



BALLARAT & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION

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Welcome:

***Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.***

With all the crazy on again, off again with covid restrictions, we thought it a good idea to use one of the many “Irish Blessings” to start this newsletter. Feel free to send through some suggestions for future editions.

2021 Census seems to have gone through ok. In chats with some there seemed to be some questions missing from previous years. Will be interesting to see the outcome from the data collected and the focus it creates.

BMI - Newsletter:

The BMI August Newsletter has a great photo of the Basement along with news on the Grant they received. **“Number One” /Gudinski** will be held in the Basement from Sat 28th Aug to Sun 24th Oct as part of the Ballarat International Foto Biennale.

Eureka Centre:

Great to see that the Eureka Centre has returned to opening daily from 10am to 5pm. Check out their website or Facebook page for extra details.

BRMC:

BRMC will be launching their new program – “Carer Support Hub: Thursday 19th August 10am-3pm at the Brown Hill Cricket Club – 30 Reid Street, Brown Hill. Carer Support Hub allows carers to take a break from their daily routines. The program provides carers an opportunity to meet up with friends, do some shopping or simply have some quiet time at home.

If you know someone who might benefit from their Carer Support Hub or one of our Social Support Services please contact Teresa at teresa@brmc.org.au or 0417 109 052.

Ballarat Hospice are holding an information session for people interested in becoming a volunteer. Unfortunately registrations were due 11th August for their session Thursday 19th August but maybe this is something you can think about and contact them regarding future sessions. Their phone number is: 5333 1118 and their email: admin@ballarathospicecare.org.au

Ballarat Film Society:

There is information about the Ballarat Film Society in the BMI Newsletter as well as via the link below. Some of our members headed along to “**Emu Runner**” on Thursday 12th Aug and thoroughly enjoyed the film.

The BFS screenings are open only to members and guests so if you would like to go along to the next one let us know or check out their website for details, including how to join and pay online.

<https://ballaratfilmsociety.weebly.com/program.html>

Irish National Association of Australasia:

Below is the link to the upcoming Irish Film Festival: Online from 3 - 12 September. There are 12 contemporary Irish Films including [Áine Tyrrell : Irish Troubadour](#)

<https://irishfilmfestival.com.au/>

Well Wishes:

We've had quite a few on the “sick” list recently. Some have ongoing issues, some are on the mend. Best wishes to all of you and we hope the promise of spring abounds.

The Irish Hour – 3ZZZ – 92.3FM:

On Sunday 25th July, Maurice Hanrahan was interviewed by Brian Gillespie of the “Irish History Circle” on The Irish Hour – 3ZZZ - 92.3FM.

The subject was a look at the history of the Bungaree district Irish and their descendants living within their own Irish Catholic community with very little contact with the Protestant community. They looked at the early anti Irish political situation in the 1860's and the terminating of funding for schools in 1877 in a strategy to reduce Church involvement in the school system. They then covered the many sporting and social activities over the next 100 years run by the Catholic community to raise funds for the schools and how this left little time or inclination to mix with non-catholics.

3ZZZ's website is quite easy to navigate and they even have an archive of programs. You can still download this program which starts with the most appropriate song - “Down in Bungaree” by The Hawking Brothers. Here is the link to the program -

https://www.3zzz.com.au/audiofiles/3ZZZ_2021-07-25_18-00-00.mp3

Here is the link to the 3ZZZ Program Guide, specifically the Irish program:

<https://www.3zzz.com.au/program-guide/show/irish.html>

Don't worry if you can't find it, Maurice has kindly offered to give much the same presentation to BDIA when Covid restrictions are fully lifted. Thanks Maurice and we look forward to when that will happen.

As promised in our last newsletter. An article from Michael Taffe.

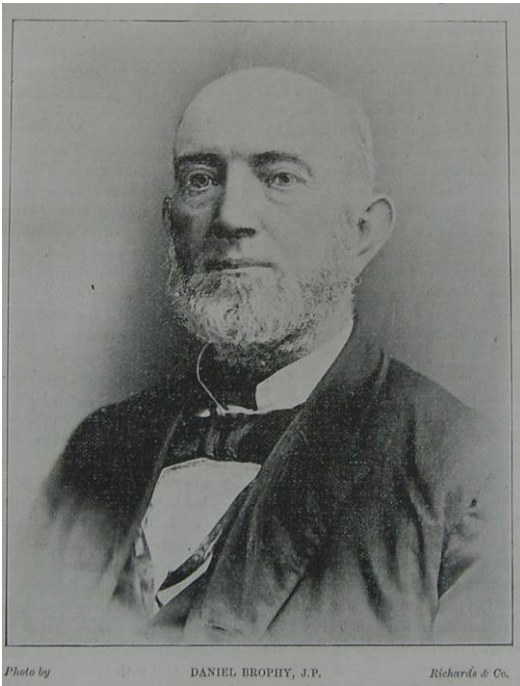
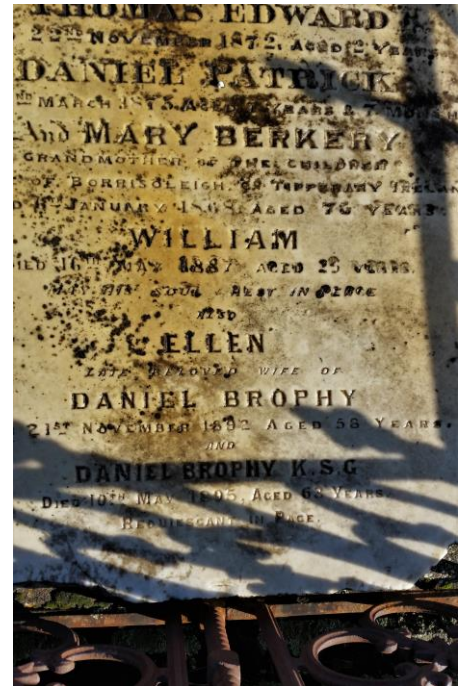


Photo by DANIEL BROPHY, J.P. Richards & Co.



A proud Irish-Australian: Daniel Brophy & the Thomas Moore Statue.

With his parents Daniel Brophy (14 years old) left Ireland for America on one of the infamous fever ships where of the 350 aboard 255 died. His mother was one who died on the voyage and his father soon after arriving. On the discovery of Gold in Australia, he came out to the Victorian goldfields settling in Ballarat in 1855. A year later he was a partner in the Green Harp claim in Sturt Street behind the Unicorn Hotel.

He married Ellen Mary Berkery, daughter of Patrick Berkery and Mary Ryan of Bungaree in 1859, bought land there and was then elected to the Bungaree Road Board serving as its chairman and later as founder/president of the Bungaree Turf Club. From 1873 he represented Central ward in the Ballarat City Council serving as mayor in 1876-77 becoming MLA for Ballarat East in 1877. He was a member of the Ballarat Water Commission, a leading organizer of local charities, president of the boards of the Ballarat Hospital and the Orphan Asylum. As a churchman and a committee member of Nazareth House he was always in sympathy with the poor and under-privileged doing a great deal for the Chinese in the town.

Brophy worked as the sluice-man at the Band of Hope mine. In 1861 his wife Ellen was listed as one of the shareholders when the [United Extended Band of Hope Company](#) increased its shareholdings from 3200 to 12,800, registered under the Limited Liability Act.^[8] He took over the licence of the adjacent hotel the [Prince Charlie](#) on the Sebastopol road and in 1864 renamed and opened it as the [Atlantic Hotel](#). In January 1868 my great-great-grandmother, Brophy's mother-in-law, died at the hotel. This was the year my grandmother Julia Berkery (Taffe) was born at Bungaree. In 1869, Daniel Brophy moved his hotel business to the [British Hotel](#) on the south east corner of [Sturt Street](#) and [Doveton Street](#) which he renamed [Brophy's Hotel](#)..^[19] In August 1873 he was one of the original shareholders in the [Atlantic Quartz and Alluvial Gold Mining Company](#) of Smythesdale. He was also senior partner in Brophy, Dowling & Co., auctioneers and finance agents, a Director of the Phoenix Foundry and chairman of the board of directors until 1889. He was also a director of the Band of Hope and Albion Consols Co. (gold mining) and the Ballarat Woollen Mill.

One of Ballarat’s landmarks today owes much to Daniel Brophy, the statue of Thomas Moore in Sturt St. This project was close to his heart and he started a subscription for the statue from his hotel on 21st April 1887.¹ This was followed a week later by launching an appeal at the Ballarat Mechanics’ Institute. The pedestal contains marble from Ireland and also features etched shamrocks. At the unveiling of the statue “three hearty cheers were given for the originators of the movement, Messrs D. Brophy and G. G. Morton, J’s. P”.²

In 1892 Daniel Brophy, by then a Papal Knight, was guest of honour at the wedding of his niece Julia Berkery to Michael Taffe at Bungaree, a town where he had been president of the Roads Board and the Racing Club and where he met his own wife. Their son, Michael won the junior cornet solo at South St Competitions in 1920 playing a Thomas Moore favourite “Believe Me if all Those Endearing Young Charms”.³ As Julia’s home remains our family home, we hold the memorabilia of these events close to our own hearts

Michael took this photo of the **Brophy memorial window** at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Ballarat



¹ *Ballarat Star* 22 April 1887.

² “The Unveiling”, *Ballarat Star*, 4 December, 1889.

³ *The Courier* (Ballarat), 20 October, 1920.

Well – we'll try again!!

We may not be allowed private gatherings but food and hospitality can open for seated service only, a density requirement of one person per four square metres will apply, with a maximum of 100 people per venue. Venues smaller than 100 square meters can have up to 25 people before density requirements apply. But, don't forget to bring your ID to prove you're a local.

Irish Murphy's – Sunday Sessions 3-5pm:

What are you doing Sunday 29th August?

Come along to **Irish Murphy's**.

We really would love to catch up and surely this time it will work out.

We've had some new members join and some members renew their membership. Now, it's time to gather, have a chat, enjoy good company.

Some of the committee members will book in for lunch on Sunday 29th August and we'd love you to join us. If not for lunch, then maybe during the afternoon, even to just pop in and say G'day.

To help with catering and comply with Covid restrictions, please book with **Irish Murphy's** by Friday 27th August. Their phone number is: 5331 4091.

This is not a fundraiser, it's for the joy of gathering.



The poster features the Irish Murphy's Ballarat logo on the left, which includes a tree emblem. The central text reads 'COVID Temporary Hours' in a stylized font. To the right of the text is a photograph of a plate of food, likely a steak and potatoes. Below the text is a list of hours for each day of the week. At the bottom right, there is a note about bookings and the phone number 5331 4091.

FRIDAY	: 12 PM - LATE
SATURDAY	: 12 PM - LATE
SUNDAY	: 12 PM - LATE
MONDAY	: 2 PM - LATE
TUESDAY	: 2 PM - LATE
WEDNESDAY	: 2 PM - LATE
THURSDAY	: 2 PM - LATE

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