talented cast of 20 is backed by a six-piece band featuring the vocal talents of Reigan Derry and Pete Murphy. The performances will transport you into the world of legendary



Irish artists like U2, Sinead O'Connor, The Cranberries, Van Morrison, Hozier, The Script, Enya, The Corrs, and more. Expect 11 costume changes that enhance the visual splendour of the show.

The tour is set to kick off on April 18th, with 22 shows

scheduled across the country in April and May. From Perth to Melbourne, audiences will be treated to a spectacle that pushes the boundaries of Irish dance and music.

"We are thrilled to bring back this dazzling and unmissable show," says Peta

## TOUR DATES

18 APR Perth WA  
19 APR Perth WA  
20 APR Perth WA  
21 APR Perth WA  
22 APR Bunbury WA  
23 APR Mandurah WA  
25 APR Parramatta NSW  
27 APR Newcastle NSW  
28 APR Port Macquarie NSW

Anderson, the lead dancer, creator, choreographer, and co-producer.

With more than 2.5 million Australians tracing their ancestry to Ireland, *Eireborne's* fusion of music and dance is bound to resonate deeply.

# Unshackled tells history of how convicts fought system

Unshackled tells a new story of convict Australia drawn from recent discoveries within the UNESCO listed convict records.

It highlights the shared but different experiences of the dispossessed poor, the political radicals and First Nations resistors across Australia who were forced into the convict system.

Convict transportation was one of the world's largest forced migrations of unfree workers and this exhibition debunks the commonly held misconception of convicts as passive, traumatised victims. From the uprisings at Castle Hill, Norfolk Island and Bathurst to the strikes and rebellions on road gangs and in the female factories to the thousands who absconded from custody, convicts railed against their colonial masters at every turn both individually and collectively.

These protests profoundly influenced the creation of Australia's democratic institutions, the early emergence



Unshackled in open now in Hobart. Picture: [Facebook/tasmuseum](#)

of a union movement and an egalitarian national identity.

Unshackled melds traditional museum presentation and rare objects with engaging digital storytelling that is surprising, immersive and

moving. Unshackled brings to life the stories and characters with interactive screen-based media, large screen data-visualisation, original music and soundscapes and augmented reality that

## DATES

13 MAR - 28 JUL 2024  
Tasmanian Museum and Art  
Gallery, Hobart TAS

lead the visitor through the exhibition themes: repression, exploitation, rebellion and redemption.

The exhibition is based on Conviction Politics - a major Australian Research Council project lead by Monash University and Roar Film.

Conviction Politics is a four-year collaboration involving highly regarded academics, historians, authors, social demographers, visual artists, filmmakers, animators, creative technologists, musicians, poets, songwriters and museum specialists in an array of different combinations.

Conviction Politics brings together ten Australian and international universities and numerous cultural institutions, private organisations and individuals.

## Book on Irish women to be launched in Adelaide

A collection of Irish women's contributions to life in the Antipodes, stories that have been neglected or insufficiently acknowledged, are about to be brought to the forefront.

Launching in Adelaide, the book *Irish Women in the Antipodes: Foregrounded*, tells their tales.

Edited by Susan Arthure, Stephanie James, Dymphna Lonergan, and Fidelma McCorry, the collection aims to highlight the often-overlooked contributions of Irish women to life in the Antipodes.

Dr Kiera Lindsey, South Australia's History Advocate, will unveil the book, celebrating the resilience and impact of Irish women who played

pivotal roles in shaping the culture of Australia and New Zealand.

Historically, narratives often centre on the actions of men, overshadowing the vital roles women played. Yet, when Irish immigrants arrived in Australia and New Zealand, they actively shaped the emergence of a distinct culture, particularly in advancing social progress.

*Irish Women in the Antipodes: Foregrounded* sheds light on these overlooked contributions. Through diligent research in archives, public records, newspapers, and family histories, the editors have rescued these women from obscurity, placing them at the fore-



### BOOK LAUNCH

Sunday 14 April, 2 pm  
Irish Club, 13-15 Carrington Street,  
Adelaide

front of history. The book's initial chapters spotlight Irish women in South Australia, a group often overlooked in the broader Irish diaspora discourse.

While some may be familiar with figures like Mary Lee and Bee Walshe, this collection introduces numerous other pioneering women,

illuminating their previously hidden stories for contemporary audiences.

Scheduled for Sunday, April 14th at The Adelaide Irish Club, located on Carrington Street, the launch promises to draw historians, enthusiasts, and those eager to explore Irish heritage in the Antipodes.

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