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Dear Friends of Ireland,

Welcome, and Happy Birthday to us! Thank you for joining us in this landmark year, where we are celebrating 30 years of the Fund in Australia this year. That’s 30 years of good events, great friends and donations to the most worthwhile causes in Ireland and Australia.

And we’re marking the occasion with lots of new developments.

Firstly, it’s my pleasure to welcome you all for the first time in my capacity as the new Chair of the Ireland Funds Australia. I am honoured to be taking over the leadership of this organisation at such a pivotal time and excited about what lies ahead. In my role as Chair I want to make sure that I am bringing the organisation to a position where we can achieve at least another 30 years as successful as these have been. Of course while maintaining and enhancing what draws us all to support the Ireland Funds Australia — our wonderful charities, our sense of community and our world class events.

Secondly you may have noticed we have changed our name, and our branding. We are now the Ireland Funds Australia. This is a small change, but crucial. It brings all of the Worldwide Ireland Funds under one umbrella, and with the same changes made to our branding and our mission, we are now truly reflecting the global and unique nature of the organisation. Our purpose can be summed up in a new, snappy tag line — Progress Through Philanthropy.

Thirdly, we are hoping to achieve some landmark milestones in 2017. The main one of these, and closest to my heart, is our effort to kick-start the fundraising for 30 scholarships to mark our 30th birthday. Education has always been one of the cornerstones of what we as members have supported through the years, whether it’s integrated education in Northern Ireland, or the charities that provide a range of supports for disadvantaged children, including literacy, entrepreneurship, STEM development and after-school care and mentoring.

Through this campaign, my hope is that we will be able to extend our support for education, and strengthen links in a meaningful way between Ireland and Australia for a new generation. Our scholarships will provide the opportunity to study overseas in Ireland or Australia, to students who would otherwise not be able to do this.

And we will raise funds for these scholarships while continuing to support the other fantastic charities selected by the Board this year. One of the projects particularly relevant to our Melbourne audience is our support for the first exhibition of the Science Gallery Melbourne, the model of which is based on the hugely successful Science Gallery in Trinity College Dublin.

I would like to finish with my heartfelt thanks to you all for joining us here today, and for your support and donations throughout the year. Having spent June of last year at the Ireland Funds global conference, meeting with some of the people who benefit directly from the assistance provided by us, I can assure you that our dollars are well spent. I don’t exaggerate when I say that the support we provide in many cases changes lives, many of them young lives. To provide opportunity where previously there was only hopelessness is a powerful gift to be able to give, and I thank you for enabling us to give it on your behalf.

Enjoy the day, and as always, go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

Best regards,

Yvonne Le Bas
Chairman
The Ireland Funds Australia
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 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 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.

The AIF 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 enable donors to recommend and contribute directly to projects they are passionate about and that they wish to support. This is a wonderful way for the Fund to work with donors to make a difference and to, where possible, ultimately match them with specific projects.

- 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.
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
We aim to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2015-2016

Community Development and Education
- Soar - Youth Wellness
- Suas - Literacy
- Solas - Education

Donor Advised Grants
- WWIF Development Fund
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- Sensational Kids

Donor Advised Grants
- Australian Indigenous Education

TOTAL DONATIONS 2015-2016 $377,500

SENSATIONAL KIDS $5,000
AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION $40,000
TRINITY TARLO SCHOLARSHIP $10,000
SOAR $76,000
SUAS $61,500
SOLAS $61,500
WWIF DEVELOPMENT FUND $123,500

91.87% of donations received have been allocated to charities

AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2011 – JUNE 2016

- FUNDING ALLOCATED
- DONATIONS RECEIVED

$45,000 $213,050 $265,000 $384,500 $234,570 $1,721,301 $1,884,282 $377,000 $433,255 $2,772,801 $3,016,322
FY 2011/12 FY 2012/13 FY 2013/14 FY 2014/15 *FY 2015/16

*Totals FY2011–FY2016

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

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

- Become a Governor of the Fund
- Become a Benefactor of the Fund
- Become a Young Leader
- Donor Advised Grants
- Become a Partner Sponsor
- Event Sponsor

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

Email: tkeating@irelandfunds.org
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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.
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PROGRAMME

2 June 2017

Pre-luncheon drinks

Master of Ceremonies
Catherine Murphy

Entrée Served

Welcome by Yvonne Le Bas
Chairman of The Ireland Funds Australia

Lunch Served

Silent Auction throughout Luncheon

Ambassador Ó Caollai

Entertainment by
Ciaran Gribbin and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Live Auction

Dessert and Irish Coffees
MENU

Pre-luncheon Drinks

Entrée

Poached Galway Free Range Chicken
Parsnip puree, red apple, fennel & chervil salad, pinot soaked pear, toasted oats, coconut & pepitas

Main Course

Alternate Serve

Pan Roasted Wild Atlantic Salmon
Braised savoy cabbage & pancetta, dill & shallot crushed potato, béarnaise sauce

Or

Spiced Kerry Braised Beef
Smoked parsnip mash, sautéed zucchini, pea & parsley ragout with braising juices

Dessert

Caramelised Upside Down Dublin Granny Smith Apple Tarte Tatin
Calvados cream and baby lemon balm

Irish Coffees

Plus a selection of temple teas and organic fair trade coffee
with house made biscotti
Thank you for contributing to the success of the Ireland Funds Australia.

**Impact of the Ireland Funds**

- **40 Years**
  - $542m
  - 25,000 Donors
  - 3,200 Organisations

- **30 Years**
  - $9.5m
  - 104 Organisations
  - Established Australia’s first Chair of Modern Irish Studies
  - 80 Indigenous Scholarship places by 2020
  - 12 Countries

**Our four programme areas are:**

- Community Development
- Peace and Reconciliation
- Education
- Arts and Culture

**Established 3 Young Leader Chapters**

**$1m for Integrated Education leveraging an additional $12.1m**

**Hosted 90 major events**

25,000 supporters

Progress Through Philanthropy
**LOT 1**  
**COOLMORE STUD WEEKEND AWAY IN THE HUNTER VALLEY FOR 4**

The Magnier Family and Coolmore Australia are pleased to offer a 2 night stay at Coolmore Stud in the Hunter Valley, the premier source of elite thoroughbreds in the Southern Hemisphere. This package includes an extensive guided tour of the farm and its world renowned facilities and inspection of the resident stallions including US Triple Crown Winner American Pharoah! Also enjoy lunch or dinner for 4 at Vines Restaurant at Hollydene Estate Winery next door.

Value Priceless

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**LOT 2**  
**DEGUSTATION FOR 30 AT EUREKA 89**

With fine food and wine and breathtaking views across Melbourne, Eureka 89 is the city’s most impressive events and dining venue. Located on the top level of Eureka Tower, Eureka 89 offers a truly unforgettable experience. The dining room is perfect for a memorable night out, and the versatile event spaces play host to everything from sunrise breakfasts, corporate business lunches, sit down dinners and evening soirees. Enjoy an indulgent five course degustation menu for 30 guests in a private room at Eureka 89. Fine wines will be matched with each course to enhance the dining experience.

Bookings for this 3 hour food and wine experience are available Tuesday to Thursday evenings, or Sunday lunchtimes, based on availability (excluding November and December). This exciting opportunity is available for redemption prior to 30th June 2018.

Value in excess of $4,800
LOT 3

AUSTRALIAN RADIO NETWORK AIRTIME PACKAGE

The Australian Radio Network is pleased to provide a National airtime package to the total value of $10,000 (including GST) to support the Ireland Funds Australia’s 30th anniversary Melbourne Luncheon. The airtime package is to be used for advertising on the following Australian Radio Network stations, either shared across a number of stations or 100% on a single station.

Melbourne’s MIX 101.1, Gold 104.3
Sydney’s KIIS 1065, WSFM
Brisbane’s 97.3, 4KQ
Perth’s 96FM
Adelaide’s Mix 102.3, Cruise

Value $10,000

LOT 4

THE ULTIMATE SYDNEY SAILING AND DINING EXPERIENCE FOR 12 PEOPLE

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 breathtaking hours on the yacht previously raced in the Sydney to Hobart.

Unwind following your sail or on a separate occasion at Republic Dining. Situated on level one of the Republic Hotel in Bridge Street, indulge with dinner for 12. Chef Lee Thompson leads the team at Republic, aspiring to bring elegant modern bistro food to the business district of Sydney. Republic Dining is open Monday to Friday for lunch and dinner.

Value in excess of $5,500
LOT 5

TRIP OF A LIFETIME WITH EMIRATES

Fly from Melbourne to Dublin in style with Emirates. Enjoy two Business Class flights to Dublin, via Dubai, flying on one of the most advanced and modern fleets in the sky. Enjoy access to the exclusive Emirates Lounge so you can relax with a glass of champagne pre-flight. On board, 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 2,000 channels of award-winning entertainment.

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.

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

The package also includes a 7 days hire of a luxury 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. Auction is for two return Business Class flights to Dublin from Melbourne on Emirates. Travel is valid from 3 June 2017 to 2 June 2018. The tickets must be issued within 3 months from the date it is awarded to you. This prize is subject to seat availability and limited to EK 409 and EK 405 departing Melbourne. Restrictions also apply for travel during school holidays. Additional blackout periods may apply. Both passengers must travel on the same flight itinerary. 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. These tickets are non-encashable, non-transferable, non-reroutable and non endorsable and can be used for travel on Emirates Airline only. Tickets do not include Chauffeur drive service and Emirates Skywards miles cannot be earned on these tickets. *DriveAway Holidays car hire is for a luxury car hire in Ireland for 7 days valid between 18 Jul 2017 - 18 Jul 2018, blackout dates may apply. This voucher does not include local fees, surcharges & taxes imposed at the time of collection.
RAFFLE

First Prize – Dual-zone Wine Fridge from Glen Dimplex
Aging wine is an art form that wine lovers and connoisseurs have enjoyed for centuries. There is no better feeling than turning a young, vibrant wine into a mature classic for you to enjoy. The Dimplex Wine Fridge will store all your wines properly for those special occasions or when you enjoy a glass at your leisure. The fridge features two independent temperature zones - separately controlled for red, white & rosé or sparkling wine and a 45 bottle capacity.

Value $999

Second Prize – The Morphy Richards Pack
Update your kitchen appliances with the Morphy Richards pack, including the stylish White Scandi Aspect Kettle and 4 Slice Toaster, a 6.5L Red Sear & Stew Slow Cooker, spiralizer and the Total Control Hand Blender Pro Set.

Value in excess of $650

Third Prize - Waterford Crystal Cassidy Vase 25cm
The Cassidy pattern exemplifies a traditional Waterford Crystal cutting pattern, capturing a tremendous amount of sparkle and reflectivity. Beautiful and versatile, this stunning 25cm vase boasts an updated shape bringing a luxurious, fresh perspective to your home decor and entertaining.

Value $300

Fourth Prize - A Taste Ireland Irish Hamper
Delight your taste buds with a selection of the very best of Irish produce directly imported to Australia by Taste Ireland. This hamper includes: Tayto Crisps, a generous selection of Irish Chocolate, Barry’s Tea and much more!

Fifth Prize – Troubadour Gift pack
Keep up to date with a selection of CDs from the best Irish artists including Mary Black, The Coronas, Brian Kennedy and Gavin James. A copy of Mary Black’s autobiography Down the Crooked Road is also included.

Tickets are one for $20 and three for $50, we would ask all table captains to assist with the ticket sales on your table. Raffle tickets and credit card slips are enclosed in the green envelope on each table.

The envelopes will be collected throughout the course of the afternoon
SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will run throughout the lunch, please go to the Silent Auction tables at the back of the room to place your bid on the item’s bid sheet. There you can view the items as well as their full descriptions and terms and conditions. **The Silent Auction will close at 3.30pm.**

**LOT 1**

**2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION AT QT RESORT**

QT Resorts are anything but your ordinary hotel. They are an eclectic mix of design, art, style and luxury with a touch of quirk. Indulge and explore with accommodation in a 1 bedroom suite for two people for two consecutive nights including breakfast daily.

Value $800   Minimum Bid $350

**LOT 2**

**$400 VOUCHER FOR EASTSIDE GRILL, KENSINGTON STREET SYDNEY**

Enjoy dinner for 4 to the value of $400 at Eastside Grill, Kensington Street Sydney. Chef Stanley Wong delivers an American and Japanese influenced menu touched by the distinctive flavour of the traditional Japanese Binchotan charcoal grill. Chippendale’s ever-growing Kensington Street culinary precinct welcomes one of Sydney’s best grill restaurants to its fold, the Eastside Grill.

Value $400   Minimum Bid $200

**LOT 3**

**MELBOURNE REBELS JERSEY**

Melbourne Rebels signed and framed 2017 team Jersey

Value $1,000   Minimum Bid $300

**LOT 4**

**MORPHY RICHARDS KITCHEN PACK**

The perfect house warming or sending off gift for friends and children! The Morphy Richards pack includes the stylish White Scandi Aspect Kettle and 4 Slice Toaster, a 6.5L Red Sear & Stew Slow Cooker, spiralizer and the Total Control Hand Blender Pro Set.

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**LOT 5**

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Value $999   Minimum Bid $400
SILENT AUCTION

LOT 6
ENJOY ONE NIGHT STAY AT A FIVE STAR ART SERIES HOTEL

Inspired by and dedicated to Australian contemporary artists, Art Series Hotel Group offers a hotel experience a little extraordinary. Located in the hottest art and cultural hubs, the boutique hotels are found in Melbourne, Bendigo and Adelaide.

Value $350   Minimum Bid $150

LOT 7
THREE FOR THE MELBOURNE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

Never be lost as to where to go on your weekend with 3 x $100 vouchers to Elephant & Wheelbarrow, Platform 28 and Glenferrie Hotel. From Platform 28’s charming restaurant bar in the heart of the vibrant Docklands to the newly refurbished Glenferrie Hotel, the ideal meeting hub for sports enthusiasts, always know the place to go.

Value $300   Minimum Bid $150

LOT 8
HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL DUNGARVAN VASE 30CM

Echoes of ancient Dungarvan Castle resonate in the horizontal and vertical cuts of this stunning Dungarvan vase, a modern interpretation of Miroslav Havel’s classic Dungarvan pattern.

Value $1,299   Minimum Bid $500

LOT 9
SIGNED AUSTRALIAN ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL CRICKET BAT

Signed by the National Australian team that took on New Zealand in the 2016 VB One Day International Series including signatures by Steve Smith (C), David Warner and Mitchell Starc

Value Priceless   Minimum Bid $300
SILENT AUCTION

LOT 10
INDULGE FOR A WEEKEND WITH A RANGE ROVER SPORT DRIVING EXPERIENCE
Agile, dynamic and extraordinarily capable, Range Rover Sport has a choice of powerful engines that can deliver a top speed of up to 250kph. Its effortless handling and unrivalled all-terrain performance ensure this is a vehicle that rises to the challenge of every journey, on or off-road. The Range Rover Sport is yours for the weekend, thanks to Melbourne City Land Rover!

Value $1,000   Minimum Bid $300

LOT 11
4 WATERFORD CRYSTAL LISMORE NOUVEAU GOBLETS
Waterford Lismore Nouveau combines the brilliance and clarity of Lismore with a cool, contemporary practicality. Elegant and versatile, the Lismore Nouveau Goblet can be used for serving wine, water or juices. The slender profile and intricate detailing of Lismore’s signature diamond and wedge cuts enhance the colour of the glass’s contents, while Waterford’s hand-crafted fine crystal guarantees diamond-like clarity and a comforting weight and stability.

Value $558   Minimum Bid $200

LOT 12
ENJOY 2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION AT THE RICHMOND HILL HOTEL
Relax in a queen room for two, including complementary continental buffet breakfast each morning, wifi and late check out. The boutique 3 star Bed and Breakfast hotel is located in the great Richmond area with shopping, cafes, and bars all within walking distance.

Value $330   Minimum Bid $150

LOT 13
SIGNED WALLABIES 2015 WORLD CUP JERSEY
Official 2015 World Cup Final Wallabies team signed jersey, donated by Australian Rugby Union.

Value Priceless   Minimum Bid $300
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