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# Sydney Garden Party

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023



# LOVELY DAY FOR A GUINNESS



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Dear Friends of Ireland

Welcome and thank you for joining us today as we celebrate our 36<sup>th</sup> year here in Australia. We are so thrilled to be able to continue to celebrate in this special place "Fairwater" thanks to Mike and Annie Cannon Brookes.

We welcome any new friends that are joining us today for their first garden party. 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 under \$17 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 2023 grant round totalled \$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 – see following pages and our website for full details. I am also delighted that Dr. Stanley Quek has been recognized with the Presidential Distinguished Service Award 2023 – richly deserved.

This year we launched 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 have had two amazing events already hosted by Ernst and Young and Lion with a stunning lunch coming up on 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2024 in Sydney with Guest Speaker, Geraldine Slattery, President BHP Australia.

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 remind us that caring for our people, investing and continually nurturing the work we do around peace and reconciliation is vital. We were delighted to have Joe Kennedy III the special envoy appointed to Northern Ireland by President Biden speak at our annual Conference last June celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland.

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 Garden party. Thank you.

**Yvonne Le Bas Chair**

The Ireland Funds Australia  
Fairwater November 2023





### Projects Supported 2022 – 2023



#### Community Development / Education in Ireland

- Community Action Network#
- Inner City Enterprise#
- Learning Hub Limerick#
- No Mind Left Behind Scholarships#
- UCD Scholarship#
- Royal College of Surgeons#  
in Ireland
- My Mind#
- Trinity College#
- Trinity St James Cancer Institute#
- 174 Trust#
- Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship #



#### Community Development / Education in Australia

- Australian Indigenous Education  
Foundation
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- Beyond Blue

#Donor Advised Grant

### Total Donations 2022 – 2023 \$1,894,174

#### Donor Advised Grants

Trinity St James Cancer Institute #	\$1,599,000	•
UCD Scholarship #	\$25,000	•
Trinity Hyman Tarlo Scholarship #	\$10,000	•
Trinity Law School #	\$1,000	•
Trinity TCD Library #	\$2,000	•
174 Trust #	\$25,000	•
Learning Hub Limerick #	\$50,000	•
Inner City Enterprise #	\$30,000	•
Community Action Network #	\$30,000	•
No Mind Left Behind Scholarships #	\$60,000	•
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland #	\$16,000	•
Trinity Access Fund #	\$2,000	•

Over the last 11 years 84% of donations received have been allocated to our charities.

#### Grants

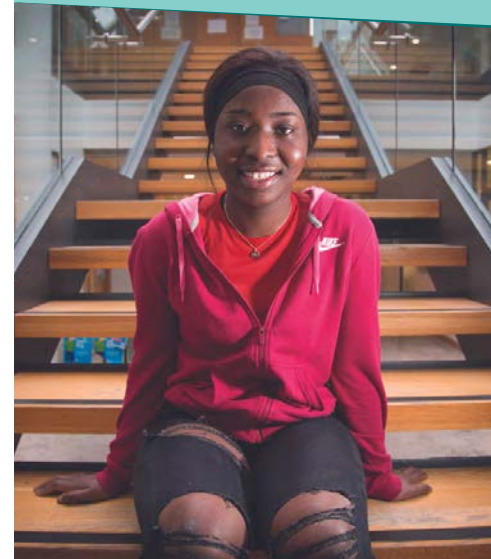
My Mind	\$6,000	•
Home Tree Ireland	\$1,579	•
AIEF	\$20,000	•
Beyond blue	\$6,000	•
Science Gallery Melbourne	\$10,000	•
Carbon Positive Australia	\$595	•

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≤\$10K \$100K \$500K \$1M \$1.6M

## Stories of Impact

Since 1987, our donors, corporate sponsors, table captains and individuals have helped us improve the lives of people in Ireland and Australia. Our events bring people together to have fun and feel good about helping others, this is an impact we cannot measure but is invaluable.



### No Mind Left Behind

No Mind Left Behind is an initiative designed to give promising young people from areas of social disadvantage an opportunity to complete third-level education.

**Our Impact :** An annual scholarship of €4,000 is provided to cover the costs of books, accommodation, and other key expenses. Our \$54,000 donation this year is supporting 9 students from St James Street CBS. The programme has helped 300+ students so far.

“

I remember Dad ringing us to say I was awarded the No Mind Left Behind Scholarship from The Ireland Funds. Mum and I busted out crying because I couldn't have imagined living in Dublin with the cost and I was a bit nervous going to the capital. It pushed me to go that someone believed in me. The No Mind Left Behind Scholarship and The Ireland Funds, they completely just changed the whole course of my life.

A big thank you to The Ireland Funds for giving us the support and investing in our abilities to succeed.

”

Shauna Gallagher

No Mind Left Behind Graduate now studying at the Royal College of Surgeons



## Trinity St James Cancer Institute

The Trinity St James's Cancer Institute (TSJCI) is an OECD accredited Cancer Centre that is transforming cancer care in Ireland by combining frontier science with excellent patient care and world-class education to pioneer new ways to prevent and detect cancer and to lead the transformation to scientifically driven personalised cancer care and after care for patients in Ireland.

**Our Impact :** Helping to accelerate translation of scientific discovery to patient treatments.

Helping to provide world-class education and training to the next generation of cancer leaders in Ireland.



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## Programme

19 November 2023



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Master of Ceremonies  
*Catherine Murphy*



*Yvonne Le Bas*  
Chair of The Ireland Funds Australia



*H.E. Tim Mawe*  
Ambassador of Ireland to Australia



*Online Silent Auction throughout lunch*



Entertainment  
*Rat Pack Reloaded*



*Live Auction*  
Auctioneer – *Romany Brooks of Bresic Whitney*



*Raffle Draw*



*Adjourn to the waters edge for Guinness and Irish Coffee*



Entertainment and Dancing

## Menu



### Canapés

Prosciutto and chicken ballotine with truffled mushrooms and parmesan crisp (GF)  
Roasted eggplant & tahini panna cotta, rye pumpernickel, toasted macadamia (VN)  
Smoked salmon dome, dill cream cheese, salmon roe, blini



### Entrée

#### Roasted Yamba X-Large King Prawn

cherry tomatoes, caper berries, mango avocado salsa, tendrils, lemon oil (GF)

*Served alternatively with*

#### Grilled Beef Carpaccio

heirloom tomatoes, shaved garlic, pecorino shavings, balsamic glaze & micro basil (GF)



### Main Course

#### Beef Tenderloin Fillet

pressed potato, pencil leek, horseradish emulsion, baby upland cress

*Served alternatively with*

#### Seared Barramundi

lemon scented cavolo nero, confit potato, Romanesco, petite bouche (GF)



### Dessert

#### Trilogy of Miniature Desserts

Irish Creme Chocolate Trifle, Mini torched lemon meringue tart baked and macaroons(GF)



### Coffee

Espresso and Cappuccino from the coffee cart  
Irish Coffees





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## Live Auction

Lot 1

Original Miriam Innes charcoal

Donated by Miriam Innes

Title: *'Be Still'*

Year: 2023

Material: *Charcoal*

'Seek the tranquility amidst the chaos of turbulence, uncertainty, busyness, and the unyielding speed of passing time. In the relentless pursuit of achievement, deadlines, and goals, we often find ourselves cramming each day to the brim, leaving no room to simply breathe. This artwork serves as a portrayal of serenity, a haven free from stress and anxiety, a place that yearns for quietude, soothing, and stillness.' *Miriam Innes. 2023*

www.miriaminnes.com

Value – Priceless



Lot 2

Coolmore Stud Weekend away in the Hunter Valley for 6 guests



Donated by Coolmore

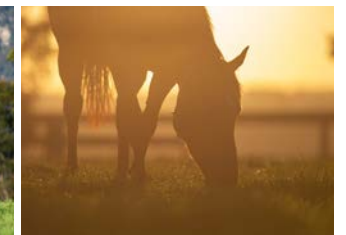
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The world renowned Coolmore Stud is located in the picturesque Hunter Valley NSW. Situated on 9,000 acres of lush countryside, alongside the famous Hunter River, Coolmore is the premier source of elite Thoroughbreds in the Southern Hemisphere.

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*)

Value – Priceless





### Live Auction

#### Lot 3 LVTong Two Seater Golf Cart

Donated by Michael O'Brien

The LVTong 2 Seater Golf Cart is an ideal choice for golfers of all skill levels, as it effortlessly navigates through the 18-hole course, freeing up more time for you to concentrate on perfecting your swing.

- 6 x 8 Volt AGM sealed maintenance free batteries
- Fully programmable Toyota electronic controller
- 48 Volt 4 kw brushless AC motor
- Automatic engaging electric park brake for safety
- Full lighting package with LED daylight run lights, ED amber indicators, projector LED head lights with high and low beam
- Side mounted mirrors
- Independent double wish bone front suspension with coil over shock absorbers front & rear
- Four- Wheel hydraulic disc brakes
- 10' Alloy rims on 205/6.5-10 tyres
- Ergonomically designed seating and steering wheel for maximum comfort & less fatigue
- Retractable lap seat belts
- Split fold windshield
- Fold up golf bag cover and Club and ball washer
- Cooler, storage compartment built into the dash, dual USB port
- State of charge indicator, odometer, directional indicator & warning lights.
- Opportunity to change signage to personalise
- Includes delivery Australia wide



Value **\$14,000**

#### Lot 4 Three night stay at Noosa beachfront



Donated by Alloggio

Noosa Court is an exclusive beachfront complex located on Noosa's Main Beach.

Noosa Court offers the very best in luxury accommodation, boasting spacious living areas, high-end furnishings and modern amenities. With four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a fully equipped kitchen, this apartment is perfect for families, groups or couples seeking a peaceful and comfortable retreat in the heart of Noosa.

The spacious open-plan living opens onto the dining and living spaces, while the expansive glass doors open to the furnished outdoor terrace and barbecue, lawn with loungers and gardens that overlook the ocean and communal complex pool.

Wake up to breathtaking views of the Laguna Bay from the comfort of your own master bedroom, living and balcony. Noosa Court provides the perfect vantage point to watch the sunrise or sunset over the stunning Noosa landscape. Experience the ultimate in relaxation as you take in the natural beauty of this iconic coastal town.

*\*\* This property is available for low season booking only with 12 months validity from November 2023. Voucher to be supplied when booking. Subject to availability, Terms and Conditions apply.*

Value up to **\$6,000 (Low season)**



### Live Auction

#### Lot 5 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.



Valued at **\$5,599**

#### Lot 6 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 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.

Value – **Priceless**





### Live Auction

#### Lot 7 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, dinner 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.



**Sheen Falls** - Two Nights accommodation in a signature suite 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.



**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 throw 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.

Plus - A VIP tour of Coolmore Stud in Ireland with lunch at Mikey Ryan's bar.

Value \$10,000 plus



### Live Auction

#### Lot 8 La Mer Penthouse, Noosa, 7 nights for up to 6 guests



Donated by Alloggio

This amazing north facing penthouse has views as far as the eye can see over looking Laguna Bay and Noosa National parks. Perfectly located in the heart of Hastings Street on Noosa's famous Main Beach.

The La Mer Penthouse is fully air-conditioned and is split over two levels. The main level consists of a fully equipped gourmet kitchen that opens out on to your open plan dining, living area and lower deck with full ocean views. 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and laundry.

Complimentary WiFi is available throughout. The lounge area has an LCD TV with Foxtel, DVD and Sonos soundbar with full internet radio.

The Upper level boasts your own private rooftop. Imagine lazing in the sun or sharing stunning sunsets while having drinks and dinner with your family and friends. Your private rooftop has a fully equipped kitchen with 6 burner BBQ, bar fridge and dishwasher.

The complex is fully secured with lift access to all levels, direct beach access, heated swimming pool and spa. La Mer is perfect for either your next family getaway or a few couples wanting to escape.

*\*\* This property is available for low season booking only with 24 months validity from November 2023. Voucher to be supplied when booking. Subject to availability, Terms and Conditions apply.*

Value up to \$16,500 (Low season)



#### Lot 9 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
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- Perth's 96FM

*\*Terms and Conditions apply*

Value \$80,000







## The Sydney Garden Party Raffle

**Just \$100 for your chance to win!**

Combined prize pool in excess of \$13,000

### WINNER TAKES ALL!

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- 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 marquee
- Envelopes will be collect by our Ireland Fund Hosts at approximately 2.50pm

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Our suppliers are also on their own journeys to help the environment and have been for some time including:

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They are doing this by consistently reviewing their environmental and social impacts throughout their operations and supply chain, with priorities distributed across what they buy and how they deliver their services. Priorities include:

- Ethical and Sustainable Procurement
- Sustainable Packaging
- Waste Minimisation and Management, working directly with OZ Harvest to rescue and redistribute food including food from our lunch today
- Responsible Cleaning and Chemical Use
- Water Efficiency and Use
- Carbon Emissions and Energy Use



- Continuously reuse and repurpose props, a huge piece of their business
- Reduce waste by choosing products that have minimal packaging and can be used productively and then recycled
- Make resources available to implement environmental risk management procedures

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#### Michael & Annie Cannon-Brookes

