

Registration fee

The registration fee covers all meals, including a three course Christmas dinner in historic Galong House with dinner wines, morning and afternoon teas, all presentations, air conditioned coach travel to Canberra & return, entrance to exhibition at the National Museum of Australia, reception at the Embassy of Ireland and entertainment.

You are welcome to BYO your own refreshments for lunches and Thursday & Friday dinners. Vegetarian, diabetic and gluten-free diets can be catered for if advised at time of registration.

Accommodation options

- Three night's accommodation in a single or double room with shared facilities - \$515.00 per person* **OR**
- Three night's accommodation in a shared twin room with ensuite - \$575.00 per person*

*A discount of \$20.00 per person will apply to registration fees paid in full by 5 June 2011.

Accommodation preferences will be allocated on a first to register basis with payment in full or a deposit of \$200.00, the balance being due by 20 June 2011. Cancellations received after that date will attract an administration fee of \$100.00.

Accommodation is limited to 100 registrants - so please book early to avoid disappointment. Further information and full directions (with map) will be mailed upon receipt of the full registration fee.

Please complete the registration form and

- Mail with a cheque payable to
St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre;
- Email, fax or mail credit card details;
- Eftpos available – please phone through details.



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The venue

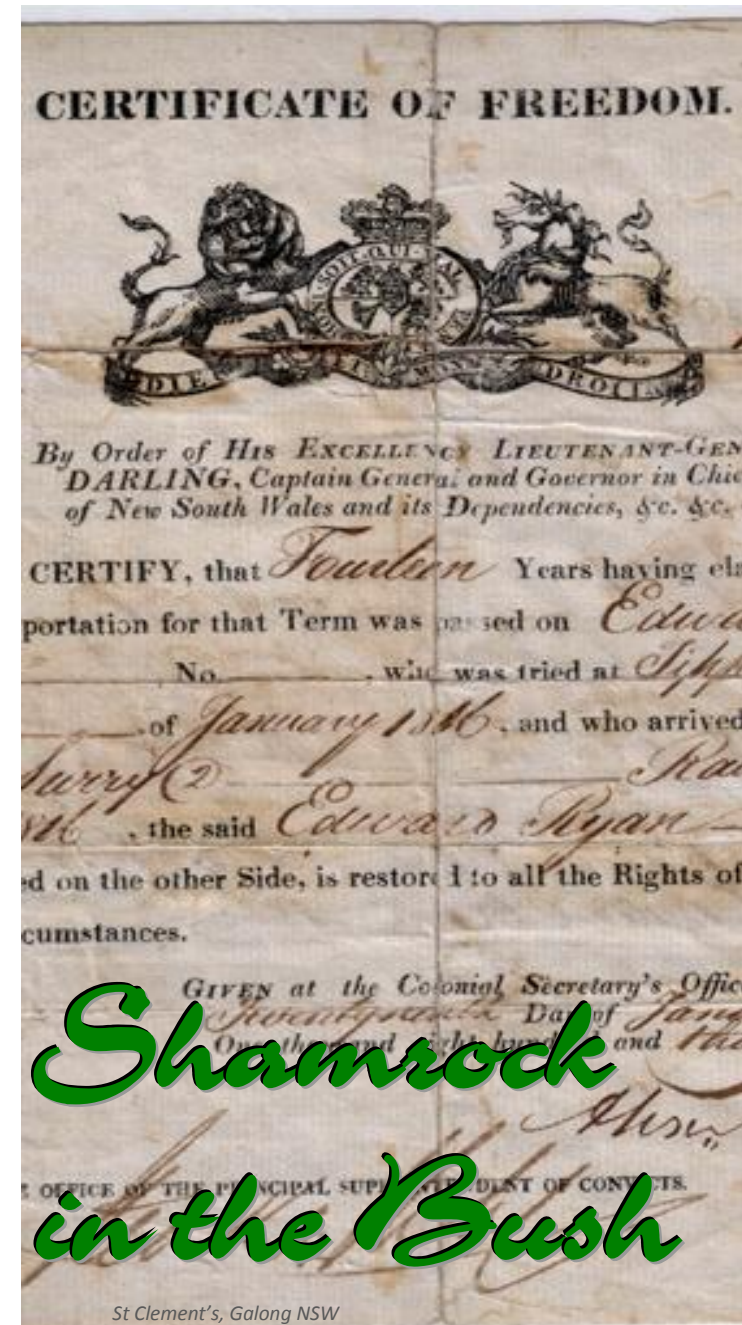
Our weekend at St Clement's will give you the opportunity to experience Irish-Australian history in a unique setting. Galong was settled in the late 1820s as the home of transported Irish convict Edward 'Ned' Ryan. For many years Ned's holdings were 'beyond the limits of location'. As his extensive pastoral holdings grew through determination and hard work so did his prosperity and generosity to his family, friends, neighbours and the church.

Upon the death of the last remaining family member, his niece Anastasia Barry Ryan in 1914, Galong passed into the care of the Redemptorist Order and a seminary and school were built around the Ryan homestead. The monastery is now a popular retreat centre.

The monastery is set in 800 acres of rolling rural landscape with extensive garden and walks. The Lourdes Grotto and a labyrinth modelled on the eleven circuit design of Chartres Cathedral in France are of special interest. A short walk from the monastery is 'God's Acre', Galong cemetery, set aside by Ned Ryan and where some of the earliest pioneers of the area are buried, including the Ryans and their extended family members. The ornate Rusconi memorials are a photographer's delight.

Further improvements

Accommodation and facilities at St Clement's have continued to improve with the Retreat House now fully refurbished. Fresh paintwork, new lighting, individual air conditioning, improved bathroom facilities, new bedding and furnishings have resulted in a whole new look for the 'Retro' building. The monastery building has twin ensuite rooms with reverse cycle air conditioning and telephones. These rooms as well as the rooms with shared facilities in the monastery building have lift access. Tea making and laundry facilities are available and linen is provided. A separate fully self-contained hermitage and a three bedroom lodge (both comfortably air conditioned) can accommodate further participants.



ST CLEMENT'S
Monastery and Retreat Centre, Galong NSW

Thurs 7 to Sun 10 July 2011

The program

The nineteenth Shamrock in the Bush will be an extra special event with a varied and interesting program covering the Irish experience in Australia as seen through the exhibition Not Just Ned at the National Museum of Australia. Our keynote speaker is well known Irish-born pioneer multicultural broadcaster, author, lecturer and film and television personality Claire Dunne. We will be visiting the exhibition in Canberra and then taking you to a 'little piece of Ireland' for a reception at the Irish Embassy hosted by His Excellency Máirtín Ó'Fainín. Besides a great line up of speakers there will be music and verse by our minstrel John Dengate and fellow musicians to compliment the presentations.

A highlight of the event will be the Shamrock Dinner in Galong House where Edward 'Ned' Ryan once held high revel and dispensed hospitality to family, friends, neighbours and travellers. Kenneth Mackay, MLC, wrote in the Freeman's Journal in 1897 that 'it was one of the few country houses of Australia possessing any pretence to historic memories'. It is a fitting setting for a Christmas in July with good food, good wine, good music and even better company and definitely an occasion to remember - the 'wearing of the green' will be the order of the day. Our after dinner speaker will be former Irish Ambassador to Australia, Richard O'Brien.

The project

Proceeds from the Shamrock in the Bush, publication sales and fundraising in connection with the event will benefit the establishment and maintenance of the museum, archive and library in Galong House which is being developed in conjunction with students from the Donald Horne Institute at the University of Canberra. The newly created Shamrock in the Bush Cultural Heritage Fellowship for students involved in the ongoing cultural heritage work at St Clement's is also supported by this event.

Please join us for an enjoyable and interesting weekend in support of a very worthy cause in one of Southern New South Wales' most historic locations. St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre at Galong is situated about forty minutes drive north of Yass just off the Binalong-Harden Road (Burley Griffin Way).

Thursday 7 July

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| 3.00pm | Registration |
| 6.00pm | Dinner |
| 7.30pm | Welcome Fr Leo Coffey, Fr Brian Maher, Dr Richard Reid & Cheryl Mongan |

Spreading branches

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| 7.45pm | From Irish Roots to World Tree Claire Dunne , keynote speaker |
| 8.45pm | Supper |

Friday 8 July

From convict ship to National Museum

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| 9.00am | The Earliest Irish to Australia 1788-1791: who were they and where in Ireland were they from? Keith Johnson |
| 9.45am | The Irish in the National Museum: a Victorian view Val Noone |
| 10.30am | Morning tea |

Adrift

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| 11.00am | In Bligh's Hand Jennifer Gall |
| 12 noon | Lunch |
| 1.15pm | Depart by coach for Canberra |

Not Just Ned: the true story of the Irish in Australia

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| 2.45pm | Tour of the exhibition at the Australian National Museum. |
| 5.00pm | Depart museum for the Irish Embassy, Yarralumla. |

A little piece of Ireland ...

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| 5.30pm | Embassy Reception hosted by His Excellency Máirtín Ó'Fainín , Ambassador for Ireland. |
| 7.30pm | Depart Embassy. |
| 9.00pm | Arrive at St Clement's for casual supper. |

Saturday 9 July

Convicts and offspring

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| 9.15am | Educating Catholics at University in 19th century Australia Perry McIntyre |
| 10.00am | Irish Convict Family Reunions in Van Diemen's Land 1823 - the Free Wives and Children of the Nereus and Royal George. Peter McFie |

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| 10.45am | Morning tea |
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Conservation and collections

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| 11.15am | Anchors and Armour: Conservation and information retrieval from metallic objects in the Irish exhibition. David Hallam & Ainslie Greiner |
| 12 noon | Four tons of books: the library of Daniel Henry Deniehy Paul Brunton |
| 1.00pm | Lunch |

Tunes and talk

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| 2.00pm | Taking the Mick. Rob Willis |
| 2.45pm | Irish voices in the music and oral history collection of the National Library of Australia. Kevin Bradley |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea – free time |

Shamrock Dinner - Christmas in July

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| 7.30pm | Dinner in Galong House with guest speaker Richard O'Brien , former Irish Ambassador to Australia who will speak on <i>Reflections on life within the Irish Diaspora</i> and entertainment |
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Sunday 10 July

Legacies

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| 9.00am | 'Our Dear Old Irish Home': Loreto's Irish Roots Robin Scott |
| 9.45am | Irish Treasures in the Collection of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Rachel Naughton |
| 10.30am | Morning tea |

Are there any Irish in South Australia?

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| 11.00am | Anchors, hats, sequins, trophies & trowels. Anne Herraman |
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A continuing link

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| 11.45am | Bridging the Generation Gap - My journey as President of Sydney St Patrick's Day Parade Ann McFadden |
| 12.45pm | Wrap up |
| 1.00pm | Lunch |

Due to unforeseen circumstances presentations, speakers and times may alter