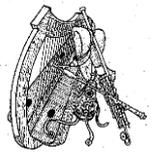




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1. History/Social Media

Hello folks – My portfolio on the Committee includes gathering Club history and maintaining our website. Our website URL is <https://darlingdownsirishclub.org.au> and I have been updating content since we moved to a new provider. If you have photos or content that should be updated, please e-mail it to me at tomas.guerin@yahoo.com.au or if there is a significant volume or physical copies, I can arrange to meet and collect.

Also I am collecting and collating as much Club history as I can lay my hands on with the ultimate goal of producing a publication. Again, if you have pertinent information that I can make a copy of, I would love to hear from you.

Finally, if you use facebook, then like our Darling Downs Irish Club page where we get the odd snippet of information or photos updated from our roving members.....Tomas Guerin.

2. Club Matters & Members' News & Stories.

■ Heard at the August members' night: The elderly woman was shopping at the new supermarket in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. She brought her groceries to the checkout and observed the young clerk ringing up the total. When the girl handed Herself the tally, she studied it for a few minutes.

"Ah, is it all right, Ma'am?" the girl asked.
"Miss," came the response. "It's all correct. Right? No."

(Only the Irish could understand this!)

The September Diary

- **Full Committee Meeting**

Thursday, 12th September, 7 pm.

- **Members' Night Friday 27th**

Remember that a free drink voucher will be given to all FINANCIAL members – we gather between 5 and 8 pm.

● **Traditional Irish Music sessions** at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd and 17th in the Michael Collins Bar. On-lookers and supporters welcome. **Genuine traditional Irish music** is played in the place where 'atmosphere is everything'.

Meet your new Committee elected at the AGM last month: Pres: Michael Morrison; V.P.: Derm Guerin; Treas.: Paul McGowan; Registrar: Max Winter; Sec.: Ian Chase; Committee: Phil Cash; Fran Frawley; Tomas Guerin; Peter Kenny; Andrew McLoughlin; Bob Triggs; Rob Warner.

Congratulations to all members who attended allowing the meeting to go ahead on time with a quorum in attendance.

■ **The planning committee:** Mid-August, work commenced on the repairs to the floor in the kitchen area of the hotel.

This sub-committee will probably go into recess when the kitchen work is completed.

August Committee meeting: 1) the Club's auditors are on the job preparing their report for the AGM; 2) preparations are well underway for the Club's Annual Dinner; 3) the Club remains in a strong financial position; 4) new national member Michael Haughian was approved - we welcome Michael and hope to see him becoming involved in the Club's activities; 5) the meeting was addressed at length by Angela and Trevor from the Outer Circulating Road project from TRC, discussing implications for access to the

hotel and for the Club's St. Patrick's Day parade next year. The plans will have implications for Club members coming to the hotel from the western side of town down Russell St.

▪ **The Club's Annual Dinner:** thanks to all those who came along to make this another memorable occasion. The Ambassador was in fine form reassuring us that the deep Irish/Aussie connection was indeed a sincere one. In talking about the current economic situation in Ireland, he concentrated on the human perspective with some passion. Throughout his whole address, he was really addressing the question:

"What does it mean to be Irish?"
I am sure Club members would like to hear from Noel again sometime.

▪ An important event in the history of Ireland took place 1,000 years ago on April 23rd 1014 – the **battle of Clontarf**, where although killed himself, **Brian Boru** and his troops saw off the Vikings – more about this significant event next month.

3. WWW Sites: Everything you need to start a genealogical search is online at www.irishgenealogy.ie

Another way to go is to get hold of an app – www.irishancestryapp.com It is completely free with no additional charges later on.

4. News from Ireland: "Without question, golf in Ireland occupies a special place in my heart." So said Greg Norman.
Golf has been a feature of Ireland for many decades, from internationally renowned courses to welcoming local clubs – Ireland is a golfers' paradise. With more than 400 courses, Ireland is fast becoming a multi-course golfing holiday destination. From green parkland courses to rugged coastal links, there is a course to suit every skill level and every budget.

5. Know your rule: Item 21: **Resolutions of management committee without meeting:**

1) A written resolution signed by each member of the Management Committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a committee meeting is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a committee meeting that was properly called and held.

6. Tings 'Oirish.

• **Who said this?** "I have my faults, but changing my tune is not one of them." (The answer at the end of this newsletter.)

▪ **This month's Irish Blessing:**

May you live to be a hundred years – with one extra year to repent!

▪ **Irish wisdom:**

An old broom knows the dirty corners best.

▪ **Oscar Wilde(1854-1900) - monthly comment:** If the poor only had profiles there would be no difficulty in solving the problem of poverty.

▪ **W. B. Yeats' poem:** "Under Saturn" – a completion:

You heard that labouring man who had served my people. He said

Upon the open road, near to the Sligo quay –
No, no, not said, but cried it out – "You have come again,

And surely after twenty years it was time to come."

I am thinking of a child's vow sworn in vain
Never to leave that valley his fathers called their home.

▪ **This Month's Limerick:**

There was a young lady named Rose
Who had a large wart on her nose.

When she had it removed

Her appearance improved,

But her glasses slipped down to her toes.

7. A bit of Irish History (Tudor Ireland) –

These (British Colonists) were not long in coming after his (Henry VIII's) death, however. His daughter, Mary, encouraged colonisation – plantation – in the midlands in the 1550's but the religious reformation awaited the accession of her sister, Elizabeth, in 1558. Henry VIII's revolution in Church and State had created a fertile ground for the spread of Reformation ideas in England, and although he himself never adopted the new faith, Elizabeth did. She was to reign for 45 years.

8. Words from President Michael.

As newly elected president, I would like to acknowledge the remarkable leadership and foresight displayed by Derm over the last ten years. Needless to say, the Darling Downs Irish Club would not be in the sound position it is today without Derm's guiding hand.

I look forward to working with the newly elected committee over the next twelve months and would like to thank the previous committee members for all their efforts.

Michael Morrison

(Answer – Samuel Beckett.)