



Queensland Irish Association

# Newsletter

September 2021

## Spring is in the air and we have a busy season ahead

Spring is with us, and having endured Covid-inspired disappointments in recent months, September offers four great opportunities for Members, two available for all Members and supporters of the QIA, and two for dedicated sub groups of members.

### MARK THESE DATES

On Friday, 17th September, after several postponements, we again will be hosting a Drinks Function at the Grand Central Hotel, Anzac Square, from 4pm to 6pm.

Pipers and drummers from the Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band will again be the highlight of the occasion, with, of course, Guinness and all other drinks available. After having to cancel twice, we look forward to a great turnout of Member of the QIA, and supporters, for this great event.

A flyer for this event is attached.

On Friday, 24th September, we will hold a Card Distribution Evening at the Coorparoo RSL Club, Corner Harris and Holdsworth Streets, Coorparoo, starting at 6pm.

There will be Irish entertainment and food available, and drinks will be available for purchase.

QIA merchandise will be available for sale, including historic "Centenary" QIA ties.



**The future is bright for QIA Dancers. Mid Year Feis 2021 marked the very first ceili competition for these six dancers. They took home a 2nd place, 3rd place and Highly Commended prizes for their efforts. Well done. Pic: QIA Dancers Facebook page**

Attendance is free, BUT you must register you desire to attend this important Card Distribution Evening by email to [irishevents@bne@hotmail.com](mailto:irishevents@bne@hotmail.com) referencing the Card Distribution Night.

We will conduct a raffle during the evening to cover costs.

On Wednesday, 15th September, the Tara Hall Dining Group will hold its monthly lunch at the Grand Central Hotel, commencing at 11.30am.

This male dining group is keen to have new members join. You can do this by contacting the President of the Tara Hall Dining Group, Tony Pisani,

by email at [farticus8@gmail.com](mailto:farticus8@gmail.com).

On Saturday, 25th September, the Tigh Gaelach Ladies Dining Club will hold its monthly luncheon (on the last Saturday of each month) at Easts Leagues Club, 40 Main Avenue, Coorparoo, starting at 11am. The members meet near the bar area, before going into the Western Dining Area at noon.

The Tigh Gaelach Ladies Dining Club has been going for more than 34 years, and new members are always very welcome. Please contact the President Shelley Fitzpatrick at [mitchfitzpatrick@hotmail.com](mailto:mitchfitzpatrick@hotmail.com).

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QIA Dancers attending the Mid Year Feis. A 16-strong team of dancers took to the stage for only the second time since October 2019, above. And, right, At the May Feis experienced dancers Melora and Rachel took Hannah under their wings to help her feel at home competing in her first Intermediate Premiership. Pictures: QIA Dancers Facebook page

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Irish Association will be held on Tuesday, 23rd November 2021 at Wests Rugby Club, Memorial Park, 65 Sylvan Road, Toowong 4066, starting at 6.30pm. Please hold that date.

The agenda for the meeting, Notice of AGM, Annual Report and Elections Materials, if required, will be sent to Members by Friday, 29th October 2021.

Pursuant to the Constitution, nominations for positions on the Board of Directors will open on Monday, 20th September 2021, and close on Monday, 18th October 2021. Closing date For Motions For Alterations to the Constitution/Rules is Friday, 8th October 2021.

Michele Bourke has been appointed Returning Officer, should an election be necessary.

Nomination forms for the positions of President, Vice President, or Treasurer, or to be a Director (six required) will be contained in the next Newsletter.

I hope to see very many of you at the Grand Central on 17th September, and particularly at the Irish Entertainment and Card Distribution Evening at the Coorparoo RSL on 24th September.

Warmest Regards,  
*Jeff Spender,*  
 President,  
 Queensland Irish Association



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## Members' Friday Gathering



Invitation to members and potential members of QIA

Join us on Friday, 17th September from 4pm at  
 Grand Central Hotel, 270 Ann Street, Brisbane

Live entertainment by  
 Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band

*Numbers are limited so bookings are essential,  
 by email to [irishevents@hotmail.com](mailto:irishevents@hotmail.com)*

