Dear Friends of Ireland.

Welcome to our annual Brisbane luncheon here at Hillstone St Lucia for a wonderful afternoon filled with friends, entertainment, laughter and charity.

An especially warm welcome to any new friends of the Fund joining us for the first time. We hope you enjoy the day and take away an understanding of the important work of the Fund and a keen interest helping us to achieve more.

Welcome back to those who have supported us previously, we are truly grateful for your ongoing interest.

Last year, we celebrated our 30th anniversary and your support was incredibly tangible.

Some of the highlights of last year included hosting the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina in October. The President recognised and thanked our supporters for the important work we are doing, commenting "The Ireland Funds is a powerful force for good!".

We had our most successful Melbourne luncheon ever and a record breaking Sydney Garden Party. This enabled us to have a grant round of \$416,000 last year and I am thrilled to announce our grant round this year of \$1.8 million. We are very proud of the fact that over the last five years, 93.5% of tax deductible donations received by us have been allocated to our charities.

We partnered with Science Gallery Melbourne for their inaugural exhibition; Science Gallery is an award-winning international initiative pioneered by Trinity College Dublin. Part of the Global Science Gallery Network, and one of only 8 nodes worldwide, the Gallery will open in 2020 and be embedded in the University of Melbourne. We want to provide an opportunity to experience this public-facing, dynamic and engaging space, both here and in Dublin, to encourage and inspire young adults to enter the STEM workforce, as 75% of future jobs in Australia are expected to require STEM qualifications.

Together with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation we will have supported 80 scholarship places at four leading Australian schools by 2020 including Marist College Ashgrove and St. Peter's Lutheran here in Brisbane. We are grateful to our Young Leaders who, with funds raised directly by them, have partnered with the GO Foundation founded by two amazing individuals, former Sydney Swans Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin, and also with Suas, a literacy support project in Ireland.

Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove announced our new partnership with Trinity College Dublin offering 20 scholarships over five years, enabling promising young Australians the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to earn their MBA at Ireland's leading university.

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 personally seen a number of the projects we support in action, and their impacts, I can assure you that with your help the support we provide 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 míle maith agaibh go léir.

Best regards,

Yvonne Le Bas Chairman

Thone lesas

The Ireland Funds Australia



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Ireland Funds' mission is 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.

The Australian Chapter was established in 1987, so 2017 was a big year for us as we celebrated our 30th anniversary. This report provides an overview of the combined activities of the Australian Ireland Fund and our Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund (established in 2015 to support projects in Australia) in 2016-2017.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2016-2017



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AND EDUCATION

- Soar Youth Wellness
- Suas Literacy
- · Solas Education
- Integrate My School Education



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

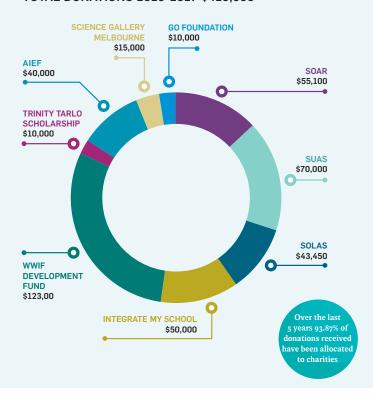
- WWIF Development Fund
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- Suas

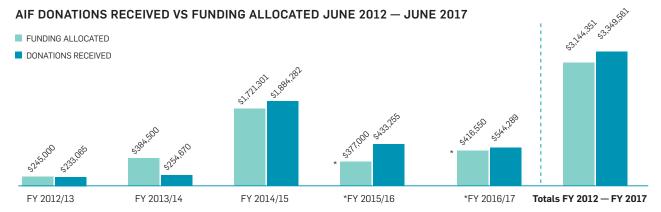


EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

- Australian Indigenous Education Foundation
- · Science Gallery Melbourne
- GO Foundation

TOTAL DONATIONS 2016-2017 \$416,550





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

SUAS

1.760





SOAR

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, **Soar** provides workshops to young people aged 12-18 across the island of Ireland; specifically, 6th class and Transition Year students, and to young women aged 15-18 through their "Stripped" programme as they are at a transitional period in their lives. Soar facilitate workshops within schools with the potential of a follow up programme.

The Ireland Funds Australia's support will allow Soar to:



Create an environment in which

Enable girls to develop the tools

Reach 1,320 young women girls can explore themselves wholly and without judgement



to improve self-confidence and emotional well-being

1,320

in 22 schools across Ireland

INTEGRATE MY SCHOOL INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND

Currently only 7% of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland despite polls showing **80% support** for integration.





SOLAS

The unique point of difference of the Solas Project is its long-term, intensive intervention. The 'Step Up' teen mentoring programme provides 1:1 support to 60 students transitioning from primary to secondary education. Solas see a significant amount of young people dis-engaged with their education in secondary school resulting in them leaving with next to no qualifications.



Funding from the IFA will allow additional places in "Step Up' which currently has a number of young people on the waiting list.

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 Australian schools, universities and companies.

Together with the AIEF the Ireland Funds Australia

80 indigenous scholarship

places at four leading Australian Schools by 2020





SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE

The University of Melbourne secured the rights to Australia's only node in the highly successful Science Gallery International network, founded at Trinity College in Dublin. Inspired by the innovation at the inaugural Science Gallery in Dublin, The Ireland Funds Australia are delighted to have partnered with Science Gallery Melbourne for their first pop-up exhibition, BLOOD as their official opening night partner on 2 August 2017. When it opens in 2020, Science Gallery Melbourne will be a public-facing, dynamic and engaging space to inspire young adults into the STEM workforce. With 75% of future jobs in Australia expected to require STEM qualifications, Science Gallery programmes will spark the minds of tomorrow's innovators.

GO FOUNDATION

The Go Foundation in Australia was founded by former Sydney Swans AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael McLoughlin

Go offers day scholarships to students in public schools. This project is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders fundraising efforts.



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

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 third Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2017/2018 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.



The Lansdowne Club donor designated \$5,000 to Suas.

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Programme

3 AUGUST 2018

Pre-luncheon drinks



Master of Ceremonies

Ben Davis



Entrée Served



Welcome by *Yvonne Le Bas* Chairman of The Ireland Funds Australia



Lunch Served



Silent Auction throughout Luncheon



Stephen Moore
Former Captain of the Wallabies



Entertainment by MunsterBucks



Live Auction



Dessert and Irish Coffees



Entertainment by MunsterBucks

Menu

Pre-luncheon Drinks



Entrée

Alternate Serve

Crackled Pork Belly

with candied baby apples, fennel purée & cress (gf)

Or

Tomato & Ricotta Croquettes

with heirloom relish, shaved fennel & parsley



Main Course

Alternate Serve

Rib Fillet

with garlic mash, béarnaise, parsley & truffle

Or

Seared Salmon Fillet

with soy & ginger soba noodle salad, sticky sauce & fried shallots



Dessert

Alternate Serve

Chocolate Fudge Brownie

with honeycomb, violets & whipped mascarpone

Or

Blueberry Frangipane Tart

with honey ice cream & toasted coconut



Irish Coffees and Baileys

Plus a selection of Twinings teas and Elixire coffee with Hillstone chocolate peppermints

MENU DESIGNED AND PREPARED BY



Lot 1

The 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 breath taking hours on the yacht previously raced in the Sydney to Hobart.



Unwind following your sail or on a separate occasion with dinner for twelve people at BLACK Bar & Grill, The Star Sydney. BLACK Bar & Grill perfectly marries a contemporary Australian grill with a stylish wine bar and million-dollar views of Sydney Harbour and the city. 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.



Value **\$8,000**







Lot 2

Coolmore Stud weekend away in the Hunter Valley for 4

COOLMORE

The world renowned Coolmore Stud is located in the picturesque Hunter Valley, NSW. Situated on 8,500 acres of lush countryside, alongside the famous Hunter River, Coolmore is the premier source of elite Thoroughbreds in the Southern Hemisphere. Its line-up of stallions includes Champion Sire Fastnet Rock, as well as recent stars like So You Think, Pierro and American Pharoah!

Brilliant sprinters Caravaggio and Merchant Navy will join Champion two-year-old Churchill on the stallion roster at Coolmore Australia for the 2018 season.

We are making available the opportunity to enjoy this remarkable farm with the following package for up to four people:

- · An private tour of the farm and its world-renowned facilities
- Dinner
- A two night stay in our Guest House (Dates subject to availability).

Value Priceless









Lot 3

7 nights in a Byron Bay Penthouse for 6 guests

This newly renovated Byron Bay Penthouse Apartment has it all, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, location, views, space, privacy and stylish interiors. It really is a perfect retreat for holidaying with family and friends. Taking in the whole top floor of the complex the penthouse boasts a commanding ocean view of Main Beach and out to sea and provides a real sense of privacy. Town is only a short 300 metre stroll away and right outside your door is a beautiful white sandy beach. The open plan living space features high ceilings with atrium windows. A large flat screen TV for your enjoyment and free WIFI for those who need to stay in touch with the world! There is a fully equipped kitchen for those who like to eat in and enjoy this outstanding location. Ocean views can be enjoyed from throughout the living space through large sliding doors which open onto a large sun terrace. Take in the view and sun as you listen to the surf, or read a good book. (Not available during school holidays, Christmas and subject to availability, conditions apply, valid until 23 August 2019).

Value \$7,000





Lot 4

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 Annual Brisbane Luncheon on 3 August 2018.

This 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; KIIS101.1

Brisbane's; 97.3; GOLD 104.3; 4KQ

Sydney's; KIIS1065

Adelaide's; Mix102.3; WSFM; Cruise

Perth's; 96FM

Lot 5

Emirates Economy Tickets and Accommodation in Ireland









Fly from Brisbane to Dublin with **Emirates**. Enjoy two Economy Class flights to Dublin, via their home Dubai, flying on one of the most advanced and modern fleets in the sky. Enjoy up to 2,000 channels of award-winning entertainment.

Indulge with a 2 night stay in a 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 in a deluxe room overlooking the waterfalls at **Sheen Falls Lodge** including full Irish breakfast daily. Located 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. 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 \$10,000







*Emirates Conditions apply. These tickets are valid for travel from 01 Sept 18 to 31 August 19. These tickets will be issued on a positive space basis subject to availability. Tickets do not incur Skyward Points and unable to upgrade with Skyward points. Seat fees may apply. No access to Emirates Lounges or Chauffeur Drive. These tickets are valid on Emirates flights only. 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 ticket must be issued within 3 months from the date it is awarded to you and your travel must be complete within 12 months from the date of tickets issued. These tickets are non-encashable, non-transferable, non-reroutable and non endorsable.

*DriveAway Holidays provides car hire in Ireland up to the value of \$600 valid between 3 Aug 2018 – 3 Aug 2019, blackout dates may apply. This voucher does not include local fees, surcharges & taxes imposed at the time of collection.

Raffle

First Prize

Indulge for a weekend with a Drive Experience from Westside BMW



Your very own BMW for a weekend experiencing the Ultimate Driving Machine. Pick up a BMW of your choice* Friday afternoon until Monday morning from Westside BMW and see where the weekend takes you. Whether you like the wind in your hair with a convertible, to experience life in the extravagance of a luxurious sedan, or to pack it all in the boot with a versatile SUV, there is no better way to live life to the fullest than in the driver's seat of an Ultimate Driving Machine. Includes a full tank of fuel, insurance and life thrills. *Excludes 6 Series, 7 Series, i8 and M Models.

Value \$1.500

Second Prize

Waterford Crystal Rock of Cashel Footed Bowl 25cm



The Rock of Cashel Collection is the true embodiment of Ireland's heritage and iconic history. Designed by Martin Ryan its inspiration comes from an Irish landmark, the Rock of Cashel, a spectacular complex of medieval buildings set in the Golden Vale, one of the country's most important historical treasures.

This beautifully crafted footed bowl brings to life both the enduring strength and calming beauty of the Rock of Cashel. Fiercely proud of their Irish heritage, the artisans at the House of Waterford Crystal maintain the tradition of hand-made crystal in a modern setting and lovingly showcase the beauty of the landmark in this Gothic style hand cut piece.

Value \$999

Third 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!

Value \$150

Fourth Prize

Katnook Estate Magnum and Adopt-an-Animal



Coomawarra's 2015 vintage was one of the earliest on record. An ideal growing season with slightly above average temperatures and dry conditions produced outstanding chardonnay fruit with distinct varietal and regional character, relax and enjoy this 1.5l magnum with friends.. Also includes Australia Zoo's Adopt an Animal Package.

Value \$130

Fifth Prize

Hillstone St. Lucia Dining Vouchers



100 Acre Bar is multi-leveled with five charming floors that are equally as warm and welcoming. As you work your way up from the first floor up to the Rooftop Terrace, you'll experience the spirit of the place that has come from generations of visitors that have celebrated here. The food is simply delicious, but it's a restaurant that offers much more than just great meals and drinks. It has a distinctive atmosphere and unrivalled décor, with over 360 plants decorating the place (a true revolution). And then there's the open view – more than 100 acres of manicured greens that exhale amazing breezes up the hill.

Also enjoy Saint Lucy caffe e cuccina for memorable Italian fare.

Value \$100

Tickets are I for \$20 and 3 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 yellow 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 side 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.



Gattopardo

1 Nights' Accommodation at Swissotel The Stamford and Dinner for 2 at Gattopardo Ristorante in Singapore

One complimentary night's accommodation including breakfast with an upgrade to a Harbourview room at the Swissotel The Stamford. Also includes a \$200 voucher to Gattopardo Ristorante in Singapore. *Enjoy a special discount rate for additional nights at the Stamford should you wish to extend your stay.

Value \$760 Minimum Bid \$400

Lot 2



House of Waterford Crystal Lismore Black Spirit Decanter & Tumbler pair

Fresh, modern and exciting, the beauty of Lismore Black lies in the striking contrast between black and clear crystal emphasising deep cuts and striking silhouettes. Perfect for everyday use and entertaining.

Value \$960 Minimum Bid \$400

Lot 3



Lemair Wine Fridge from Glen Dimplex

This wine fridge is elegant and sophisticated, featuring a beautiful black finish that will make a statement in your kitchen or workspace. Perfect for anyone who wants to give their kitchen a lift, this unique and highly functional wine storage fridge will transform your kitchen into a dynamic space where you can entertain your guests. So if you're looking for the perfect way to store your wines, that won't take up too much space in your home or workplace, don't go pass this Lemair 40 bottle wine fridge.

Value \$449 Minimum Bid \$250

Lot 4



Cooking Class for two at hundred acre bar

Want to cook those delicious, authentic dishes most people would only expect to find in a restaurant? Here is your chance to learn some great new tips and tricks to create wonderful dishes for your friends and family. The class is held by Executive Chef, David Nield in the living room at hundred acre bar and includes matching wines from some of the region's best wine producers. Classes are held on select Wednesdays for the rest of 2018.

Value \$200 Minimum Bid \$100

Lot 5



One round of golf for four at Indooroopilly Golf Club

Enjoy a round of golf for four people including two motorised carts. Indooroopilly Golf Club offers a premium, yet traditional golfing experience, with 36 holes of championship golf in a tranquil parkland setting for players of all abilities.

Value \$300 Minimum Bid \$150

Lot 6



\$300 Voucher to Harveys Bar and Bistro, Fortitude Valley

Harveys offers real food prepared with imagination and respect, uncluttered by trends or fads, under the careful eye of chef and owner, PJ McMillan. With a street-side position on the central stretch of James Street, Harveys casual, all-day dining is indulgence without pretension; delicious, fine food served to you with care and dedication, and a healthy reliance on fresh, seasonal produce.

Value \$300 Minimum Bid \$150

Lot 7





Harrigan's Hunter Valley Escape, NSW

Escape to Harrigan's where you will be immersed in the authentic Irish décor and be surrounded by beautiful gardens, vineyards and mountains. Harrigan's tranquil and stress-free atmosphere will leave you relaxed and ready to share a traditional Beef and Guinness pie with the kids, have a pint of Kilkenny in the Beer Garden or even "try the luck of the Irish" in the Sports bar. Enjoy two nights (midweek) in a Deluxe Suite with breakfast daily for 2 people at Harrigan's Irish Pub, includes entry to the Hunter Valley Gardens. Perfect for that special occasion, or just a break away from reality. The Deluxe Suite includes a bedroom with a King bed, lounge area with views of the courtyard, ensuite with large spa bath and separate shower.

Value \$560 Minimum Bid \$200

Lot 8



\$150 Voucher to Donna Chang

Situated on the corner of George & Elizabeth street in the CBD, Donna Chang will offer modern Chinese cuisine from Head Chef Jason Margaritis (formerly Spice Temple Melbourne) in a stunning heritage listed setting! *Scheduled to open mid-August.

Value \$150 Minimum Bid \$80

Lot 9



Morphy Richards Scandi Kitchen Duo

The Scandi Deep Blue Aspect kettle & 4-slice toaster combine functionality and simplicity while looking effortlessly stunning. This breakfast set not only adds a tinge of colour to your kitchen, but it also sets the tone for a trendy Scandinavian look & feel.

Value \$330 Minimum Bid \$150

Lot 10



Family 4 Gold 2019 Season Membership for the Queensland Reds

- Family 4 Memberships St.George Queensland Reds Super Rugby Home games in 2019 in Gold Category
- 2019 Member Card
- Branded Member Lanyard
- 10% off all St.George Queensland Reds merchandise online or on match day (excludes sale items)
- Other 2019 Member Benefits

Value \$770 Minimum Bid \$300

Lot 11





Enjoy 4 x tickets to the Brisbane Roar v. Melbourne City FC match to be played at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday 24 November 2018.

Value \$160 Minimum Bid \$80

Lot 12

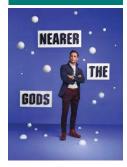




Uniquely positioned over the water in the Hope Island Marina, The Boardwalk Hope Island has become renowned as the premier social venue in the northern part of the Gold Coast. Whether you are inside absorbing The Boardwalk atmosphere or taking in the picturesque views on the surrounding decks, the open fresh contemporary style of the venue is the perfect setting to casually dine, celebrate a special occasion or just catch up with friends.

Value \$200 Minimum Bid \$120

Lot 13



2 tickets to a Preview Performance of 'Nearer the Gods'

It's 1684, the dawn of the Enlightenment. Bright young astronomer Edmund Halley must somehow wrangle the secrets of the universe from the brain of fickle and contrary Isaac Newton. At the same time he must wrestle with his faith and risk his home, family and reputation to find the money and means to share this beautiful, powerful theory with the world at large.

For all the celestial bodies and scientific laws named after them, it's easy to think of our 17th Century giants of science as infallible geniuses. But here are our most powerful minds laid bare: riddled with self-doubt, squabbling over fame, and ensconced in bitter intellectual rivalries.

Beloved playwright David Williamson bring us a gripping and blackly funny drama about ideas that would change the world. The all-star cast includes Matthew Backer (Switzerland), William McInnes (SeaChange, Time of our Lives) and Rhys Muldoon (House Husbands).

The preview performance of David Williamson's Nearer the Gods at 7:30pm on Saturday 6 October at Bille Brown Theatre, South Brisbane.

Value \$100 Minimum Bid \$50

Lot 14



Libertine Perfume Indulgence Masterclass

Up to 10 quests will arrive to a glass of Champagne at the beautiful boutique that is Libertine Parfumerie and be provided with a gift bag at the end of the evening. Enjoy a brief introductory session into the intriguing world of perfume. The evening will include a history of perfume, how to recognise and distinguish between varying scents of the world's finest perfume houses including Creed, Penhaligon's Floris and more. Each client will leave with the knowledge of how to best choose their perfect fragrance, be introduced to the history of fragrance and learn the intricacies of the Fragrance Wheel, developed by acclaimed fragrance Author, Michael Edwards (Fragrances of the World 2018). The personal advice and styling offered by fragrance expert from Libertine Parfumerie staff will be both enjoyable and invaluable. Classes are held at 181 Robertson Street New Farm Old 4005.

Value \$500 Minimum Bid \$150

Upcoming Events 2018



THE GLOBAL 5K RUN



SYDNEY GARDEN PARTY

Partnering with Coolmore Stud at Royal Randwick

For more information on any of these events please contact Jennifer Najdek, Events & Office Manager:



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