



Queensland Irish Association

Newsletter

Special edition - Nearly March 2021

TV presenter Kerry to raise a toast at our St Pat's dinner

This newsletter attaches four flyers, two of direct relevance and importance to the QIA, and two advising events not organized by or connected with the QIA, but which have an Irish flavour each side of St Patrick's Day. We are happy to advertise these to our Members, should they wish to participate.

The first (and most important) is the St Patrick's Eve Dinner at the Pullman from 6.30pm on Tuesday, 16th March, 2021.

The toast to "Australia our Nation" will be proposed by Kerry O'Brien, the noted TV presenter (and St Lawrence's Old Boy).

Please book urgently as per the flyer for a truly wonderful evening.

Bookings close on March 5th.

The second is a paper being presented by Robin and Rodney Sullivan, the Honorary Historians of the QIA, called "Writing Women into the History of the Queensland Irish Association 1898 - 2000", which will be held at the



Former ABC Four Corners and 7.30 Report presenter Kerry O'Brien will propose the toast at our St Patrick's Eve Dinner.

Commissariat Store, William Street, on Wednesday, 10th March at 12.30pm.

Bookings are essential; to be done online as per the flyer, and the demand for seats is such as to call for your immediate attention.

The third is for an Irish Night at the Valley District Cricket Club, Yoku Road, Ashgrove, to be held by the Westside Paddies and Friends at 7pm on Saturday, 13th March. Members might be interested in responding, as per the flyer.

The final event is a performance by Murphy's Pigs to be held on 20th

March 2021 at 6.30pm at the Fortitude Musical Hall. See flyer for details. The ticketing link is <http://aaaentl.ink/murphyspig>

With best wishes for a happy St Patrick's time.

*Jeff Spender, President,
Queensland Irish Association.*

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS



A special Mass for St Patrick's Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, at 10am on Wednesday, 17th March, 2021. All are welcome to attend.



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St Patrick's Day Gathering

Join us on Wednesday, 17th March from 1pm at
Grand Central Hotel, 270 Ann Street, Brisbane

Booking Form – 2021 St Patrick's Eve Dinner

>>>>> ENTRY BY PREPAID BOOKING ONLY <<<<<

CLOSING DATE: Friday 5th March 2021 (Strictly)

I wish to attend the 2021 St Patrick's Eve Dinner
at the Pullman Hotel Brisbane, King George Square
Tuesday 16th March 2021
at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Cost per person \$150.00

Direct Deposit: Queensland Irish Association

BSB: 014-010 Account: 411572417

Reference: Your surname - as reference

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Enjoy an evening with fine food, Guinness, beer, wine, soft drink, entertainment, guest speakers and Irish camaraderie



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12.30pm, Wednesday
10 March 2021

Commissariat Store
Museum,
115 William Street,
Brisbane

Free

Please RSVP [here](#)
through Eventbrite

Writing Women into the history of the Queensland Irish Association, 1898-2020: Challenges, Culture and Contributors

The presentation attempts a gender-oriented analysis of the Queensland Irish Association (QIA). This organisation, formed in Brisbane in 1898 by members of a disbanded ethnic military corps, the Queensland Irish Volunteers, was constituted as a male-only body with female relatives confined to ancillary, though not unimportant, roles. We explore male members' attitudes towards gender and the masculine culture encoded in the Association's symbols, processions, songs, oratory, and recreational activities.

Full and equal female membership was won incrementally between 1971 and 2000. From 1981, the QIA was subject to escalating criticism over the exclusion of women from its traditional male-only St Patrick's Eve banquet, one of the highlights of the Association's year and Brisbane's social calendar. This last bastion of overt masculinity was overturned by a ruling from the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in 2000. However, women had already substantiated their claims to equal status with their leading roles in the cultural renaissance that marked the QIA's history in the previous two decades.

Booking is essential. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, we are unable to offer the usual tea and sandwiches; you are welcome to bring your own drink with you. Thank you for understanding.

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University of Queensland

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

7pm, Saturday 13 March 2021

A night of Irish music, dancing & drinks hosted by Westside Paddies & Friends.

Entertainment, bar & raffles throughout the night.
BYO nibbles.

Valley District Cricket Club,
Yoku Rd, Ashgrove.

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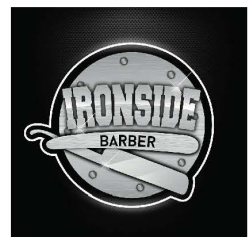
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