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The Sydney Garden Party

Sunday 17 November 2024



Dear Friends of Ireland

Welcome and thank you for joining us today as we celebrate our 37th year here in Australia.

We are so thrilled to be celebrating here at the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground for the first time.

We welcome any new friends that are joining us today for their first Ireland Funds event. We hope you have a great time and take away an understanding of the important work of the Fund and an interest in helping us to achieve more.

We are part of the worldwide Ireland Funds active in 12 countries around the world. Our mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace and reconciliation, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world. We are the largest private donor to Irish causes.

From Australia we have donated just over \$17.6 million making 260+ grants to projects that are impacting the lives of so many people including life changing scholarships and helping people to help themselves. I am so thrilled that with the generous support of our own voluntary Board and other significant donors our June 2024 grant round totalled \$384,152 (our June 2023 grant round was \$1.8 million) supporting projects including No Mind Left Behind, Learning Hub Limerick, Community Action Network, Inner City Enterprise, Trinity St. James Cancer Research Institute. Locally here in Australia we have assisted the three Irish Support Agencies in NSW, QLD and VIC to name a few.

This year we continued our Women in Leadership and Philanthropy series bringing powerful women together to share their knowledge with women of all ages to genuinely help each other as we empower, inspire and give. We are looking forward to providing details of further events that are under planning.

I am extremely proud of the unity, resilience and intelligence displayed by our staff, our voluntary Board and Young Leaders who have all helped to continue supporting those who rely on us over these last few very challenging years. World events and local events remind us that caring for each other, investing in and continually nurturing the work we do around peace, reconciliation and community development is vital.

While you are enjoying yourselves today, please take the opportunity to participate in our auctions and donate to support our projects. We would love you to share details of our good work with your family and friends and hopefully they will become part of the Ireland Funds family too.

Your support is invaluable, now more than ever. I urge you to stand with us to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Have a great lunch today!

Sincerely,



Yvonne Le Bas
Chair
The Ireland Funds Australia



Projects Supported 2023 – 2024

Community Development / Education in Ireland



- 174 Trust Northern Ireland
- Community Action Network
- Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship
- Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
- Trinity Access Program
- TCD Library
- TSJCI
- Inner City Enterprise
- Limerick Learning Hub
- No Mind Left Behind

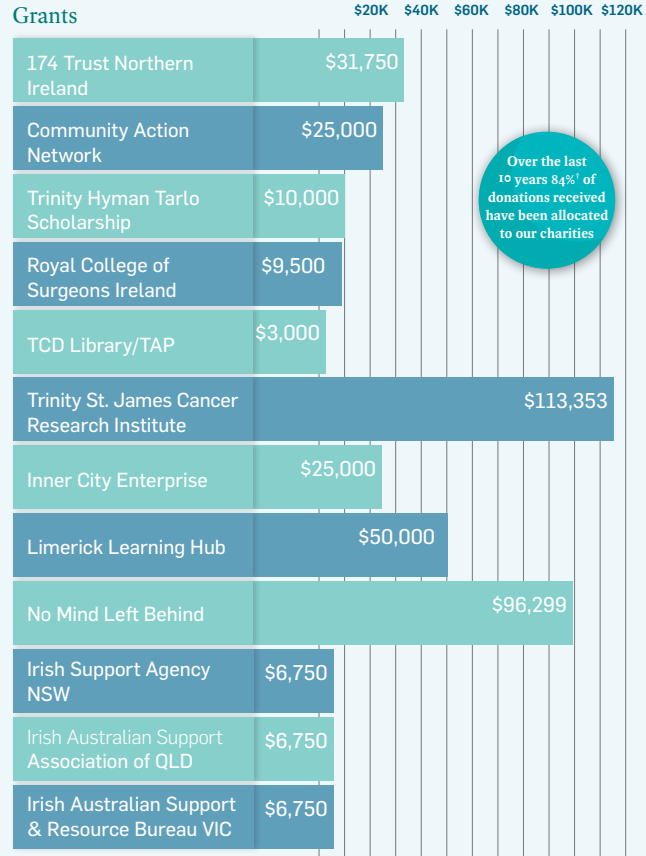
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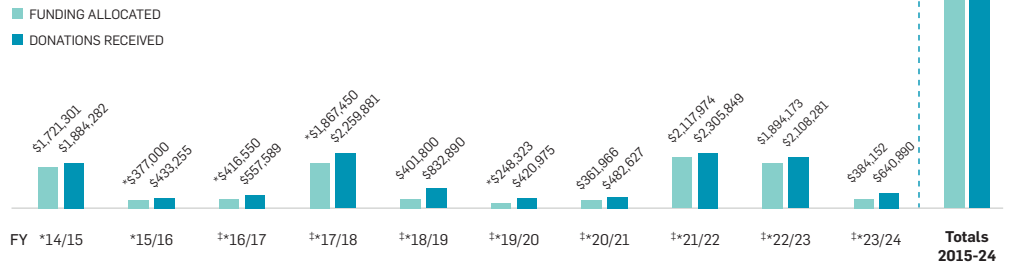
- Irish Support Agency NSW
- Irish Australian Support Association of QLD
- Irish Australian Support & Resource Bureau VIC

Total Donations 2023 – 2024

\$384,152



IFA donations received vs funding allocated June 14/15 to June 23/24



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of The Australian Ireland Fund Limited.

† Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.

Audited by KPMM

Snapshot of Activities 2023 – 2024



Young Leader Corporate Breakfast

July 2023 Networking for Good: the power of professional and community connection. Panel - Irish Consul General Rosie Keane, David Eccles Co Founder WNOW, Niamh Cunningham, Head of Protective Security Canva.



Global 5K, September 2023

250 Runners from around Australia
\$18,640 Raised



Women in Leadership & Philanthropy October 2023

Hosted by Lion to enjoy an engaging and informative conversation led by the wonderful Helen Waldron of AI Group with the inspiring Sarah O'Carroll, Editor in Chief at Forbes Australia captivating a full house of over 70 guests.



Sydney Garden Party November 2023

At Beautiful "Fairwater" attended by 477 guests and \$204,353 raised.

Guests enjoyed an exclusive performance by Irish born Platinum selling global artist Dermot Kennedy, a huge highlight on the day!



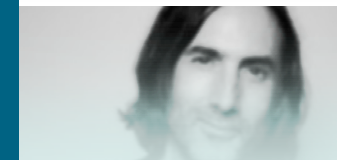
Young Leader Kick off Drinks, Sydney Opera House

Hosted by the Sydney Opera Bar, we enjoyed our Young Leaders Kick Off drinks with sweeping views of the iconic Sydney harbour on Thursday 29th February 2024. Over 100 guests attended.



Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Lunch Feb 2024

Panel Fiona Bones, VP International Controller, Google, Niamh Corcoran, Head of Procurement Performance BH, Moderator Sarah O'Carroll, Editor in Chief Forbes Australia, in partnership with the Irish Consulate and Enterprise Ireland. Attended by 200 Guests with \$20,949 raised.



Evening with Paul Lynch, Booker Prize Winner, May 2024

Presented by the Ireland Funds in partnership with University NSW, Host The Irish Consulate.



Young Leaders Corporate Breakfast, May 2024

Hosted by Clyde & Co We were thrilled to see 80 passionate young professionals come together to hear from panellists Ray Wilson, Founding Director of Plenary Group and Shauna Keogh, Founder of the Empire Agency, exploring the theme "Playbook for Success: Strategies for Winning in Entrepreneurship and the Business of Sport".

COMMUNITY CONNECT: SYDNEY'S IRISH COMMUNITY

Young Leader Community Connections June 2024

In partnership with the Irish Consulate to support young new arrivals into Australia and introduce new social, professional and support networks. The goal of reaching further afield and bringing more people together was definitely achieved. Better Together!

Sponsorships

St Patrick's Day Parade

The Ireland Funds Australia sponsored the St Patrick's Day Parade citizenship ceremonies with nearly 100 conferees on Sunday 17th March 2024. The ceremonies were followed by a parade down Pitt Street to Circular Quay in Sydney. We were thrilled to have our Young Leaders Chair and Vice Chair both attend and speak at the event.



Irish Film Festival

Supporting the Irish Film Festival again this year and helping it to go National bringing art and culture to the Irish and wider community in Australia.





Young Leaders

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How you can support The Ireland Funds Australia and our Projects:

Giving Programmes

Supporters can help us to further our vital work by joining one of our Giving Programmes. You can make a one off, or annual, tax-deductible contribution to become a member of:

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Corporate

BECOME A PARTNER SPONSOR

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Ireland Funds Australia by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period**. 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. We also welcome support for our Young Leader activities. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

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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 Ireland Funds Australia to your friends and colleagues.

Teresa Keating

Executive Director

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Programme

17 November 2024



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AIEF Student



Master of Ceremonies
Catherine Murphy



Patrick Tuttle
Treasurer, The Ireland Funds Australia



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Ambassador of Ireland to Australia



Online Silent Auction throughout lunch



Entertainment
The Talented Bobby Fox



Live Auction
Auctioneer - John Higgins of MyPlace Estate Agents



Raffle Draw



Desert and Irish Coffees



Entertainment and Dancing

Menu

Canapés

Chef's Selection



Entrée

Beetroot

Goat Curd, Pickled Heirloom Beetroot, Pine Nut (v)

Served alternatively with

Salmon Cru

Honeydew Aguachile, Cucumber and Basil



Main Course

New Zealand Sanford King Salmon

Fennel, Beans, Herb Vinaigrette

Served alternatively with

White Pyrenees Lamb Rump

Pickled Courgettes, Leek and Potato, Fine Herbs



Dessert

Chocolate Fondant

Red Plum, Maple Ice Cream

Served alternatively with

Basque Cheesecake

Rhubarb, Ginger Cream (v) (gd)



Coffee

Espresso

Irish Coffees

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Live Auction

Lot 1 The Sydney Sailing Experience for 12 people



Donated by Capital Investment Group

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 you 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.

*Terms and Conditions apply.

Value – Priceless



Lot 2 3 nights at Fairshore Resort Noosa



Stay absolute beachfront on Noosa's iconic Hastings Street in a 2 bedroom apartment with balcony overlooking Noosa beach. The resort boasts an immaculate swimming pool and spa, gym, undercover parking and communal terrace with bbqs.

Terms and Conditions apply. Not available High season or long weekends. Valid to 17 November 2025.



Value \$3,000

Lot 3 3 Nights at select Great Ocean Road Property



Enjoy 3 nights in a select property, available options will be provided at time of booking. Book your Great Ocean Road accommodation and discover world-famous beaches, rainforests, waterfalls, magical lookout points, rock formations like the 12 Apostles, and great places to eat from town to town, along the way.

Terms and Conditions apply. Not available High season or school/public holidays. Valid to 17 November 2025.



Value \$2,000

Live Auction

Lot 4 Crossray Outdoor Kitchen



Donated by Glen Dimplex

The new CROSSRAY 4B-S Series sets a new standard for outdoor kitchens. Upgraded corrosion resistant cabinets provide the perfect platform for the new sintered stone benchtop that is supplied as standard with all kitchens. Designed to perfectly match the award-winning 4 burner CROSSRAY in-built infrared gas BBQ, it is ideal if you love cooking and entertaining outdoors, in style. With a wide variety of options and inclusions to choose from.

Features:

- Includes a CROSSRAY in-built BBQ model TCS4FL with 4 infrared burners
- NEW sintered stone benchtops with 60mm edge, quartz effect. Sintered stone is an engineered stone, extremely durable & robust, fully UV, moisture, heat, scratch & stain resistant. Maintenance free.
- Kitchen cabinets are corrosion free and have been upgraded to a zinc coated powder coated mild steel construction. Suitable for exposed and coastal applications. Front kick-boards are included as standard.
- Multiple options to choose from, including double side cabinets, flat benchtops, 304SS under bench sink & cover, single SS fridge or black double fridge.
- Flat pack for easy DIY assembly, Adjustable feet, castor wheels and front kickboard included.
- BBQ in world-class 304SS stainless steel construction, controllable even heat from 140°C to 350°C+ and huge cooking area with secondary upper-level cooking zone.



Value – \$5,599

Lot 5 Coolmore Stud Weekend away in the Hunter Valley for 6 guests



Donated by Coolmore

The ultimate experience for any horse enthusiast.

The world renowned Coolmore Stud is located in the picturesque Hunter Valley NSW. Situated on 9,000 acres of lush countryside, alongside the famous Hunter River, Coolmore is the premier source of elite Thoroughbreds in the Southern Hemisphere.

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

- A private tour of the farm and its world-renowned facilities
- Lunch or dinner at Holydene Winery next door
- A two night stay in the guest's house (dates subject to availability)

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Live Auction

Lot 6 8 Night Irish Holiday Accommodation Package

Donated by Dr Stanley Quek and The Merrion Dublin

Includes:

The Merrion Dublin - Two Nights accommodation in a Merrion Queen Room including a full Irish Breakfast each morning.

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.

Castlemartyr Resort Hotel – Two Nights accommodation in the Grand Suite, Menu Tasting for two at Terre Fine Dining restaurant on one night, breakfast each morning and Golf for two.

Nestled amid East Cork’s woodlands, the luxury 5-Star Castlemartyr Resort is a destination richly steeped in Irish history and tradition. Situated on 220 acres, Castlemartyr Resort consists of a grand 17th century country manor house that sits adjacent to the ruins of an 800-year-old-castle. *Valid to 30th November 2025.*

Sheen Falls – Two Nights accommodation in a Deluxe Room B&B, dinner for two at The Falls Restaurant on one night plus Golf for 2 at the Ring of Kerry Golf Course.

Sheen Falls Lodge overlooking the picturesque Sheen Falls, just outside the heritage town of Kenmare, this 5 star 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. *Valid to 10th November 2025.*

Trinity Town House Hotel – Two nights stay in a Superior Room including Breakfast each morning.

Trinity Townhouse hotel is located in Dublin’s city centre, a stone’s thrown from Grafton Street, Dublin’s most exclusive shopping district. Walking distance from some great restaurants, museums and galleries. Nearby attractions include Trinity College Dublin, National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street, the new Museum of Literature on St. Stephen’s Green and the National Gallery on Merrion Square. *Valid to 31st December 2025.*

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Value \$10,000 plus



Live Auction

Lot 7 Australian Radio Network Airtime Package

Donated by ARN



The Australian Radio Network is pleased to provide a National airtime package to the total value of \$80,000 (including GST) to support The Ireland Funds Australia 2023 Sydney Garden Party.

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.



- Brisbane's 97.3, 4KQ
- Sydney's KIIS 1065, WSFM
- Melbourne's KIIS 101.1, Gold 104.3
- Adelaide's Mix102.3, Cruise
- Perth's 96FM



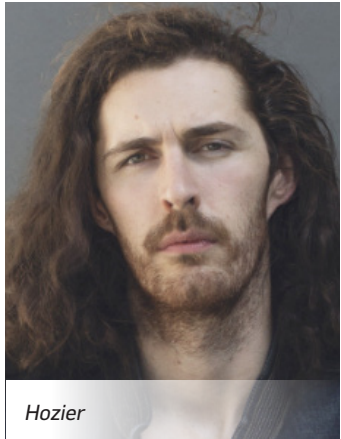
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Value \$80,000



Silent Auction



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Features:

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- An open bar serving beer, wine, cocktails, juices, soft drinks and more.
- 30 land and water activities including padel, snorkelling, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and beach tennis.
- Evening entertainment.
- Kids Clubs from the ages of 4 to 17.

* Land Content only T&Cs Apply



How To Play

There is a GREEN envelope on each table containing Ireland Funds \$100 notes and paperclips

To play with Cash:

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

To play with Credit Card:

Fill in the Ireland Funds printed \$100 note, tick the credit card box and provide your credit card details. Once completed, hand your \$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 Ireland Funds \$100 note
- The completed Ireland Funds \$100 notes will then go into the draw!
- The \$100 note drawn out will be the winner of the fabulous prizes above
- You can also purchase Sydney Garden Party Raffle tickets directly from the Ireland Funds Hosts table at the back of the room
- Envelopes will be collect by our Ireland Fund Hosts at approximately 2.50pm



How you can support The Ireland Funds Australia and our Projects:

Giving Programmes

The Governor Programme was launched in 1997 to enable us to provide further support to flagship projects complementing our event fundraising. The Governor Programme has continued to grow and over the last 5 years has contributed 18.44% of our total grants.

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Upcoming Events 2025

DERMOT KENNEDY

We are delighted to be chosen as Dermot Kennedy's charity partner for his Misneach Festival on Sunday 16th March 2025 at The Domain Sydney.



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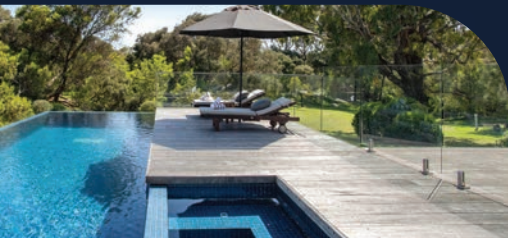
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