

Registration fee

The registration fee covers all meals, including a three course dinner in historic Galong House with dinner wines, morning and afternoon teas, all presentations and entertainment.

You are welcome to BYO your own refreshments for lunches and Thursday & Saturday dinners. Vegetarian, diabetic and gluten-free diets are catered for.

Accommodation options

- Three night's accommodation in a single, double or triple room with shared facilities - \$450.00 per person* **OR**
- Three night's accommodation in a shared twin room with ensuite - \$510.00 per person*

*A discount of \$20.00 per person will apply to registration fees paid in full by 20 May 2010.

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 30 June 2010. Cancellations received after that date will attract an administration fee of \$50.00.

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 enclosed form and cheque payable to **St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre** and mail to



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 triple rooms in the monastery building have lift access. Tea making and laundry facilities are available and linen is provided. A separate fully self-contained rustic hermitage (with open fireplace and air conditioning) can accommodate three people.



ST CLEMENT'S
Monastery and Retreat Centre, Galong NSW

Thurs 5 to Sun 8 August 2010

The program

Our speakers for the eighteenth Shamrock in the Bush offer another varied and interesting program with an Irish-Australian theme that covers the Irish experience in Australia; and in the old country. Our keynote speaker is award winning author Professor Mark McKenna, biographer of Manning Clark. We are also fortunate to welcome two speakers directly from Ireland. Academic and musician Fintan Vallely and writer Evelyn Conlon will give presentations related to their respective fields of expertise. Besides a great line up of speakers there will be music and verse by our minstrel John Dengate 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 an evening of 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. Well known Canberra personality Jack Waterford from the Canberra Times will be the after dinner speaker.

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).

Retreat House newly refurbished

Thursday 5 August

3.00pm	Registration
6.00pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Welcome Fr Patrick Corbett, Fr Brian Maher, Dr Richard Reid & Cheryl Mongan

In the beginning

7.45pm	<i>Beginning A History of Australia: Manning Clark in Ireland 1956.</i> Professor Mark McKenna , keynote speaker
9.00pm	Supper

Friday 6 August

Merchants, saints and settlers

9.00am	<i>Sinners, Saints and Settlers.</i> Brendon Kelson
9.45am	<i>John Meares: Dubliner, naval officer, fur trader and would be colonizer.</i> Robert J King
10.30am	Morning tea

Artists and thieves

11.00am	<i>'Contemporary Irish Australian artists. Re-creators or keepers of culture?'</i> Cinnamon van Reyk
11.45am	<i>Prince of Thieves: the life of the Irish pickpocket George Barrington.</i> Rebecca Nason
1.00pm	Lunch

Prisoners and priests

2.00pm	<i>'Autrefois Convict' - Irishman Imprisoned</i> William Fegan
2.45pm	<i>'One of the most picturesque of the early priests': Father Patrick Dunne in Eastern Australia.</i> Dr Jennifer Harrison
3.30pm	Afternoon tea - free time

Shamrock Dinner

7.30pm	Dinner in <i>Galong House</i> with guest speaker Jack Waterford , editor at large of the <i>Canberra Times</i> and musical entertainment
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Due to unforeseen circumstances presentations, speakers and times may alter.

Saturday 7 August

Bushrangers and rebels

9.00am	<i>Bone and Beauty: Stripping the bushranger myth.</i> Jennifer Thompson
9.45am	<i>South Australian Fenians: Evidence, Insights and Uncertainties.</i> Stephanie James
10.30am	Morning tea
11.00am	<i>The Harp Restrung: Ireland 1798 to Sydney 1804.</i> Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker

Ethereal Ireland?

11.45am	<i>Digital Tír na nÓg in 2010: Keeping Traditional music forever young.</i> Dr Fintan Vallely
1.00pm	Lunch

Sense of Place

2.00pm	<i>The Changing Face of Galong.</i> St Clement's Historians
3.30pm	Afternoon tea – free time
7.00pm	Dinner

Live @ Ned Ryan's

8.00pm	An evening of music, song and verse in <i>Galong House</i> .
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Sunday 8 August

Spiritual legacies

9.00am	<i>Shamrock in the Hunter Valley: the Singleton Mercy Story.</i> Sr Monica Sinclair RSM
9.45am	<i>The Vicissitudes of Poverty and Progress: the saga of Captain Charles O'Neill.</i> Stephen Utick
10.30am	Morning tea

Brother against brother

11.00am	<i>The Civil War in an Irish Town</i> Frank O'Shea
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Echoes of Australia

11.45am	<i>The Meaning of Missing - how the notion of Australia keeps creeping in.</i> Evelyn Conlon
12.45pm	Wrap up
1.00pm	Lunch