



Queensland Irish Association

Newsletter

November 2020

Members asked to arrive early for 2020 Annual General Meeting

This is an important Newsletter concerning the AGM of the Association, to be held at the Normanby Hotel on Tuesday, 24th November 2020, at 6.30pm.

Members should attend from 6pm, to enable verification of entitlement to vote. Most Members will have received current membership cards recently; those joining, or renewing, after 1 October 2020 will be processed on the night from the Membership Roll.

Attached to this Newsletter are:

1. Notice of AGM
2. Annual Report of the QIA, for year ending 30 June 2020
3. Financial Statement from the QIA to 30 June 2020.

Members should be aware of the great success of the November drinks function, held at the Grand Central Hotel, opposite Anzac Square, on Friday, 13th November 2020.

The QIA Pipe Band was again a highlight of the event.

On this occasion, the QIA Pipe Band was led by Pipe Sergeant Stuart McLeod, with Pipers Fiona Harris, Nick Shaw, Craig Milne and Tom Kinnel, with David Richardson on the Tenor Drum, Buzz Ennis as the Side Drummer, and Bill Allan on the bodhrán.

Among the very large crowd of supporters was Brian Patrick Kennedy, the noted author and historian, who has written about 16 books, including the history of the Kennedys from County



Members of Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band in action at our November drinks meet-up at Grand Central Hotel. More photos of the evening are on page 2.

Tipperary and beyond, as well as books on the Ryans of Tipperary and Limerick.

Another of those present was Kay Cogan, the feisty educator and entrepreneur.

You'll find a full spread of photographs from the event on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Our next drinks meet-up will be held on Friday, 11th December at 4pm at Grand Central Hotel.

Robin Sullivan, who with husband Rod are the duo Honorary Historians of the QIA, suffered a bad fall while

bushwalking last week. After a period in ICU and surgical intervention, I am pleased to learn that Robin will make a full recovery, although there will be a long period of rehabilitation.

On a sadder note, I record the passing, after a short illness, of Bernice Lady Killen, the wife of Sir James Killen, our revered former Member.

Lady Killen, after returning to her home after hospice care, passed away in the company of her family, and had a private funeral.

*Jeff Spender,
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It was a full house at our November drinks meet-up at Grand Central Hotel on Ann Street. The monthly events keep growing in popularity. Pictures: Mary Allen and, left and bottom left, Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band Facebook page

