Dear Friends of Ireland

Welcome to our annual Brisbane lunch. 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, our continuing gratitude to you. I know that, in this beautiful Brisbane City, 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.

2015-2016 has been a busy year for the Australian Ireland Fund. As well as the $1.7m we have donated to great projects in Ireland and Australia (see opposite page for details of the projects we supported this year), we have also devoted some time this year to reflecting on what the Fund has achieved so far, and what we would like to achieve in the coming years.

This reflection has been inspired by some landmark birthdays approaching! The Worldwide Ireland Funds turn 40 this year, and the AIF turns 30 in 2017. Above all, we are a charity that exists to serve and support our communities and thereby to strengthen the historical bonds between Ireland and Australia. So with rapidly changing social and economic landscapes in both countries, we have been looking at where and how the Fund can provide the best assistance and value to projects in Ireland, and to the community of friends of Ireland here in Australia.

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 from you 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, our Young Leader Committee 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
Brisbane Luncheon 2016
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.

They have been extremely successful and grown rapidly from providing services to 11 girls in 2007 to serving over 500 young people in 2015.

The AIF is delighted to support Solas for the next 12 months to enable Solas to reach an additional 250 children at least.

SOAR

Soar is a 100% independently funded collective movement with no government support which believes that there is greatness within all young people.

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 to 18 years from all backgrounds throughout Ireland.

The AIF support will assist Soar to kick off the development of a program, designed specifically for girls aged 15-17.

SUAS EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suas Literacy Support Programme (LSP) deliver support to school children (8-14 years old) from disadvantaged communities to improve their literacy skills.

The programme currently operates in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. Through literacy interventions, 8-14 year old schoolchildren increase their literacy levels and educational attainment, improve their self-esteem and enhance their perception of the importance of learning.

DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Donor Advised Grants enable donors to recommend 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.

Trinity College Dublin received two donor advised grants through the Australian Ireland Fund in 2015:

• From Dr Stanley Quek to support Biosciences Development for the School of Medicine
• From Ruth Tarlo for the inaugural Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2015/16 at the Law School of Trinity College. The scholarship is in memory of Ruth’s late husband, Hyman Tarlo, who attended Trinity during the 1940’s.

Blossom Ireland received a donor advised gift from the Lansdowne Club of Australia. They provide occupational therapy-led after school activities and holiday camps for children with intellectual disabilities.

Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital, Ireland’s major centre for elective orthopaedic surgery also received a small donor advised gift.
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PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2014 — 2015

Community Development and Education Southern Ireland
- Solas
- Suas Educational Development
- Soar

Education Australia
- Centre for Irish Studies at University NSW

Donor Advised Grants
- Trinity College
- Blossom Ireland
- Cappagh House

TOTAL DONATIONS 2014-2015

$1,721,301

TRINITY COLLEGE BIOSCIENCES $1,517,450.68
IRISH STUDIES UNSW $64,184
SUAS $22,500
SOAR $14,577
SOLAS EDUCATION $86,589.92
BLOSSOM IRELAND $5,000
CAPPAGH HOUSE $1,000
TRINITY TARLO SCHOLARSHIP $10,000

92.67% of donations received have been allocated to charities

TOTAL AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2011 — JUNE 2015

Funding Allocated
Donations Received

FY 2011/12
FY 2012/13
FY 2013/14
FY 2014/15
Totals FY 2011 — FY 2015

$45,000 $213,050 $384,500 $1,721,301 $2,395,801
$3,050 $23,065 $254,670 $1,884,282 $2,585,067
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PROGRAMME

12 August 2016

Pre-luncheon drinks

Master of Ceremonies
Catherine Murphy

Entrée Served

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

Lunch Served

Silent Auction throughout Luncheon

Panel Discussion featuring
John O’Neill AO, H.E. Noel White and Tim Horan AM

Entertainment by
Jenny Fitzgibbon and Stephen Cook

Live Auction

Roaming Desserts and Irish Coffees
MENU

PRE-LUNCHEON DRINKS

ENTRÉE
Alternate Serve

PRAWN COCKTAIL
with cos leaves, spicy mayonnaise, lemon zested tiger prawns & tomato concasse

Or

RED BRAISED DUCK LEG
with lime & celeriac remoulade

MAIN COURSE
Alternate Serve

SEARED OCEAN TROUT
with parsnip puree, podded peas & fried leek

Or

BAKED EYE FILLET
with sage roesti, capsicum jam, broccolini tips & jus

ROAMING DESSERTS
Mini lemon meringue tarts
Chocolate brownies
Chocolate mousse cups
Caramel tarts
Flourless orange cake

IRISH COFFEES
Plus a selection of teas and organic fair trade coffee
with house made biscotti

Menu designed and prepared by

THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND
LIVE AUCTION

LOT 1  JOHN LENNON’S HANDWRITTEN SONG MANUSCRIPT DAY TRIPPER

In 1995 the John Lennon estate published the famous Beatles song Day Tripper as a limited edition silkscreen print. Only 1000 numbered prints were available for sale worldwide. This is a rare opportunity to purchase one of these prints. The entire edition completely sold out in 1999.

VALUE $2,500

LOT 2  SYDNEY EXPERIENCE

Enjoy all Sydney has to offer with accommodation for 2 for five nights at Fraser Suites including breakfast daily. Fraser Suites Sydney offers sophisticated, fully-furnished, luxurious, award-winning apartments just minutes from the Queen Victoria Building and Darling Harbour in Sydney’s vibrant shopping and entertainment district. This package includes dinner for two at Mekong Kensington Street. Mekong’s culinary terrain crosses entrees, shared mains and desserts to map out recipes that generations have passed through the Indochine provinces.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra has provided a gift of music with 2 x A Reserve tickets to any standard subscription concert, most of which are hosted at the Sydney Opera House.

Enjoy the brand new Republic Dining Room and menu on level one of the Republic Hotel with a $300 voucher. Chef Lee Thompson leads the team at Republic – combing Australian and International produce. She aspires to bring elegant modern bistro food to the business district of Sydney. Republic Dining is open on level 1 of the hotel Monday to Friday for lunch and dinner.

VALUE $2,350
LIVE AUCTION

LOT 3  AUSTRALIAN RADIO NETWORK NATIONAL 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 Australian Ireland Fund's Brisbane 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.

Brisbane's 97.3FM, 4KQ
Sydney's KIIS 1065, WSFM 101.7
Melbourne's MIX 101.1, Gold 104.3
Adelaide KISS 102.3, Cruise 1323

VALUE $10,000

LOT 4  FLEMINGS HOTEL MAYFAIR LONDON

Flemings Mayfair Hotel is situated in one of London's most desirable areas, it is the ideal location for any London city break. This discreet hotel will be your ultimate luxury home away from home with its newly designed bedrooms that reflect 1930's glamour with contemporary mod cons to suit every guest. In September, Michelin-starred chef Shaun Rankin will open his highly anticipated restaurant Ormer Mayfair in the boutique hotel, bringing a distinctive Mayfair twist, befitting its new luxury location.

Enjoy two fabulous nights' accommodation in your own luxurious and spacious Mayfair Junior Suite with bespoke furnishings and distinctive style including full English breakfast for 2 daily.

The personality of the luxury Mayfair hotel is matched by warm, personal service and attention-to-detail. Brand new interiors reflect the heritage of the hotel with rooms returned to their generous Georgian splendour featuring three meter high ceilings and period features; some with floor-to-ceiling windows and fireplaces. The elegant bedrooms are decorated with a nod to the glamorous 1930's, with shades of bronze and soft greys along with bespoke furniture designed in silver stained fiddle-back Sycamore. The feel of each bedroom is serenely calm and restful with timeless detailing and quiet luxury.

VALUE $2,000
LIVE AUCTION

LOT 5
THE ULTIMATE SAILING AND DINING EXPERIENCE

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 afternoon or twilight sail or on a separate occasion with Dinner for you and eleven friends at BLACK by ezard. BLACK by ezard 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. The private room is completely enclosed, providing your group with an exclusive setting for a private meeting or dinner.

Dinner is for up to twelve people valid for 12 months.

VALUE IN EXCESS OF $8,000
LIVE AUCTION

LOT 6

TRIP OF A LIFETIME WITH EMIRATES AIRWAYS

Fly from Brisbane to Dublin in style with Emirates. Enjoy two Business Class flights to Dublin, via our home Dubai, flying on one of the most advanced and modern fleets in the sky. Enjoy a chauffeur-drive to and from Brisbane Airport and access to the exclusive Brisbane 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. You have the choice of regionally inspired cuisine made with the freshest ingredients and enjoy up to 2,000 channels of award-winning entertainment.

The package also includes 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 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 a 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. They do their best to guarantee the highest level of service and lowest rates for all customers.

VALUE IN EXCESS OF $28,000

*Emirates Conditions apply. Auction is for two return Business Class flights to Europe return from Brisbane on Emirates flights only. Travel is valid from 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017. All seats are subject to availability at the time of booking. Not valid for travel during blackout dates which include Australian school holidays, Easter, Christmas and New Year period and additional black out periods may apply. The two flights must be utilised at the same time, for the same travel dates, to the same destination. The tickets are non refundable, non transferable & non re-routable. All applicable taxes on these tickets are the responsibility of the prize winner and are to be paid before the tickets can be issued. Emirates Skywards miles cannot be earned on these tickets.

*DriveAway Holidays car hire is for a compact size car valid until 12 August 2017, excluding peak holiday periods and blackout periods. This voucher does not include local fees, surcharges & taxes imposed at the time of collection.
RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE

WATERFORD CRYSTAL IRIS PITCHER – DESIGNED AND MADE AT THE HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL IN IRELAND

In Greek mythology, Iris is the goddess of the sea and the sky. As the sun unites earth and heaven, Iris links the gods to humanity. She travels with the speed of wind from one end of the world to the other and into the depths of the sea and the underworld. She carries a caduceus or winged staff and by command of Zeus, the king of the gods, she carries an ewer of water from the River Styx. Designer Matt Kehoe was inspired by Iris’ ewer when he designed the distinctive Iris Pitcher. Hand-blown Waterford Crystal is magnificently shaped and cut at The House of Waterford Crystal in Ireland. Hand cut crystal, 27cm High, 17cm wide, and 600mL capacity. Worldwide Limited Edition - 200, Import of 10 in Australia.

VALUE $1,999

SECOND PRIZE

DAVID EGAN’S ‘THE SWEETEST THING’ LIMITED EDITION SCREEN-PRINT

David has approval from U2 to use their lyrics in his artwork. Egan was a finalist in the 2013 Sulman Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW.

VALUE $690

THIRD PRIZE

COOKING CLASS FOR TWO AT HUNDRED ACRE BAR AND $100 VOUCHER FOR LUCY’S CAFE

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 throughout the year from 6pm. Includes $100 voucher for St Lucy’s Café for those who prefer consuming over cooking.

FOURTH PRIZE

BOOZE BOX

Including Black Label Johnny Walker, Bushmills Irish Whiskey, Baileys, Midori and Moet.

FIFTH PRIZE

A PRICELINE PHARMACY MACARTHUR CENTRAL GIFT BASKET

Full of a fabulous assortment of cosmetics, toiletries and gifts.

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 red 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 PORT DOUGLAS OR QT RESORT GOLD COAST

QT Resorts are vibrant resorts boasting fun and quirky design and unique bar and food experiences set in lush tropical gardens. Indulge with accommodation in a QT 1 Bedroom Suite for two people for two consecutive nights including breakfast daily.

VALUE $800  MINIMUM BID $300

LOT 2
$200 VOUCHER TO BOARDWALK TAVERN

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 3
‘THE SWEETEST THING’ LIMITED EDITION SCREEN-PRINT BY DAVID EGAN

David was granted approval by U2 to use their lyrics in his artwork. Egan was a finalist in the 2013 Sulman Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW. Limited Edition of 170 Prints.

VALUE $690  MINIMUM BID $250

LOT 4
A LUXURIOUS GOURMET 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  MINIMUM BID $75

LOT 5
HARRIGAN’S HUNTER VALLEY ESCAPE

Enjoy two nights in a studio room with breakfast daily for 2 people at Harrigan’s Irish Pub, includes entry to the Hunter Valley Gardens.

VALUE $430  MINIMUM BID $200

LOT 6
MORPHY RICHARDS KITCHEN PACK

The perfect house warming or sending off gift for friends and children! The Morphy Richards pack includes the stylish new Copper Accents Jug Kettle and 2 Slice Toaster, a 6.5L Sear & Stew Slow Cooker, Electric Round Skillet and the Total Control Hand Blender Pro Set.

VALUE $500  MINIMUM BID $250
SILENT AUCTION

**LOT 7**
**ONE ROUND OF GOLF FOR FOUR AT INDOOROOPILLY GOLF CLUB**
Enjoy a round of golf for four people including shared golf carts in the tranquil parkland bordering the Brisbane River. Indooroopilly Golf Club offers flexible and accessible golfing opportunities for players of all abilities in a relaxed and friendly environment in close proximity to the CBD.

**VALUE $310  MINIMUM BID $150**

**LOT 8**
**HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL PEACOCK VASE 25CM**
Peacocks have long been a symbol of wealth, beauty and rebirth since ancient times and they remain a popular motif today, perhaps because they can be beautiful as both a graphic image and as a representation of nature and serve as the inspiration for John Connolly’s latest collection. This Peacock Vase 25cm features the feather motif and rolling edge. Made in Ireland.

**VALUE $1,299  MINIMUM BID $500**

**LOT 9**
**INDULGE WITH A BMW FOR THE WEEKEND**
Enjoy a luxurious new BMW for the weekend for your sheer driving pleasure thanks to Westside BMW. Includes BMW of your choice some models some models excluded. Pick up Friday afternoon and return Monday morning.

**Westside BMW **

**VALUE $1,500  MINIMUM BID $400**

**LOT 10**
**JUPITER’S CASINO EXPERIENCE**
Spoil yourself with 1 nights’ accommodation in a Superior Room at Jupiter’s Gold Coast. The luxury appointed Superior Rooms are perfect for a sun-filled Gold Coast escape, located on floors 5 – 7, they offer views of Broadbeach or stunning Hinterland Mountains. This package includes breakfast and a $250 Restaurant dining voucher to use at any of Jupiter’s Restaurants including the One Hat Japanese Restaurant Kiyomi.

**VALUE $850  MINIMUM BID $300**

**LOT 11**
**GAAGO.IE SUBSCRIPTION PASS**
Watch live or on demand GAA games in football and hurling including all Ireland finals on your laptop, tablet or smart phone. Enjoy access to over 100 matches, access to The Sunday Game highlights programme plus full studio coverage as available in Ireland, all in high quality HD stream.

**VALUE $200  MINIMUM BID $100**

**LOT 12**
**2 TICKETS TO OPENING NIGHT OF ST MARY’S IN EXILE ON SATURDAY 27 AUGUST**
Queensland Theatre Group brings acclaimed Brisbane playwright David Burton’s incredible ‘David and Goliath’ story to stage in St Mary’s In Exile.

**VALUE $90  MINIMUM BID $50**
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**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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Your company can become a Partner Sponsor of The Australian Ireland Fund by contributing a nominated amount for a 3-year period starting 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:

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