



THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND
GARDEN PARTY 1989







SYDNEY GARDEN PARTY • 2016 •



Dear Friends of Ireland

Welcome to the Australian Ireland Fund's flagship event in Australia, the Sydney Garden Party. A particularly warm welcome to any friends joining us for the first time. I really hope that you enjoy the day, and that you take away some useful information with you about the work of the Fund, and an interest in finding out more about us.

Welcome back to our loyal supporters who are joining us again this year, and of course our continuing gratitude to Lady Mary Fairfax AC, OBE and family, our generous hosts. I know that, in this beautiful venue, we have a great day ahead.

Celebrating an event like this annually, with our friends, old and new, gives us in the Fund a chance to take stock of the year that has gone by, and to update you on our work.

2015-16 has been a busy year for the Australian Ireland Fund. We have donated \$377,000 to vital projects in Ireland and Australia, transforming lives, creating opportunities, meeting Irish needs at home and abroad. You can find details of the projects we supported this year on the next page.

We have also devoted time in this significant year to reflect on what the Fund has achieved so far, what we stand for, and where we would like to go in the years ahead. This reflection has been inspired by some landmark birthdays! The Worldwide Ireland Funds turning 40 this year, and the Australian Ireland Fund turning 30 in 2017. We are a charity that exists to serve and support worthy Irish causes and thereby to strengthen the historical bonds between Ireland and Australia. With rapidly changing social and economic landscapes in both countries, ever-intensifying globalisation, and the new challenges and opportunities of the twenty-first century, we ask where the Australian Ireland Fund can best focus our energies and resources to enhance the flourishing of the Irish at home, in Australia and around the world.

We have a new Mission statement:

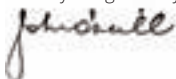
We aim to be the largest network of friends of Ireland in Australia, and to mobilise this network to contribute to worthy causes in Ireland & Australia. We support projects that advance and promote education, peace & reconciliation, community development and arts & culture. We are part of the global philanthropic network that is the Worldwide Ireland Funds.

Our absolute core purpose will always be to raise funds to support worthy causes and to help those that are disadvantaged, both in Ireland and Australia. I hope that our period of reflection, repositioning and planning throughout this year means that we will be able to realise our mission more effectively.

We also want to be able to strengthen our links with you, our donors, sponsors and benefactors. You are the cornerstone of all we do for our charities, and we want to work closer, more efficiently and more collaboratively with you and with the broader Irish Australian community. We are interested in hearing your views on how we should do that. Please take some time today to let us know.

Finally, a sincere thanks from me, on behalf of the Board of Directors and of those we support, for all that you do for the Australian Ireland Fund. We are all lucky to enjoy success and prosperity in Australia. I wish I could adequately convey to you the enormous difference that your willingness to share some of your success makes to the lives of those that you support.

Thank you again for your vision and generosity. Enjoy the day!



John O'Neill, AO
Chairman

The Australian Ireland Fund
Sydney Garden Party 2016





ABOUT OUR PROJECTS



SOAR



Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar creates and delivers early intervention, preventative, wellbeing programs inside and outside of the school system for young people aged 12 – 18 years from all backgrounds throughout Ireland.

Soar is a 100% independently funded which believes that there is a greatness within all young people.

The AIF has provided a flagship grant to Soar this year to invest in the future of the young people of Ireland. In 2015 Soar worked with 5,817 young people and have assisted over 14,000 young people since their first workshop in 2012. Their goal is to reach 50,000 young people by 2020.



"Soar has inspired me in the best possible way. It has changed the way I act, think and interact with people. Soar has not only given me self believe but I wake up every morning with a new found confidence. After each Soar session I feel as though I can take on the world! Soar is a journey that I am so privileged to be a part of. Every teenager deserves to have an experience like this."

MOIRA, YOUNG PERSON, CO. CLARE



SUAS EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



"I loved reading with my Literacy Mentors. They were very kind to me"

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Suas Literacy Support Programme delivers support to improve literacy skills to school children from 8-14 years old from disadvantaged communities.

The National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy of Ireland (2011) found that in disadvantaged communities one in three girls and boys have serious difficulty with reading or writing. These girls and boys are more likely to end up in poverty, on our streets, or even in prison.

With your help last year the Suas Literacy Support Programme reached 708 participants - 97 more children helped than last year, had 750 volunteer mentors, and completed 64 projects completed.



"My student told me on the last day that he prefers books to video games now!"

GEORGE, VOLUNTEER MENTOR



SOLAS



Solas works to address the imbalances that contribute to certain children and young people in Ireland growing up at a socio-economic and/or educational disadvantage.

Through learning and mentoring, as well as personal and social development, they support young people to create

a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

This year saw Sarah – one of the first people Solas started to support back in 2007 – complete her Leaving Cert and is now attending 3rd Level – the first in her family to do so.



AIEF



The AIEF is a private sector led non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and careers at Australia's leading schools, universities and companies. Together AIF and AIEF provide scholarships at Marist College, Ashgrove and St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly in Queensland and Kincoppal - Rose Bay School and St Catherine's School, Waverley in New South Wales.

DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

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- Ruth Tarlo provided the second **Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law** for 2016/2017 at the Law School of Trinity College. The scholarship is in memory of Ruth's late husband, Hyman Tarlo, who attended Trinity during the 1940s.
- The Worldwide Ireland Funds received a donor advised grant from Dr. Stanley Quek for the **development of the global Funds**.
- **Sensational Kids Dublin** received a donor advised gift from the Lansdowne Club of Australia. They provide accessible and affordable developmental and educational services to help the 1 in 5 children with special needs in Ireland to realise their potential.

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PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2015-2016



Community Development and Education

- Soar - Youth Wellness
- Suas - Literacy
- Solas - Education



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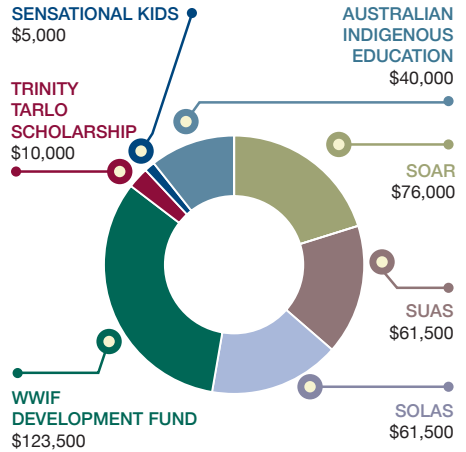
- WWIF Development Fund
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- Sensational Kids



Donor Advised Grants

- Australian Indigenous Education

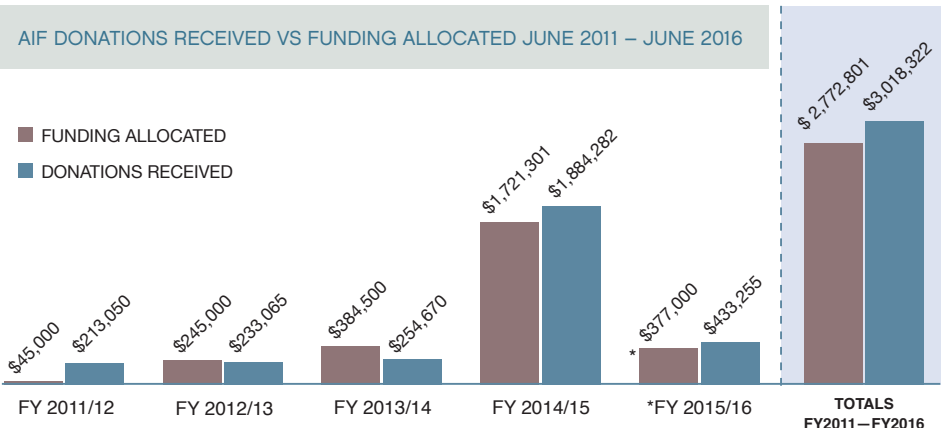
TOTAL DONATIONS 2015-2016 \$377,500



91.87% of donations received have been allocated to charities

AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2011 – JUNE 2016

- FUNDING ALLOCATED
- DONATIONS RECEIVED



*Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of the Australian Ireland Fund and the Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund



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PROGRAMME

13 November 2016



Pre-luncheon canapes and cocktails



Welcome by Master of Ceremonies
Richard Wilkins AM



Welcome by John O'Neill AO
Chairman of The Australian Ireland Fund



Lunch Served



Silent Auction throughout Luncheon



Entertainment by
Ciaran Gribbin



Kieran McLoughlin
President & CEO of the Worldwide Ireland Funds



Live Auction
Guest Auctioneer Mr. Edward Riley



Soar Pledge



Garden Party Prize Pool



Roaming Desserts



Adjourn to the waters edge for Guinness, Kilkenny and Irish Coffees
Entertainment by Event Music Solution, DJ Brett Martin





MENU

PRE LUNCHEON COCKTAIL

Ciroc Coconut Cooler



CANAPÉS

Mini leek and gruyere quiche

Pink grapefruit, cashew and toasted coconut salad



ENTRÉE

To be served alternately

Poached king prawns, whipped avocado, green shallot and olive oil, fried green tomato wedges

Tasmanian smoked salmon and fine herb potato salad



MAIN COURSE

To be served alternately

Grilled corn fed chicken breast filled with broad beans, mint and mushroom, confit of red onion and wilted rocket, butter mash

Sliced Dijon mustard, brown sugar and cinnamon glazed ham, traditional roast turkey with veal and celery stuffing, butter mash, pan juice gravy

On the table bowls of roast vegetables and chats potatoes with fresh herbs to share



TRAVELLING DESSERTS

Black forest cupcake

Baby lamington

Little ice cream cone

Mini Christmas cake



TEA AND COFFEE

Sacred Grounds organic fair trade coffee, cappuccinos and selection of T2 tea and

Gastronomy's amaretti biscuits



Domaine Chandon

Cape Mentelle Savignon Blanc/Semillon

Morgan's Bay Chardonnay

Wynn's The Gables Cabernet Shiraz

LIVE AUCTION

LOT 1

COOLMORE RACING AND STUD EXPERIENCE PACKAGE

COOLMORE

Donated by the Magnier Family and Coolmore Australia this package includes a day at the races in the Coolmore Private Box (Randwick) for 4 people, an overnight experience at Coolmore Stud, Jerrys Plains including Accommodation, Champagne on arrival, a tour of the farm and dinner (or lunch) at Hollydene Vineyard for four people.

Racing excludes Autumn Carnival and the Stud experience is at a mutually agreeable date to all.

VALUE \$2,500



LOT 2

EMIRATES AUSTRALIAN OPEN GOLF PACKAGE



Experience premium hospitality at the Emirates Australian Open Golf this week! Held at the prestigious Australian Golf Club in Sydney, November -17-20, 2016, you'll secure two invitations to attend the Pre-event Player's Cocktail Party, Tuesday, 15 November. Four invitations to a day of your choice in the famed Emirates Marquee located at the 18th hole. Don't miss your opportunity to rub shoulders with some of golf's greatest stars while being treated to fine wine and dining. This is a priceless package not to be missed by golf enthusiasts!

VALUE PRICELESS





LIVE AUCTION

LOT 3

TRIP OF A LIFETIME WITH EMIRATES AIRWAYS



Fly from Sydney to Dublin in style with Emirates. Enjoy two Business Class flights to Dublin flying on one of the most advanced and modern fleets in the sky. Enjoy a chauffeur-drive to and from the airport and access to the exclusive Emirates Lounge so you can relax with a glass of champagne pre-flight. You can then board the magnificent Emirates A380 with the famous on board lounge and bar, enjoy our spacious seats which convert into a fully-flat bed at the touch of a button. Indulge in your choice of regionally inspired cuisine made with the freshest ingredients and enjoy up to 3,000 channels of award-winning entertainment with live sporting and news channels and stay in touch with family & friends whilst at 40,000 feet with free Wi-Fi.

Indulge with a 2 night stay in a Standard Queen Room in the Garden Wing at the stunning 5 Star Merrion Hotel including full Irish breakfast each morning. An impeccable restoration of four Georgian townhouses, The Merrion is a marriage of exquisite comfort, relaxed elegance and advanced guest facilities, including free Wi-Fi, an 18m pool, spa and gym.

Relax with a 2 night stay at Sheen Falls Lodge overlooking the picturesque Sheen Falls, just outside the heritage town of Kenmare, this 5 star, Relais & Chateaux hotel offers fine dining and a unique collection of luxury cottages and villas. Sheen Falls Lodge offers the best of Irish hospitality in an unsurpassed location.

The package also includes 7 days hire of an automatic car in Ireland, thanks to DriveAway Holidays. DriveAway Holidays has over 25 years of experience providing Australians with domestic and international car hire, European car leasing and motorhome rentals across the globe.

VALUE IN EXCESS OF \$28,000

***Emirates Conditions apply.** These tickets are valid for travel from 14 November 2016 to 13 November 2017 and all travel must be completed by this date as no extensions are permitted. Please note that these tickets do not incur Skywards points. **Any taxes and/or charges imposed by the Australian Government and/or by foreign governments and/or authorities on departing passengers, are payable by the passengers at the time of ticket issuance.** The tickets must be issued within 3 months from 14 November 2016 and your travel must be complete within 12 months from the date of tickets issued. The tickets will not be valid for travel between 10 December 2016 to 15 January 2017. These tickets are non-cashable, non-transferable, non-reroutable and non-endorseable and can be used for travel on Emirates Airline only.

***DriveAway Holidays** car hire is for a compact size car valid until 13 November 2017, excluding peak holiday periods and blackout periods. This voucher does not include local fees, surcharges & taxes imposed at the time of collection



LIVE AUCTION

LOT 4

THE ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND LUXURY ESCAPE



Fly in style with Emirates Business Class tickets to Auckland or Christchurch and experience the height of luxury with your choice of stays at Kauri Cliffs or Cape Kidnappers, two Relais & Chateaux properties in “out of this world” locations. Includes pre dinner drinks and canapés, dinner, full breakfast and a complimentary non-alcoholic mini-bar.

Travel from Sydney to Auckland or Christchurch with Emirates flying on one of the most advanced and modern fleets in the sky. Enjoy a pre-flight champagne in the Emirates Lounge and then board the magnificent Emirates A380 with the famous on board lounge and bar, enjoy our spacious seats which convert into a fully-flat bed at the touch of a button. Indulge in your choice of regionally inspired cuisine made with the freshest ingredients and enjoy up to 3,000 channels of award-winning entertainment with live sporting and news channels and stay in touch with family & friends whilst at 40,000 feet with free Wi-Fi.



The winning bidder may choose a two-night stay at The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, set on 6,000 acres near Matauri Bay, Northland and recently awarded the #1 Hotel in the World by Conde Nast Traveller - This property offers spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, Cape Brett and offshore Cavalli Islands. Guest quarters are limited to 22 handsome cottage suites, each featuring their own private porch and open fireplace, nestled in a native forest overlooking the links and sea and only a short walk from the luxuriously appointed plantation-style main lodge. Golfers will love the “Pebble Beach-like” course with its six dramatic cliff-side holes! The Spa at Kauri Cliffs is also a knock-out.

Or the winning bidder may instead choose to head south from Auckland to The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, a five-star luxury lodge in Hawke's Bay set atop a 6,000-acre sheep and cattle farm along cliffs that plunge dramatically to the sea and offer stunning 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean. In addition to the luxury lodge accommodations, The Farm features the indulgent Cape Kidnappers luxury spa and award-winning Tom Doak designed par 71 golf course. They will also discover a multitude of leisure activities including farm tours, walking trails, mountain biking and trout fishing, and some of the country's best wineries on the doorstep in Hawke's Bay.

VALUE \$9,500

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***Kauri Cliffs or Cape Kidnappers Conditions.** Valid for 12 months, not for travel over the period 15 Dec - 31 March, subject to availability.





LIVE AUCTION

LOT 5

THROW A DINNER PARTY AT YOUR HOME WITH A PRIVATE CHEF



Enjoy the luxury of a fine restaurant in the privacy and comfort of your own home with a private chef and waiter serving a gourmet 5 course dinner for 8 guests at your home. All meals include your personal Chef, attentive waiter, all crockery, cutlery, linen napkins, tea and coffee. All you need to do is choose your guests! Sydney Metro only.

A reserve applies!

PRICE RANGE
\$3,800 - \$4,600

LOT 6

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

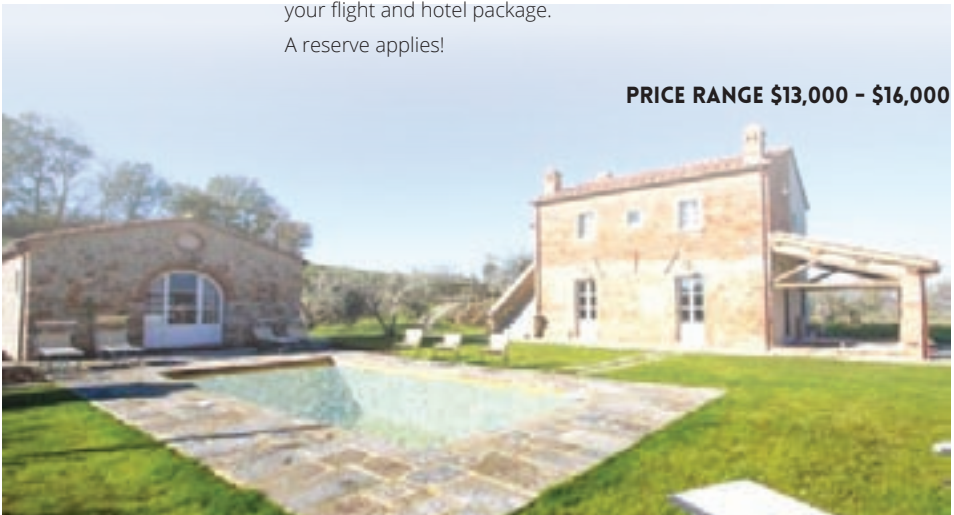


Relax with 7 nights in a 5 bedroom Villa in Tuscany, (2017: Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct). A holiday for 10 guests at your private and meticulously restored Italian manor! Complete with private pool, 5 bedrooms/bathrooms, your own private Concierge and stunning views, over the rolling hills of the famous historic town of Cortona, (fly to Florence or Rome - at your expense). Explore all the magical sights of Pisa, Siena, Florence, San Gimignano and more.

Subject to availability with a 12 month travel validity. You have 2 months to make contact and secure your travel dates. Other T&Cs apply, please refer to Holiday promotional display. Free \$100 travel voucher towards your flight and hotel package.

A reserve applies!

PRICE RANGE \$13,000 - \$16,000



LIVE AUCTION

LOT 7

AUDI A1 SPORTBACK 1.4TFSI SPORT S TRONIC



Brilliant Black or Cortina white (both non-metallic)

Sporty and efficient, fresh and attractive – the new Audi A1 Sportback

The Audi compact model is now even more attractive, with benefits to both interior and exterior design. Fresh trim elements and paint colours give it an even sportier appearance. The small compact exhibits handling that is like that of a mid-class car. The rigid body and short-wheelbase makes it agile and manoeuvrable.

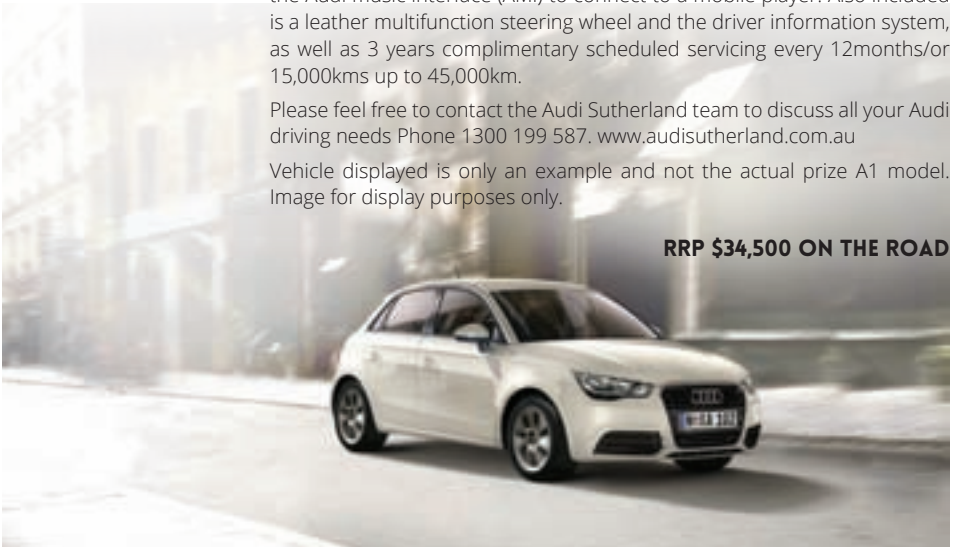
Drivers who are looking for a sporty and dynamic lifestyle also want to display it in their cars. These two properties are top priorities in the sport equipment line. 16-inch aluminium wheels, chrome-plated tailpipe trims and fog lights mark the exterior. The model's sporty appearance is continued in the interior. The air vents are designed in a cool, high-gloss black, and the aluminium package and tornado cloth on the sport seats create a dynamic ambience. The A1 moves with agility through the city and in the country with a three-spoke leather-trimmed sport steering wheel in combination with the Audi drive select dynamic handling system and the dynamic suspension. The driver information system always provides the driver with key information.

The infotainment lineup for the A1 Sportback was conceptualized as a modular system. The base system is the MMI radio with three tuners, SD card reader, AUX-IN port and eight loudspeakers; it already offers MMI operating logic and a fold-out 6.5-inch monitor. It boasts a Bluetooth interface and the Audi music interface (AMI) to connect to a mobile player. Also included is a leather multifunction steering wheel and the driver information system, as well as 3 years complimentary scheduled servicing every 12months/or 15,000kms up to 45,000km.

Please feel free to contact the Audi Sutherland team to discuss all your Audi driving needs Phone 1300 199 587. www.audisutherland.com.au

Vehicle displayed is only an example and not the actual prize A1 model. Image for display purposes only.

RRP \$34,500 ON THE ROAD





GARDEN PARTY PRIZE POOL

JUST \$100 FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN our Garden Party Prize Pool

Package Valued in excess of \$9,000

Winner takes All!

Sail Sydney Harbour

Celebrate a very special family occasion or charm business guests with the Ultimate Afternoon or Twilight sail. Relax aboard the stunning 60ft Yacht “Sydney” cruising around Sydney Harbour for 12 people with your own private Captain. Entertain close friends or business guests on Charles Curran AC’s personal yacht whilst enjoying a lunch with a selection of fine Australian wines on spectacular Sydney Harbour. “Sydney” is built for speed and comfort so relax and enjoy four breath taking hours on the yacht previously raced in the Sydney to Hobart.

Dinner for twelve people at BLACK Bar & Grill

BLACK Bar & Grill perfectly marries a contemporary Australian grill with a stylish wine bar and million-dollar views of Sydney Harbour and the city. Chef Teage Ezard creates classically inspired menus influenced by the great American grills and contemporary European cuisine. The restaurant is the absolute perfect setting for you and eleven friends or you may wish to host guests in the stunning semi-private or private and intimate dining room. Whether it’s a private corporate function or exclusive dinner, BLACK Bar & Grill can accommodate and create bespoke menus for you and your guests.



HOW TO PLAY

There is a YELLOW Garden Party Prize Pool Envelope on each table containing AIF \$100 Notes and paperclips

To play with Cash:

Fill in the AIF printed \$100 note, ticking the cash box. Attach your cash to the AIF \$100 note with a paperclip. Once completed hand your cash and AIF \$100 note to your table captain to place in the envelope.

To play with a Credit Card:

Complete the AIF printed \$100 note, tick the credit card box and provide your credit card details.

Once completed hand your AIF \$100 note to your table captain to place in the envelope.

You may enter as many times as you like – just make sure your name is on each AIF \$100 note.

The completed AIF \$100 notes, will then go into the draw! The \$100 note drawn out will be the winner of the fabulous pool prizes!

There is also a table just outside the main entrance to the marquee where you can enter the draw.

Envelopes will be collected by our helpers at approximately 2.50pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Australian Ireland Fund extends many thanks to all donors and guests alike for their continued generosity and support. The following organisations & people made valuable contributions and we thank them most sincerely...

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SPONSORS



TABLE GIFTS PROVIDED BY MECCA COSMETICS;

A wonderful selection from Mecca Cosmetics, this edit of essentials includes luxurious body creams and oils, smart sun protection and radiance-boosting formulas. Created to enhance your beauty routine experience, Mecca's expertly crafted collection of skincare and makeup is a true indulgence for any beauty lover.

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The Australian Ireland Fund celebrates our 30th Anniversary in 2017



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND AND OUR CHARITIES:



INDIVIDUALS

Become a Governor of the Fund

The **Governor's programme** was launched in 1997 to support major initiatives and flagship projects of the Fund. Supporters are invited to make a tax deductible annual gift of \$10,000 a year for five years to the Fund.

Become a Benefactor of the Fund

The Benefactor Programme is at a more affordable level. Supporters are invited to become Benefactors of the Fund, upon payment of an annual tax deductible contribution of \$1,000.

Become a Young Leader

The **Young Leaders' Network** is a key Ireland Funds Programme attracting the next generation of leaders. The mission of the Young Leaders' network is to encourage the involvement of an emerging generation of philanthropists, and to provide a forum for networking locally and globally, while financially supporting the work of The Worldwide Ireland Funds. We have Young Leader Networks in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Young Leaders membership is open to those aged between 20-40 and costs \$200 annually.

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Become a Partner Sponsor

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Australian Ireland Fund by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period starting in 2016**. This would allow us meet some or all overheads and underwrite the cost of day-to-day operations freeing us to focus on fundraising for the recommended and worthy projects we would like to support.

Event Sponsor

We are very lucky to have many companies donate items to us for our Live and Silent Auctions at our 3 major fundraisers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane throughout the year. If you can help we would love to hear from you.



OTHER WAYS

If you have a particular skill and some time you can donate to us, we would love to talk to you. If you like what we do please promote the work of the Australian Ireland Fund to your friends and colleagues.

For more Information on any of the above activities please contact Teresa Keating, Executive Director:



0410 633 598



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