



Queensland Irish Association

Newsletter

July 2021

Blooming great turnout for James Joyce celebrations

We held a celebration of modern Irish literature at the Queen Street Mall stage on Wednesday, 16th June.

Bloomsday is a commemoration of the life of Irish writer James Joyce, observed annually by the Irish community across the world on 16th June, the day his novel *Ulysses* takes place in 1904, and named after its central character Leopold Bloom.

The novel follows the life and thoughts of Leopold Bloom and a host of other characters – real and fictional – from 8am on 16th June 1904 through to the early hours of the following morning.

Bloomsday in Brisbane is a key QIA event. Readings from the great book were given by members of the Queensland Irish community. We put a call out on our social media network for volunteers and received an enthusiastic response.

Well done to all who were involved in this great day and a special thank you to our wonderful volunteers.

The event also had the support of the Embassy of Ireland, Canberra and Irish Australian Support Association of Queensland, who shared the photo above on social media.

DRINKS CANCELLED

Due to the latest Covid-19 restrictions and following the advice of the Queensland Government that people



Crowds enjoying the Queensland Irish Association Bloomsday in Brisbane event in Queen Street Mall last month. Pic: IASAQ/Twitter

over the age of 70 should stay home at present, we feel that it is prudent to cancel our July drinks function at the Grand Central Hotel.

Please be assured that we will do our best to make the August function bigger and better than ever and we look forward to celebrating with you at that time.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your Annual Membership of QIA expired on 30th June 2021 and it is now necessary to renew.

You can renew your membership by going to our website and clicking on

the link at the bottom of the page that says 'Join the QIA'. Alternatively, you can click [here](#).

New members wishing to join can also follow this link and fill out your details on our online form. New members will need to be proposed and seconded by current members of QIA.

You may become a National Member if you are connected to Ireland by birth or descent, and any person of good character may apply to be an Associate Member.

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