





Welcome to Tipperary Bealtaine 2025

Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, and is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. We in Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in the Tipperary Library Service, are delighted once again to present a full and varied programme of events and activities across the county.

Tipperary Arts Office, with support from the Arts Council, puts out a call each year to professional artists based in Tipperary to propose projects or events targeted at older people. In 2025, these events include a range of performances, open mic events and even a mini festival, as well as longer-term engagement projects based in community and care settings, which will culminate in a showcase during the month of May. A new initiative in 2025 is the wider programming in care settings, which includes our much-loved Music on Tour programme and two new programme strands - the Memory Box in association with the Museum of Hidden History and a Poetry Play in association with Festival in a Van.

The Libraries run an extensive programme of activities across all branches. We are delighted to have the support of Tipperary ETB who are providing some workshops in all our branches throughout May. We also acknowledge the ongoing support of Tipperary Age Friendly, Creative Ireland and Healthy Ireland without which we could not provide access to so many free events.

The theme for Bealtaine 2024 – 2026 is Lust for Life, based on Iggy Pop's iconic punk-era song celebrating life's dreams, ambitions, intoxications and excesses. We hope you will join in and attend some events, embracing your own Lust for Life this year!

What's on where

Programmes in the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival extend right across the county. Listings by location are included in the table of contents below:

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CLONMEL: PUBLIC EVENT



WAAG - an archive

Thursday 1st May, 6pm | All welcome

South Tipperary Arts Centre, Nelson St, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 W658

The exhibition runs from Friday 2nd May - 21st June 2025

Join us for the launch of the 2025 Tipperary Bealtaine Festival at the opening of an exhibition of Women Artists Action Group (WAAG).

The exhibition revisits the Women Artists Action Group (1987-1991) through their archive and examines the lasting legacy and impact of the group on Irish Art. WAAG was founded in April 1987 in Clonmel, so it is timely to bring this exhibition and this conversation back to where it all started.

Active until 1991, WAAG was a collaboration of women artists, art historians, and professionals working in the arts, and was established in response to the exclusion of women artists in Ireland. The main purpose of WAAG was to highlight the work of female artists, to redress the imbalance in the selection process of that time, and to organise exhibitions and publications. WAAG was a hugely successful organization throughout Ireland and became part of the International Association of Women in the Arts (IAWA).

All the archival material in this exhibition is on loan from NIVAL (the National Irish Visual Arts Library) located at NCAD, Dublin and artist Pauline Cummins. NIVAL is a public research resource dedicated to the documentation of 20th and 21st century Irish visual art and design. NIVAL collects, stores, and makes accessible for research an unparalleled collection of documentation about Irish art in all media.

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Image: invite to the exhibition WAAG - Art Beyond Barriers in 1989, from NIVAL archive

Special Event:

Sat 10th May, 9:30am - 4pm Symposium, STAC Chapel

A symposium looking the legacy of WAAG will take place on Saturday 10th May at STAC Chapel and will focus on themes around the power of collective agency and the importance of archives. Further details of this event and how to book will be available on the South Tipperary Arts Centre website from early April.

Supported by Arts Council of Ireland, Tipperary County Council & Bealtaine Tipperary





PROGRAMMES IN CARE SETTINGS

Providing opportunities for older people in nursing homes, hospitals and day care settings to access arts and creative activities and performances is a central part of the work of the Tipperary County Council Arts Office Bealtaine programme. This year we have expanded our offering to provide three programme strands in these settings; Poetry Play, Memory Box project and Music on Tour

Tipperary Arts Office is delighted to partner once again with Festival in a Van to present a new one-woman poetry play in Cashel and Fethard Day Care Centres.

Poetry Play

'What We Wear When We Go Out', a one-woman poetry-play by Wexford writer A.M Cousins, offers a funny and touching social commentary on Ireland and Irish society.

Using articles of clothing that inspired the poems as props and visuals, Cousins traverses and subverts themes of marriage, family, grief, and expectation. As each garment appears on stage, a new layer is stripped back on the experience of being of a woman in Ireland in the 1960s, 70s, 80s and today. Through profound evocations of moments in an ordinary life, a frank and colourful narrative is stitched together. Cousins deftly weaves poetry, music and visuals to navigate her way through everything from routine farmyard duties, to dreams of faraway travel, to the shooting of Garda Adrian Donohoe.



A.M Cousins
(Anne McCarry)
came to writing in
her mid-50s, and
has since built up
a commendable
track record.
She has won
Fish Poetry Prize
and the Francis
Ledwidge Award.

been published in The Stinging Fly, Poetry Ireland Review, The Irish Times, and her first collection Redress was published by the Revival Press to excellent reviews.

Poetry Play performances:

Cashel Day Care Centre. Private event

Fethard Day Care Centre. Tue 13 May, 11am This event is free and open to the public

The Memory Box project

In association with Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

Tipperary-based artist Leisa Gray has developed two memory boxes in association with the Museum of Hidden History in Clonmel. Based on the themes of Hearth and Home and Pastimes, the memory boxes are full of items that people will associate with bygone days (examples include an RTÉ guide, a plate featuring the JFK and the Pope, a fishing net, Barbie and Ken dolls, posters, admission tickets and programmes etc.) and stimulate a lot of conversation and reminiscence. Participants are encouraged to handle the items and enjoy the recollections and

Leisa Gray is a textile and visual artist, maker and singer. She has worked extensively with museum and gallery collections as well as coordinating large scale community projects.

Tipperary Arts Office is delighted to have the support of the Museum of Hidden History to provide sessions with Leisa in Borrisokane Day Care Centre, Templemore Day Care Centre, Golden Years Day Care Centre, Thurles and [tbc DCC]. Creative Places Tipperary Town is supporting a session in St Vincent's Day Care Centre.

Memory Box sessions:

Borrisokane Day Care Centre

Clonmel Day Care Centre

Golden Years Day Care Centre, Thurles

Templemore Day Care Centre

St Vincent's Day Care Centre, Tipperary Town

Music on Tour



James O'Donovan and Eamon O'Malley performing at Clonmel Hospital, Bealtaine 2024

Tipperary Arts Office's Music on Tour programme is a centrepiece of the Tipperary Bealtaine offering where professional musicians perform in day care centres, nursing homes, hospitals and other settings. This year sees Denis Allen, Suzanne Buttimer, Denis Carey, Mary Rose McNally and Eamon O'Malley among the musicians performing right across the county

Music on tour performances:

Cahir Day Care Centre

Clonmel Hospital

Community Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles

Nenagh Hospital

Newport Day Care Centre

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Radio Rock

Reimagining the birth and broadcast of 'Radio Carrick' amidst the pulse of 1980s life.



Newspaper coverage of the launch of Radio Carrick in 1980

Radio Rock is an original short drama written and directed by Mary McGrath echoing Carrick-on-Suir's local Pirate Radio Station Radio Carrick that was on air from August 1980 until October 1981, covering every genre of music and programme type. It was a voice to and for the town and served the community with local news and interests.

Radio Carrick presenters and founding members interviewed that inspired this drama included Gerry and Mary Anne Gannon, Peg Power, Mary O'Hanlon, Liam Butler, Johnny Irish and Nicholas De Paor.

'Radio Rock' will be performed by Sheenagh and Michael Raggett, Aileen O'Keeffe, Pat Quinn Bolger, Jacquie Ahern, Dennis Barry, Enda O'Driscoll, Peter McGrath and Paula O'Dwyer. Produced by Linda Fahy, Tudor Artisan Hub, is supported by drama consultants Maria Clancy and Barry Comerford.

Producer **Linda Fahy**, from the Tudor Artisan Hub in Carrick-on-Suir, is a fervent advocate for the arts. Her dedication to community involvement, artisan support, and cultural promotion enriches lives. Collaborating with Mary McGrath on another social history initiative, Linda aims to preserve cultural heritage, foster community connections, and inspire appreciation for local narratives.

Writer/Director Mary McGrath, member of 'Writing Changes Lives' and Brewery Lane Theatre has collaborated with Tudor Artisan Hub on numerous projects. This is Mary's third social history drama, which are secretly little love letters to the town and people where she was raised. Mary works best with deadlines and cake!

Radio Rock

Sat 10th & Sun 11th May, 8pm

Brewery Lane Theatre, Castle Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary E32 HD74

Event is Free, pre-booking is required. To book call 086 2560609



Radio Carrick was not just a medium of entertainment and communication but a vital mirror reflecting the unique character and spirit of our town" Gerry Gannon



Three Back, Three Forward



Throughout the months of March and April, Eileen Acheson and Jenny Cox of Write Minds have worked with a group of writers to look back, through the lens of poetry, at social and personal changes over the last three decades and to look forward, with humour and hope, at what is to come.

Drawing inspiration from these changes and personal experiences, participants came together over the course of four poetry writing workshops to develop poems from first to final draft.

These finished poems have been printed and sustainably framed to be showcased at a Spoken Word event where the writers will read their inspiring work and talk about the writing process. The evening will also feature local choral talent, Clontempo. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Thanks to Clonmel Library and the OPW and staff at the Main Guard, Clonmel.

Write Minds was formed by Adlerian counsellor and group facilitator, **Eileen Acheson** and freelance writer and project facilitator, **Jenny Cox.** Since its formation, Eileen and Jenny have worked on the development and facilitation of projects, workshops, collaborations and events rooted in poetry and wellness.

Spoken Word evening event with live choral music and refreshments

Fri 23rd May, 7pm

Main Guard, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, E91 P7Y8

Facebook @ Write Minds: Poetry & Wellness

Memory Land: A Playground Festival for all ages

For Bealtaine 2025, members of the Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club, Clonoulty Rossmore Young at Heart Group, Clonoulty Tidy Villages and students from Clonoulty National School have collaborated with local artist Aoife Barrett on an exciting new memory and play themed creative project



pic credit: Billy, Clonoulty NS

Memory Land: A Playground Festival for all ages celebrates the vibrancy, spontaneity and boundless energy of childhood while inviting participants to reconnect with the simple joys of life and rediscover their playful side. Throughout April and May Aoife will work with the different Clonoulty community groups to facilitate a series of memory and play-inspired workshops and activities to recreate memories and playthings of the past. By combining the energy of play, the power of nostalgia, and the beauty of human connection, this exciting new community project becomes a living, breathing celebration of life. The project culminates in a public play-themed festival event at the Clonoulty Community Garden, bringing together project participants in a celebration of nostalgia, imagination and the timeless joy of play.

Aoife Barrett is a multi-disciplinary artist and printmaker with a career that spans artistic creation, education, community engagement, community gardening and entrepreneurship. Her socially engaged arts practice centres on printmaking and collaboration, which she actively promotes through her travelling print studio. Print Van Go.

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Memory Land: A Playground Festival

Sat 24 May, time 3 - 7pm

Clonoulty Community Garden

This event has received funding support through Creative Ireland



My Singing Bird

This project takes its title from My Singing Bird, a Munster folk tune with words by Irish poet, Edith Wheeler, popularised by the Clancy Brothers.

Artists Andy Spearpoint and Leisa Gray are working in partnership with Silver Arch Family Resource Centre in a series of five sessions at the Tyone Centre in Nenagh. Beginning by learning and sharing popular songs about birds, from there the group and artists will explore human relationships with the world of birds through songwriting, soundscape making, singing, creative writing and image making. A final session to share the work will be held in venue Nenagh Arts Centre.



Image credit: Textile, The Strawberry Thief, designed 1883 (CH 18386443).jpg, source Wikimedia Commons

Leisa Gray is a textile and visual artist, maker and singer. She has worked extensively with museum and gallery collections as well as coordinating large scale community projects.

Andy Spearpoint is a musician, sound artist and songwriter who has worked in community music and music education for over twenty years. He plays guitar and sax and often works with sound sampling and electronics.

My Singing Bird showcase

Date and time tbc

Nenagh Arts Centre

This event has received funding support through Creative Ireland

TIPPERARY TOWN

Shaped by Seasons

Art, like life moves through seasons, each bringing its own colours, textures and stories. Do we carry the colour of a childhood spring? The golden glow of an unforgettable autumn? The weight of a hard winter? The freedom of a summer's day?



Shaped by Seasons is more than an art project, it is a witnessing to the passing of time, transformation and the beauty of creative ageing. It is a two-week creative experience designed to

explore the richness of life's journey through painting, creative writing, mindfulness and yoga. Working in an uninterrupted studio setting and with a variety of art materials on large canvases participants will give shape to personal memories, emotions and dreams. Creative writing will celebrate past and present Lust for Life, while mindfulness and yoga will nurture a deep connection between body, mind and creative spirit.

As the project unfolds so too will a body of work – paintings that hold the essence of lived experiences, poetry that speaks to the heart and a collective celebration of creativity in later life. The project will culminate in an exhibition At 6s&7s Gallery where each unique voice will be honoured and their creative stories shared.

Jo Slade is a poet and multi-media artist. Author of seven collections of poetry and two chapbooks of poems. Joint winner, Michael Hartnett Poetry Prize 2014. Her most recent collection, Once published by Salmon Poetry in 2025. Gerry Carew, owner of At 6s&7s Gallery, has worked as an art facilitator, art therapist and visual artists since the 1990s. She has exhibited in solo and group shows; her inspiration comes from her connection to place and landscape. Her most recent work was exhibited at the 2024 Biennale of Art Therapy, Perugia, Italy. Art Therapist, artist and writer Patricia Leahy Cocoran holds an NCAD Fine Art Degree and an MA in Art Therapy. A lover of music and nature. Patricia is dedicated to meditation and arts in health practices, most recently facilitating groupwork for Louth Local Development project for disadvantaged people. Paula Hynes is a yoga teacher. Her interests include art, poetry and creative writing. Her bespoke approach Nurture your Nature incorporates creativity and yoga to encourage positive self appreciation and help people be comfortable in their own skin.

Shaped by Seasons Exhibition

Fri 23rd May, 7.30pm

At6s&7s Gallery, Davis Street, Tipperary Town, E34 VX84

PROGRAMMES IN OTHER VENUES

CLONMEL

The legacy of WAAG for the arts in Ireland

Sat 10th May, 9:30am - 4pm

STAC Chapel

A symposium looking at the legacy of the Women Artists Action Group (WAAG) will take place on Saturday 10th May at STAC Chapel and will focus on themes around the power of collective agency and the importance of archives. Further details of this event and how to book will be available on the South Tipperary Arts Centre website from early April. See also WAAG exhibition page 1.

The HeART of Song writing

Tue 20th May, 11am-1pm

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Clonmel

Booking: museum@tipperarycoco.ie or 052 6165252



In this 2 hour playshop, you are invited to think about where do songs come from. You will hear about what it is really like to write a song and learn how easy it is to create

one of your own. If you have a song you are working on then please bring it with you (totally optional). All welcome. No experience necessary at all in song writing is required.

The playshop is facilitated by Purple Roses - the folk duo Marie Walsh & Jane McLoughlin who are big believers of original music.

This event is supported by the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History



CLOUGHJORDAN

The Irish Dresser Project, talk with Michael Fortune

Fri 16th May, 11am

Event free, no booking required

Thomas Mac Donagh Museum, Cloughjordan



The Irish Dresser Project is an ongoing body of research that Michael Fortune has been conducting since 2015. The seed for this collection was planted in the mid-1970s while living with his grandmother in her 'two-up, two-down' cottage. At the epicentre of this small house was a simple, practical and well-used kitchen dresser. Later in life, Fortune began noticing the importance of such objects as receptacles of life stories and the deep connection between them and their owners. One thing that became apparent was how the role of the dresser changed over the years from a practical place to hold cups, milk, flour, sugar, etc. in the kitchen to a more shrine-like position in the home. In saying that, the dressers are not just dry pieces of folk furniture or relics of the past. Instead they are an evolving and ever-changing display reflecting the experiences, lives and values of their keepers, serving as shrines as well as practical pieces of furniture. Michael will present a talk on the his findings with the dresser project and tease out their stories while paying attention to regional designs and makers.



Poetry Day Open mic event

Thu 1st May, 8-10pm

Free event, no boking required

Live Open mic poetry event- a relaxed and welcoming environment for people to share their love for poetry. Come and recite your favourite poem or performance piece.

Age in Movement Dance Workshops

Wed 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th May, 2-3pm

Join uplifting weekly dance classes, led by dance artist Mia DiChiaro, and explore the joy of movement while nurturing your creative spirit! The class begins with a gentle warm up stretch, followed by creative guided improvisations and choreography where you'll learn fun new moves – all in a relaxed environment. No experience necessary. The workshops are free during the month of May as part of Bealtaine Festival. Suitable for adults ages 50+. All abilities welcome

Tipperary Dance's 'Age in Movement' workshops are supported by the Arts Council, Tipperary County Council and Nenagh Arts Centre.

Free event / No booking necessary. Please email miadichiaro@gmail. com with any class queries

www.tipperarydance.com

National Drawing Day Workshop

Sat 17th May, 2.30-4.30pm.

Tickets: €15

Booking: www.nenagharts.com or call 067 34400

Local Nenagh artist Seán Ferry hosts an adult drawing workshop for National Drawing Day. Come and enhance your technical drawing skills and explore how to see objects and the real world as an artist, through shape, form and line.

Seán Ferry is studying Painting and Fine Art at the Limerick School of Art and Design. He practices mainly in oil paint and his paintings have featured in various student exhibitions and shows across Limerick City. His work includes still life and landscapes but he specialises in portraits and people.

Melodies & Memories - A Celebration of Communities of Care

Marking five years of the Musicians-On-Call programme in the Midwest, this special event brings residents, staff, families, and musicians together to celebrate the connections nurtured through music in Nenagh, Thurles, and Roscrea. Over the years, the programme has been supported by Creative Ireland's Creative Communities initiative and developed through a partnership between the Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary Arts Offices. This event, supported by Tipperary Arts Office and Creative Communities/Creative Ireland, takes place in Nenagh Arts Centre as a private gathering, celebrating music's role in creating vibrant, connected care communities.

To book tickets for any event

Call 0504 90204 | Email: boxoffice@source.ie | Visit www.thesourceartscentre.ie

A Rare Journey; Nora Joyce's Odyssey



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He wants me to read his auld book, but sure no one in their right mind could make head nor tail of it."

A Rare Journey celebrates the life of a truly remarkable Irish woman Nora Joyce, in a highly entertaining roller-coaster 75-minute play, filled with the music and song the Joyce's knew, and delights in Nora's quick and often razor-sharp wit. Written and performed by Paula Greevy-Lee, this one-woman show separates the funny, wise, sharp-witted, complex, and compassionate Nora from her famous literary alter ego Molly Bloom, and dispels the lazy myths that have often cast Nora as an inconsequential appendage of her famous husband.

Post-show discussion with writer and actor Paula Greevy-Lee and director Gerard Lee.

Wed 21st May, 2pm

75 mins. no interval

Tickets €16. Special €8 Bealtaine Offer for over 55s (limited availability)

Hothouse

Saturday 10th May, 8pm

Run time: 90 Minutes | Age group: 14+

Malaprop is an Associate Company of Field: Arts.

Price €21/Special €12 Bealtaine offer for over 55s (limited availability)



Following their Off-Broadway debut (2024) where they were selected as a New York Times Critic's Pick, Malaprop Theatre presents their award-winning production, HOTHOUSE.

A fast-paced, poignant story of love, loss, and legacy set on an Arctic cruise ship that takes you, the passenger, on a journey to bid farewell to the ice caps. Sail through an intergenerational tale complete with horny songbirds, a mad captain, and a desire to change, but not knowing how.





deadly serious and wild fun..."

- The Irish Times

SOURCE ARTS CENTRE, THURLES

TIPPERARY TOWN



A Complete Unknown

Wednesday 14th May, 2pm

Director: James Mangold 140 minutes | 2024 | U.S.A

Price: Bealtaine screening, free for over 65s Booking: www.thesourceartscentre.ie

It would take an epic saga to do justice to Bob Dylan's long, storied career. Instead, James Mangold's excellent biopic hinges on his first major reinvention, when he plugged in his electric guitar at 1965s Newport Folk Festival. The film follows the young singer (a superb Timothée Chalamet, capturing Dylan's voice perfectly) at key steps along the way, from meeting heroes Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger to relationships with Sylvie Russo and Joan Baez. A hugely enjoyable portrayal sees Dylan's enigma survive the experience intact.

A Certain Slant of Light

Thu 1st - 29th May, 12 - 4pm, every Wed, Thu & Sat

Creative Places Space, 1 Bridge St, Town Lot, Tipperary, Town E34 XY99



Following five weeks of workshops, led by artist Sophie Béhal, in which participants from Knockanrawley

Resource Centre learnt many different techniques for making images with and without cameras, it is now time to share the incredible work made. Join us for an exhibition in the Creative Places Tipperary Town Space of photographs and images that use light as their medium and explore moments in the everyday lives of the participants.

Cyanotype Printing Workshop

Thu 15th May, 1-3pm

Venue: Creative Places Space, 1 Bridge St, Town Lot, Tipperary Town, E34 XY99



Creative Places Tipperary Town invites you to join us for a two-hour workshop exploring the art of cyanotype printing and make a beautiful blue coloured print, sometimes called a sunprint! We will

work with flowers, leaves and drawing to create the print so if you have any specific flowers or leaves from your garden please bring them along.



LIBRARIES PROGRAMME FEATURED EVENTS



The Songs and Poems of Percy French with Cáit Ní Riain and Jim Ryan (Jim O' the Mills)

Wed 7th May, 3.30pm: Thurles Library
Tues 13th May, 6.45pm: Nenagh Library
Wed 14th May, 6.45pm: Clonmel Library
Booking essential through the libraries

Join Jim of Jim O' the Mills and his daughter, Cáit Ní Riain, as they explore the songs, story, and life of Percy French. Percy French's songs are among Jim's favourites to sing, and he can be heard singing the classics like The Darling Girl from Clare, Whistling Phil McHugh, and Cutting the corn in Creeslough every Thursday night at their weekly session in Upperchurch. Percy French was a masterful lyricist, and his lyrics are full of wit, humour, and emotion, set to enchanting melodies.

An afternoon with Carmel Harrington

Monday 19th May, 3.30pm: Cashel Library

Booking essential through the library

International bestseller of thirteen novels, Carmel Harrington lives in County Wexford. Her latest novel, The Stolen Child, is a Number One bestseller and was named a Sunday Times Best Crime Fiction of the Year pick, which described it as 'Endlessly surprising. This complex novel requires faultless plotting, and Harrington pulls it off with consummate ease.'

Carmel's emotional and gripping storytelling, with relatable characters and twisting plots, has captured readers' hearts worldwide. Her thrillers and family dramas including The Lighthouse Secret, The Girl from Donegal, A Mother's Heart, and The Moon over Kilmore Quay.

An Evening with Patricia Gibney

Tuesday 13th May, 5pm: Nenagh Library Booking essential through the library



Join us for an evening with best-selling author Patricia Gibney

Patricia Gibney is an Irish author of crime fiction who sold 100,000 copies of her first crime thriller

as an e-book, and had total sales exceeding 500,000 copies in 2018. This bestselling author whose debut novel, The Missing Ones, soared to number 2 on the Amazon UK charts will explore the inspiration behind her gripping stories and the journey to literary success.

Candle Painting Workshop with Lisa Manton

Fri 9th May, 10.30am: Cahir library

Fri 9th May, 2pm: Carrick-on-Suir library

Tue 13th May, 10.30am: Roscrea Library

Fri 23rd May, 10.30am: Nenagh Library

Fri 23rd May, 2pm: Cloughjordan Library

Get creative and add a personal touch to your décor at our Candle Painting Workshop with artist and designer, Lisa Manton. In this relaxing and fun session, you'll design and paint your own beautiful pillar candle, perfect for gifting or displaying at home. No experience needed—just bring your creativity! All materials are supplied, and guidance will be provided to help bring your vision to life. Come unwind, paint, and create something truly unique!

Keating & Stone Jewellery Making Workshops

RESIN WORKSHOPS

Wed 21st May, 10.30am-1pm: Nenagh Library

Wed 21st May, 2-4.30pm: Templemore Library

BEAD WORKSHOP

Thur 22nd May, 10.30am-1pm: Carrick-on-Suir Library

Booking essential through the libraries

Tina Keating is a native of Co. Waterford and a graduate of UCC. She is a goldsmith, geologist and gemmologist and is fascinated with the Earth and how it works. 'Jewellery making' is fascinating...make some fabulous pieces of jewellery. By creating a chemical reaction between resin and hardener – to form a virtually indestructible bond – you will create a durable medium in which to fashion your own unique pendant and bracelet. You can also rejuvenate any old pieces of jewellery or broken watches by incorporating them into your resin design. The best bit is, you get to keep what you make!



The Garden awakening. Designs to Nurture our land and ourselves with Peter Donegan

Fri 23rd May, 11am-12.30pm: Tipperary Town Library

Fri 23rd May, 2-3pm: Tipperary Town Library

Booking essential through the library

Peter Donegan is an international garden designer and speaker based in Dublin, Ireland. He was named in The Top 100 UK Garden Designers 2024. In March 2024 Peter designed the shows featured garden at Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (MIFGS) winning Silver and The People's Choice Award. He was also a garden judge at the show. In 2023 Peter Donegan became the first Irish landscape architect invited to design at MIFGS the Southern Hemisphere's largest and most prestigious flower show where he won Gold medal. Selected to represent Ireland to design and realise the WW1 Centenary Peace Garden at Château de Péronne in 2018. Peter returned in 2022 and designed a second inaugurated garden at the thirteenth-century castle known also as the Historial de la Grande Guerre, home to Europe's largest war museum. From 2019 to 2022, as The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) silver medallist he assumed the role of series garden designer for Ireland's most watched TV show, RTÉ's DIY SOS The Big Build.

The Month of May and the Coming of Summer - May Day Traditions with Michael Fortune

Thu 8th May, 1pm: Templemore library

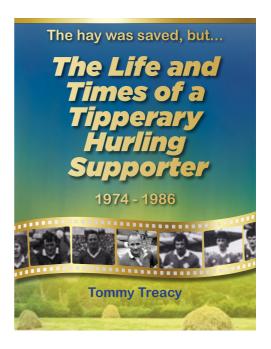
Thu 8th May, 3.30pm: Thurles library

Fri 9th May, 11am: Cashel library

Booking essential through the libraries

A talk by artist and folklorist Michael Fortune (www.folklore.ie) about the traditions and customs surrounding the month of May and the coming of summer in Ireland. The talk will focus on the piseogs and beliefs surrounding the month from witches stealing your profit to shape-shifting hares while the talk will look at the May Bush tradition in Ireland and its connections across Europe. In 2024 Michael and his wife Aileen Lambert, produced the publication The May Bush in County Wexford and over the past 20 years have re-established and grown awareness around the May Bush tradition in their native Co. Wexford.





Tommy Treacy on The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter

Tue 13th May, 6.45pm: Tipperary Town library

Wed 14th May, 6.15pm: Carrick-on-Suir library

Fri 16th May, 3.30pm: Cloughjordan library

Tue 20th May, 6.30pm: Cashel library

Fri 23rd May, 3:30pm: Thurles library

Tue 27th May, 6.30pm: Nenagh Library

Wed 21st May, 6.15pm: Clonmel library

Wed 28 May, 6.15pm: Roscrea library

Booking essential through the libraries

Throughout the path of life Tommy has journeyed on, hurling has always played an important part. This passion for the game of hurling and in particular Tipp. hurling, has inspired Tommy to write his book The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter. Tommy Treacy who currently lectures at Griffith College Cork and Limerick, ministered for a period of time as a Deacon in the Dioceses of Cork & Ross and Waterford & Lismore





We are grateful to have the support of Tipperary ETB who are providing workshops in all pf our branches throughout May

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell (see branch listings for dates)

Cahir library: Thursdays

Tipperary Town library: Mondays

Clonmel library: Fridays

Cashel library: Tuesdays

Carrick on Suir library: Wednesdays

Killenaule library: Thursday 29th May, 2pm

Bookings essential through the libraries

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be performed while seated in a chair. It helps improve flexibility, balance, and strength without requiring getting on the floor or performing complex poses. Chair yoga is a great way to improve their mobility and well-being, while also encouraging mindfulness and relaxation.

Sing Your Way Down Memory Lane with Suzanne Buttimer

Mon 12th May, 10.30am: Cashel library

Thu 15th May, 11am: Killenaule library

Mon 19th May, 11.30am: Carrick-on-Suir library

Wed 21st May, 11.30am: Tipperary Town library

Mon 26th May, 2pm: Cahir library

Booking essential through the libraries

Join Suzanne Buttimer for an interactive, fun singing session designed to engage participants and evoke happy memories.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing with Jennie Hannigan

Tues 6th May 11am: Cashel library

Tues 13th May 11am: Tipperary Town library

Tues 20th May 11am: Carrick-on-Suir library

Tues 27th May 11am: Cahir library

Booking essential through the libraries

Join Jennie to explore meditations and visualisations; learn how energy affects us and how we can use it to benefit us physically, mentally and emotionally, discover techniques to help de-stress

Introduction to Photography with Cher Gleeson

Mon 12th May, 2pm: Cahir library

Wed 14th May, 2pm: Cashel library

Thurs 15th May, 2pm: Tipperary Town library

Fri 16th May, 2pm: Carrick-on-Suir library

Booking essential through the libraries

Unlock the full potential of your phone/camera in this informative and hands-on session. Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve your skills this workshop will help you to capture stunning images and gain practical insights that you can apply immediately. Perfect for beginners

Booking for all events essential through the libraries

Smart Phone - IT Security Interactive Workshop

Fri 2nd May, 10.30am: Clonmel library

Fri 2nd May, 10.30am: Carrick-on-Suir library

Wed 7th May, 2pm: Templemore library

Mon 12th May, 3pm: Thurles library

Fri 16th May, 10.30: Cashel library

Mon 19th May, 11am: Nenagh library

Fri 23rd May, 10.30am: Tipperary Town library

Booking essential through the libraries

Connected and Confident: Become confident using your phone; Understand common apps and how they work; Become more aware about phone safety

Needle Felting workshops with Olivia O'Donovan

Thurs 8th May, 12:30pm: Borrisokane library

Wed 14th May, 1pm: Roscrea library

Booking essential through the libraries

Create your own needle felted floral brooches. Learn a new skill with natural materials in a relaxed environment. Workshop suitable for beginners and more advanced, all welcome. Materials supplied.

Yoga with Kay Boyle

Templemore library: Tuesdays

Thurles library: Wednesdays

Booking essential through the libraries

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be performed while seated in a chair. It helps improve flexibility, balance, and strength without requiring getting on the floor or performing complex poses. Chair yoga is a great way to improve their mobility and wellbeing, while also encouraging mindfulness and relaxation.

Catriona Dwan's Art workshops - Art with Caitriona

Tues 6th May, 10.30am: Templemore library

Tues 6th May, 2pm: Thurles Library

Awaken your creativity and explore painting techniques in a safe encouraging environment. This is an opportunity for you to try a hands-on approach to using colour and texture in a painting.

Beginners' Ukulele with Dom O'Driscoll

Cahir Library: Tuesdays

Carrick-on-Suir Library: Thursdays

Dom O'Driscoll has been teaching both guitar and ukulele at Rockwell Music Academy for the past six years. He is a professional musician and has travelled extensively in Europe and USA as a solo artist and as a band member. Bring your uke if you have one. Dom will provide some spare ukuleles.

BORRISOKANE LIBRARY

Booking essential: 067 27199

Needle Felting workshop with Olivia O'Donovan

Thursday 8th May, 12:30-2pm (see ETB Events, page 17)

Sip & Paint - Tea/Coffee and Relaxing Painting

Wednesday 14th May, 2pm

Unwind, sip, and create at our relaxing Sip & Paint Workshop! Enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee as you're guided step-by-step through painting a beautiful scene on canvas with artist Lisa Manton. Suitable for all levels, this is the perfect way to explore your creativity in a stress-free, welcoming atmosphere. All materials are provided—just bring yourself

CAHIR LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 7442075

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell

Thursday 8th, 15th & 22nd May, 2-3pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Candle Painting Workshop with Lisa Manton

Friday 9th May, 10.30am (see Featured Events, page 14)

Introduction to photography with Cher Gleeson

Monday 12th May, 2-4.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Create a summer Wreath with Elke Wilson

Tuesday 13th May, 10.30am-12.30pm

Whether you are a beginner or an accomplished maker, the workshops will let your creativity flourish while also giving you a chance to build on, and share, your knowledge and skill with others

Beginners' Ukulele with Dom O'Driscoll

Tuesdays 13th & 27th May, 2pm (See ETB Events, page 17)

Sing Your Way Down Memory Lane With Suzanne Buttimer

Monday 26th May, 2pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Mindfulness and Wellbeing with Jennie Hannigan

Tuesday 27th May, 11am-12.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

CARRICK-ON-SUIR LIBRARY

Booking essential: 051 640591

Beginners' Ukulele with Dom O'Driscoll

Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, 10.30am (See ETB events, page 17)

Smart phone- IT Security Interactive Workshop

Friday 2nd May, 10.30-11.30am (see ETB Events, page 17)

Stories in Motion: A Theatre Workshop for Older Adults by PKDRAMA

Tuesday 6th May, 2pm

Join our engaging theatre workshops for adults, where creativity, storytelling, and fun take centre stage. No experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm! Please wear loose black clothing

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell (4-week course)

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th May, 2.15-3.15pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Candle Painting Workshop with Lisa Manton

Friday 9th May, 2pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

Tommy Treacy on The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter

Wednesday 14th May, 6.15pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

Introduction to photography with Cher Gleeson

Friday 16th May 2-4.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Sing Your Way Down Memory Lane with Suzanne Buttimer

Monday 19th May, 11.30am (see ETB Events, page 16)

Mindfulness and Wellbeing with Jennie Hannigan

Tuesday 20th May, 11am-12.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Jewellery Making - Bead Workshop with Keating & Stone

Thursday 22nd May, 10.30am-1pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

Screening of Tipp Studies Short Documentary film "I Hope All Of My Friends Come Out Safe"

Wednesday 28th May, 6pm

Ballypatrick: an Irish Rural Community in the 1920s. The accompanying Quinn Photography Exhibition will run for the month of May.

CASHEL LIBRARY

Booking essential: 062 63825

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell (4-week course)

Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May, 3.30 - 4.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Mindfulness and Wellbeing with Jennie Hannigan

Tuesday 6th May, 11am - 12.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Sip & Paint - Tea/Coffee and Relaxing Painting with artist Lisa Manton

Wednesday 7th May, 10.30am

Unwind, sip, and create at our relaxing Sip & Paint Workshop! Enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee as you're guided step-by-step through painting a beautiful scene on canvas

May Day Traditions with Michael Fortune

Friday 9th May, 11am (see Featured Events page 15)

Sing Your Way Down Memory Lane with Suzanne Buttimer

Monday 12th May, 10.30am (see ETB Events, page 16)

Memory Café

Tuesday 13th May, 11am - 1pm

Twin Hearts Meditation

Tuesday 13th May, 7pm
Twin Hearts Meditation led by Joan Lambe.

Introduction to photography with Cher Gleeson

Wednesday 14th May, 2-4.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Stories in Motion: A Theatre Workshop for Adults by PKDRAMA

Thursday 15th May, 2pm

Join our engaging theatre workshops for adults, where creativity, storytelling, and fun take centre stage. No experience needed-just bring your enthusiasm!

Smart phone - IT Security Interactive Workshop

Friday 16th May, 10.30 - 11.30am (see ETB Events, page 17)

An afternoon with Carmel Harrington

Monday 19th May, 3.30pm (see Featured Events, page 13)

Healthy Nutrition

Tuesday 20th May, 11am

Una Kirwan, Nutritionist from Nutrition Nua and manager of Horan's Health Store, Cashel, will give a talk on Nutrition for Healthy ageing, topics covered include Cholesterol, Anti-Aging and Sleep.

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Tuesday 20th May, 6.30pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

Line Dancing with Bernie Corbett

Friday 23rd May, 11am

A fun way to exercise, socialise and make new friends. Dancing & music is essential for self-care and well-being in this challenging and busy environment. No partner needed and all welcome. Dust your boots off and get ready to Line Dance!

CLONMEL LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 616 6130

Smart phone - IT Security Interactive Workshop

Friday 2nd May, 10.30 - 11.30am (see ETB Events, page 17)

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell (4-week course)

Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd May, 10 - 11am (see ETB Events, page 16)

Create a summer wreath with Elke Wilson

Tuesday 6th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Whether a beginner or an accomplished maker, this workshop will let your creativity flourish while also giving you a chance to build on, and share, your knowledge and skill with others.

Mining Memories with Margaret Galvin

Tuesday 6th May, 2.30 - 5pm Wednesday 7th May, 2.30 - 5pm

Bealtaine Writing Workshops for beginners and improvers designed to foster and encourage creative writing to validate personal reminiscence as subject material; to celebrate the memory of the people, places and events that have shaped us; to consider the elements that make for compelling writing

The Songs and Poems of Percy French with Cáit Ní Riain and Jim Ryan (Jim O' the Mills)

Wednesday 14th May, 6.45pm (see Featured Events, page 13)

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Wednesday 21st May, 6.15pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

CLOUGHJORDAN LIBRARY

Booking essential: 0505 42425

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Friday 16th May, 3.30pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

Candle Painting Workshop with artist Lisa Manton

Friday 23rd May, 2 - 4pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

KILLENAULE LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 9157906

Sing Your Way Down Memory Lane with Suzanne Buttimer

Thursday 15th May, 11am (see ETB Events, page 16)

The Lost Songs of Ireland with Will O'Brien

Thursday 22nd May, 2.30pm

Tipperary Song sharing workshop series – songs that once were popular, maybe in the 1800s or early 1900s, but aren't known anymore. Learn the history behind these songs,

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell

Thursday 29th May, 2 - 3pm Taster class (see ETB Events, page 16)

NENAGH LIBRARY

Booking essential: 067 34404

Style masterclass with Geraldine

Saturday 10th May, 11am

Come along to a masterclass and discover how to organise and refresh your wardrobe for the new season. Less clutter more style!

Patricia Gibney: An Evening with Patricia Gibney

Tuesday 13th May, 5pm: Nenagh Library (see Featured events, page 13)

The Songs and Poems of Percy French with Cáit Ní Riain and Jim Ryan (Jim O' the Mills)

Tuesday 13th May, 6.45pm (see Featured Events, page 13)

Smart phone - IT Security Interactive workshop

Monday 19th May, 11am (see ETB Events, page 17)

Jewellery Making - Resin Workshops with Keating & Stone

Wednesday 21st May, 10.30am-1pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

Candle Painting Workshop with Lisa Manton

Friday 23rd May, 10.30am-12.30pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Tuesday 27th May, 6.30pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

ROSCREA LIBRARY

Booking essential: 0505 22032

The Lost Songs of Ireland with Will O'Brien

Tuesday 6th May, 2.30pm

Tipperary Song sharing workshop series. Explore songs that once were popular, maybe in the 1800s or early 1900s, but aren't known anymore and learn the history behind the songs

Candle Painting Workshop with Lisa Manton

Tuesday 13th May, 10.30am (see Featured Events, page 14)

Needle Felting workshops with Olivia O'Donovan

Wednesday 14th May, 1-2.30pm (see ETB Events, page 17)

Talk by Shirley from Healthy Vision Roscrea

Wednesday 21st May, 6.30pm A talk on Heart Health, Digestive issues and joint care

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Wednesday 28th May, 6.15pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

TEMPLEMORE LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 616 6190

Yoga with Kay Boyle

Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May, 9.30 - 10.30am (see ETB Events, page 17)

Art with Catriona Dwan

Tuesday 6th May, 10.30-11.30am (see ETB Events, page 17)

Smart phone - IT Security Interactive Workshop

Wednesday 7th May, 2pm (see ETB Events, page 17)

May Day Traditions with Michael Fortune

Thursday 8th May, 1pm (see featured events, page 15)

Style masterclass with Geraldine

Thursday 15th May, 6.30pm

Come along to a masterclass and discover how to organise and refresh your wardrobe for the new season. Less clutter more style!

Jewellery Making - Resin Workshop with Keating & Stone

Wednesday 21st May, 2 - 4.30pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

THURLES LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 616 6131

Exhibition in Library Gallery by Croke Street Residents' Association

Tuesday 29th April to Saturday 24th May

Art with Catriona Dwan

Tuesday 6th May, 2 - 3pm (see ETB Events, page 17)

Yoga with Kay Boyle

Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th May, 10 - 11am (see ETB Events, page 17)

The Songs and Poems of Percy French with Cáit Ní Riain and Jim Ryan (Jim O' the Mills)

Wednesday 7th May, 3.30pm (see Featured Events, page 13)

May Day Traditions with Michael Fortune

Thursday 8th May, 3.30pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

Smart phone- IT Security Interactive Workshop

Monday 12th May, 3pm (see ETB Events, page 17)

Thurles Community Orchestra concert

Tuesday 13th May, 7pm

Sip & Paint - Tea/Coffee and Relaxing Painting with artist Lisa Manton

Wednesday 14th May, 10.30am

Unwind, sip, and create at our relaxing Sip & Paint Workshop! Enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee as you're guided step-by-step through painting a beautiful scene on canvas with artist Lisa Manton. Suitable for all levels, this is the perfect way to explore your creativity in a stress-free, welcoming atmosphere. All materials are provided—just bring yourself!

THURLES LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 616 6131

Words & Music with author and singer-songwriter Ann Gardiner

Wednesday 14th May, 4pm

Join us for a special afternoon to hear Ann, from Burncourt in south Tipperary, talk about her books, including her most recent seventh one The Fallen Woman. Ann will also sing some of her own songs from her recent CD The Arthritis Waltz accompanied by her husband Bobby Gardiner

Pranic Healing with Maria O'Brien

Monday 19th May, 3 - 4.30pm

A simple yet powerful and effective system of no-touch energy healing based on the fundamental principle that the body is self-repairing

Sculpting Workshop with Philip Quinn

Thursday 22nd May, 11am

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Friday 23rd May, 3.30pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

Making carpentry an art form - DIY Woodworking Workshop with Paul Carew, Owner of Lúchta Studios, Tipperary.

Venue: Thurles Men's Shed. Closed event
Participants will have hands-on experience in
essential woodworking techniques, correct
material applications, as they complete a
small project, gaining practical knowledge and
application of wood restoration and finishes.

TIPPERARY TOWN LIBRARY

Booking essential: 052 616 6126

A Certain Slant of Light exhibition

1st to 29th May, 12-4pm every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday Creative Places Space (Further details on page 12)

Dress to Impress with Kate Barry

Thursday 1st May, 2pm

Learn how to dress to Impress with Kate Barry of A Class Above

Down Your Way with Eamon O'Dwyer: Celebrating 30 years of Bealtaine and positive ageing

Thursday 1st May, 7pm

Natural Health with T.J. Hickey from The Health Shop

Tuesday 6th May, 11am

Be empowered with nutrition information to take control of your health and longevity to improve your overall health span

The Songs and Poems of Percy French with Cáit Ní Riain and Jim Ryan (Jim O' the Mills)

Tuesday 6th May, Closed event St Vincent's Day Care Centre

Chair Yoga with Sinead O Donnell (3-week course)

Mondays 12th, 19th, 26th May, 2.30 - 3.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Top to Toes Mobility

Mondays 12th, 19th and 26th May, 10 - 11am

An instructor-led follow-along mobility class providing individual input to all your joint structures in your body, with exercises and movements for all levels of physical ability, with the intention of assisting each individual to increase their daily strength and mobility ability.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing with Jennie Hannigan

Tuesday 13th May, 11am - 12.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

Garden Fresh Nutrition: A Hands-On Workshop with Gráinne Ní Eidhin

Tuesday 13th May, 1 - 3pm

Join us for a fun and interactive nutrition workshop! Using fresh, organic produce from Knockanrawley Resource Centre's community garden, we'll explore simple ways to prepare healthy snacks and meals - no cooking required. Learn practical nutrition tips from the Community Food and Nutrition Worker, get hands-on with fresh ingredients, and taste delicious, wholesome bites you can easily recreate at home. Perfect for all ages and skill levels, this session will leave you inspired to make the most of seasonal, homegrown foods. Come hungry and ready to learn!

The Life and Times of a Tipperary Hurling Supporter with Tommy Treacy

Tuesday 13th May, 6.45pm (see Featured Events, page 15)

Enduring powers of attorney, the fair Deal scheme, assisted decision-making and capacity act and advanced healthcare directives

Wednesday 14th May, 10.30am

Talk by Ronan Kennedy of Kennedy Frewen O'Brien Solicitors

Cyanotype Printing Workshop

Thursday 15th May, 1 - 3pm Creative Places Space (Further details see page 12)

Introduction to Photography with Cher Gleeson

Thursday 15th May, 2 - 4.30pm (see ETB Events, page 16)

When I Was Your Age with Noelle Ní Ríagáin

Friday 16th May, 4pm

Young people bring an older person from your life, and older people bring a young person from your life, and let's share stories of how things were all those years ago and compare how much has changed (or hasn't changed)! intergenerational event iln association with Creative Places Tipperary Town

Getting started on your writing journey - what I have learned so far with Paul Whyte

Tuesday 20th May, 2.30pm

Dublin born writer Paul Whyte shares his experiences on publishing and writing. He will share some newly published work, give some insights into the craft and share some useful tips for those looking to get started on their own writing journey. Active session – questions and interaction are very welcome.

Paul Whyte's short fiction, essays and articles have been published in The Moth, The Lonely Crowd, The Pig's Back and The Irish Examiner.

Performance by One Town, One Voice

Tuesday 20th May, 6pm

Sing Your Way Down Memory Lane with Suzanne Buttimer

Wednesday 21st May, 11.30am (see ETB Events, page 16)

Smart Phone - IT Security Interactive Workshop

Friday 23rd May, 10.30 - 11.30am (see ETB Events, page 17)

The Garden awakening. Designs to Nurture our land and ourselves with Peter Donegan

Fri 23rd May, 11am-12.30pm & May, 2-3pm (see Featured Events, page 14)

Memoirs of a Flight Attendant with Mary Douglass

Tuesday 27th May, 6.30pm

Mary Douglass reminisces on the fun times... and 40 years of continuous jet lag!



Music, Literature, Visual Arts, Theatre & More

Don't miss out - even though most events are free, be sure to book for events in advance at the relevant venues as places are limited.

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