

# The Irish Connection

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## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2007**

**NEW SYDNEY HOTEL**

12.30PM FOR 1PM TRADITIONAL TWO COURSE  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
CHILDREN \$11 ADULTS \$18

**BOOKINGS BY THURSDAY 12TH JULY 6234 4516**

*Psst .....*Parents, Santa will be visiting to give presents to all good children so you know what you have to do.

**For more details ring 6234 3097**

## **GAELIC FOOTBALL**

It's time for action!! Well action of the talking kind! We are hoping that Gaelic Football in Tasmania will commence at the end of the Footie Season which, by the way, is half way through!

We need volunteers to form a Committee to get the ball rolling, so to speak.

We have had a lot of interest from prospective Gaelic players and I for one don't want to disappoint them. At the Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of Australasia (GF&HAA) Convention in February this year, it was brought to the attention of all the states on the mainland as well as New Zealand that Tasmania hoped to get a few teams together this year and the States were very excited about the prospect. Generally the Australasian Games are held each year in October but they are being moved from 2009 to May which means there will be no National games in 2008 so some States have offered to come to Tassie and play some exhibition games.

Are you interested in joining the Committee to help to get Gaelic Games going? If you are I would love to hear from you ASAP.

Expressions of interest to me, preferably by email to [antrimbarb@hotmail.com](mailto:antrimbarb@hotmail.com) or by phone 6273 7086 or mobile 0438 500 050.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara Middleton

Secretary, Irish Association of Tasmania

## **TABLE QUIZ**

**Next Quiz**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007**

**NEW SYDNEY HOTEL  
87 BATHURST STREET**

Maximum table size 6  
Registration from 7:45pm  
Prizes for Gold, Silver and Bronze  
Spot prizes.

Prizes donated by Gary and Cheryl Lawrence  
Cost \$5.00 per person

Thanks to Kieran and Co for preparing the June Quiz.

The winners were:

Bronze: *Missing Member*. Silver: *Amnesiacs*

Gold: *Long Service Leave*

*Three's a Crowd* won 2 Double Passes to the movies courtesy of the State Cinema for winning the "Irish Round" of the Quiz with 10/12.



## **Brian Kennedy to tour Australia**

Brian Kennedy is not only a prolific songwriter but also a master interpreter of lyrics and audiences around the world continue to praise his exceptional vocal talent. His performances include his own buoyant and often reflective songs, alongside classics from Neil Young, traditional Irish sources and Van Morrison, who Kennedy spent many years recording and playing with. In the firm belief that 'music is the language of emotion,' Brian takes his audiences on a roller coaster ride for a full two hours and still finds the energy to meet up with them after each show. Brian Kennedy possesses such a soulful, angelic voice that he can reduce grown people to tears.

**Appearing at Wrest Point Showroom  
Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007**

**Don't forget to renew your membership. You can download an application form from**

**[www.irishtas.org.au](http://www.irishtas.org.au)**

*R.I.P. Máirtín MacMathúna*



It was with deep regret that we learnt of the death of our dear friend and first President of the Irish Association of Tasmania. Máirtín was one of the founders of the Association and of the Fleadh Ceol. He was also a proud Irishman and a great musician. To me personally, he was a great inspiration and a good friend. He will be sorely missed. Máirtín left an impression on all those he met and we've heard many stories over the weekend and at the session held in his honour on Saturday. If you would like to be part of a tribute to him in the next newsletter please forward articles to me at [irishtas@irishtas.org.au](mailto:irishtas@irishtas.org.au)

Sláinte  
Joan Crossin  
President

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Máirtín MacMathúna, First President of The Irish Association of Tasmania Inc and Co-founder of Fleadh Ceol passed away in his beloved Ireland. Thanks for the Craic and fond memories dear cherished friend.  
Sincere condolences to his children and family from the Committee and members.

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Máirtín MacMathúna, With deep sorrow for the passing of our dear friend Máirtín 'home' at last. Deepest sympathy to Brighde and all who loved him.

Joan and Michael.

**Sliabh Aughty**

The East Clare Heritage Centre' Journal for 2007, "*Sliabh Aughty*" has just been published. Members with an interest in County Clare will find the articles most informative, particularly about places, families and events in Clare. The editor, Gerard Maddern, is keen to receive articles about Clare families that have migrated to Australia. While in the past most of the requests to the East Clare Heritage Centre were devoted to the families of Irish that had migrated searching for their roots, now there is a growing interest by Irish locals seeking to find information about their family members who had migrated.

Irish Association member, Richard Davoren, has written such an article that was published in the 2007 edition. The article can be found as a link on the Irishtas web page "About Us"

Copies of *Sliabh Aughty* can be purchased by contacting [eastclareheritage@eircom.net](mailto:eastclareheritage@eircom.net). There is a link to the east Clare heritage Centre on the Irishtas web site. [www.irishtas.org.au](http://www.irishtas.org.au) or directly to [www.eastclareheritage.com/](http://www.eastclareheritage.com/)

***Win Double Passes to the State Cinema.***

There is always something happening in the Irish Association. Sometimes we don't always get much notice about these events. The recent visit by the Mayor of Clare was a case in point. So we need your email address to let you know about these events. Unfortunately we have only a few email addresses recorded so many members miss out.

***Please send a message to [irishtas@irishtas.org.au](mailto:irishtas@irishtas.org.au) with the word "Contact" in the message.***

You **will not get** spam or messages you don't want and your email address will not be sent to anyone else.

You **will get** notification of events not on our calendar and **a chance to win double passes to the State Theatre** if you reply by 6<sup>th</sup> July.

**From the Editor**

If you have any ideas regarding content, upcoming events you'd like publicised, or articles you'd like to contribute, they would be more than welcome. Deadline for June issue is 6<sup>th</sup> July 07. Send them to [jeremysibson@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremysibson@hotmail.com). Thanks again. Jeremy Sibson, Editor.