

# *Australia's first 10 day Irish Cultural Festival*

Remembering the Hougoumont

FENIANS  
FREMANTLE  
& FREEDOM  
FESTIVAL



**5 - 14 Jan 2018**



*150 years ago...*

**The Hougoumont, Australia's last convict ship,  
arrived in Fremantle with 62 Irish Fenians aboard...**

*Join us in Fremantle to celebrate the influence of Irish culture in  
Australia. Vibrant music, beach bar, contemporary Irish film, art,  
historic exhibitions and historic commemoration, walking tours,  
poetry & literature and family friendly activities.*

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*- Booking fees apply*

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## Friday 5 Jan

### Art Exhibition '89 Days'

A visual response to the poems and passages written by the Irish political prisoners (the Fenians) during the journey of the final convict ship to arrive in Australia.

Kidogo Arthouse

11am - 4pm

Runs 5 - 28 Jan

*Free*

### From Rotten Potatoes to a Golden Bonanza - A Walking Tour of Fremantle's West End

Walking Tours with Mike & Joy Lefroy  
Start & return at Kidogo Arthouse.

8:30am - 9:30am

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Runs 5, 11 - 14 Jan

*Free*



### Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill in Concert

Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill are two of the world's leading artists in traditional Irish music. Their adventurous, soulful interpretations of traditional tunes are recognized all over the world.

Support Act: **Kavisha Mazzella**

Kavisha is an Aria award winner, songbird and folkloric explorer. She will take you on a journey of well-crafted stories and songs ringing with echoes of Celtic, Fado and Gypsy influences that will strike a resounding chord within.

John Curtin College of the Arts Theatre

7:30pm - 10pm

*\$28 - \$88*

## Saturday 6 Jan

### Sunset Ceili

There'll be plenty of fun at this sunset version of an Irish cross-roads dance - we'll teach you all the steps, and whatever your age, you'll master it in no time.

7:30pm: After the sunset there will be an **Irish Music Session at Kidogo Arthouse**

Bathers Beach

5:30pm - 7:30pm

*Free*

## Saturday 6 Jan



### Family Day

Children's Art Exhibition; Storytelling and activities for kids; Follow the Shamrock Trail around the Museum; Model boat building workshop. Wander the Wild Goose Trail to Bather's Beach for kite making and flying as well as other craft activities (don't forget your bathers!)

WA Maritime Museum

10am - 4pm

*Free*

## Sunday 7 Jan

### Irish Literature Day - Writings of the Fenians

Poetry played a big part in the Fenian writings, local writers and historians will discuss the writings of the Fenians and will be joined by Ireland's esteemed poet, Tony Curtis. Tony will reflect on the gift of Poetry and how it contributes to resilience - a message as important today as it was 150 years ago.

Fanny Samson Cottage Museum

10am - 4:30pm

Numbers Strictly Limited

*Donation*

### Aminah Hughes

Aminah Hughes returns to Australia from Ireland, to share with us a collection of enchanting songs, both new and old.

Kidogo Arthouse

7:30pm

*\$20*

## Monday 8 Jan

### The Last Convict Ship

Stories and songs by one of Perth's leading experts on Australian Fenian history, renowned Irish musician Brendan Woods.

Hougoumont Hotel

7:00pm - 8:15pm

*\$20*

## Monday 8 Jan

### Fenian Heritage Trail Bus Tour

Members of the John Boyle O'Reilly Association will tell stories of courage, daring and escape at the very sites where these dramas unfolded. Bus Trip to Dardanup, Australind & Rockingham.

Meet at Kidogo Arthouse

8am - 4:30pm

*\$65 (Lunch included)*

## Tuesday 9 Jan



### Children's Writing Workshop for 9-15yr olds

Award winning author Mike Lefroy will discuss how the objects in the museum inspired him and other authors to develop stories that are based on history.

Kidogo Arthouse

1pm - 4pm

*Fully Booked!*

### Irish Film Screenings

WA Maritime Museum

10:30am & 12:30pm Children's Film (Free): - Song of the Sea (PG)  
4:30pm - In the Name of Peace (MA15+)  
6:30pm - Sing Street (M)  
8:30pm - Maze (MA15+)

Fanny Samson Cottage Museum,

33 Cliff Street

1pm - 2pm - In Search of the Vigilant

*\$15 each film*



## Wednesday 10 Jan

### Commemoration Walk

Wednesday 10 January 2018 marks the 150 year anniversary of the arrival of the convict ship Hougoumont in Fremantle. It will be the moment when we pause to remember all who arrived on the Hougoumont, the Noongah people of the south west and those who were here in Fremantle.

## Wednesday 10 Jan



- 9am:** Descendants and Festival Supporters meet on Bathers' Beach, north of Kidogo Arthouse
- 10:00am:** Walk of the Descendants and Supporters to Fremantle Prison (transport available if needed)
- 11:15am:** Fremantle Prison acknowledgement of Fenians and their descendants  
Invitation to view 'The Wild Goose' and Transportation exhibition
- 3pm:** Sharing the Stories - Descendants and history lovers invited to share stories at Kidogo
- 7:30pm:** After the sunset there will be an Informal Traditional Irish Music Session at Kidogo Arthouse.

Bathers' Beach

9am - 5pm then 7:30pm - late

*Free*

## Thursday 11 Jan

### Maritime Heritage Association Talk

"The convict ship Hougoumont: an appropriate charter?" Talk by Nick Burningham of the Maritime Heritage Association followed by a Q&A session.

Hougoumont Hotel

12pm - 1pm

*Free*



### Tony Curtis Poetry Workshop for Writers

A unique opportunity to join Tony Curtis, one of Ireland's foremost poets in a workshop where he'll explore the gift that poetry provides for all of us and ponder on the part that writing played in sustaining the Fenians.

Fanny Samson Cottage Museum

1pm - 4pm

*\$50*



## Thursday 11 Jan



### Declan O'Rourke in Concert

Declan O'Rourke plays songs from across his career, including the much loved 'Galileo', - "possibly the greatest song written in the last 30 years." Declan is a highly successful Irish artist, acclaimed by his peers. His soulful music, rooted in folk and trad, has attracted the praise of countless industry giants.

Support: **Fiona Rea**

Fiona has a passion for storytelling, connection and melody. Her songs are influenced by her Irish heritage and a lifelong love of music and its power to reach people.

WA Maritime Museum

Thurs 11 Jan 7:30pm - 10:30pm

\$48

## Friday 12 Jan

### Weaving History into Creative Writing - A Workshop for Writers

Dr Angeline O'Neill will lead this workshop, with a focus on weaving history into creative writing, specifically novels and short stories.

Fanny Samson Cottage Museum

1pm - 4pm

\$50

### Lucky Oceans & His Gaelic Gumbo Band

"A fusion of Irish songs simmered in Louisiana Beats"

Kidogo Arthouse

7:30pm

\$15

## Saturday 13 Jan

### Declan O'Rourke in Concert

Declan O'Rourke is a highly successful Irish singer songwriter whose writing style moves faultlessly between impressionism and storytelling. He will perform songs from his five albums including work from his recently released album 'Chronicles of the Great Irish Famine'.

Support: **Rob Zielinski**

Rob is a Perth based traditional Irish musician who will feature some lively jigs, reels, hornpipes, strathspeys and haunting slow airs.

John Curtin College of the Arts Theatre

7:30pm - 10:30pm

\$28 - \$88

## Sunday 14 Jan

### Feast of the Wild Goose - Festival Closing Party

A sumptuous banquet of primal cooking, fine wines & entertainment by **The Rogues**.

Presented by Fremantle BID Sponsored by Guinness & 19 Crimes Wines.

Bannister Street, Fremantle

6pm - 10pm

\$140 (all Inclusive)



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