

Registration fee

The registration fee covers all meals, including a three course dinner in historic Galong House with dinner wines, morning and afternoon teas, Saturday night ceili, 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 - \$540.00 per person* **OR**
- Three night's accommodation in a shared twin room with ensuite - \$600.00 per person*

*A discount of \$20.00 per person will apply to registration fees paid in full by 27 June 2013.

Accommodation preferences will be allocated on a first to register basis with payment in full or a deposit of \$200.00 per person, the balance being due by 7 July 2013. Cancellations received after that date will attract an administration fee of \$200.00 per person.

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.

The new museum will be open on Friday afternoon through to Sunday for participants to browse at leisure.

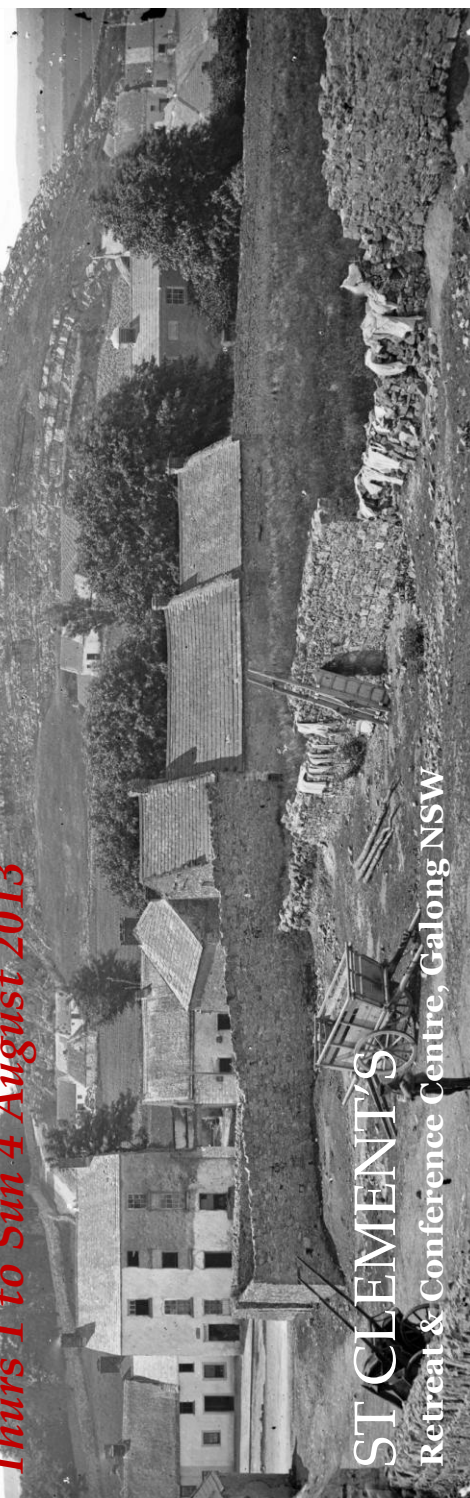
Accommodation

Accommodation and facilities at St Clement's have been fully refurbished in recent years. Most rooms are individually air conditioned, with ensuite or shared bathroom facilities. All 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. The dining and conference facilities are all comfortably air conditioned.



Shamrock in the Bush

Thurs 1 to Sun 4 August 2013



ST CLEMENT'S
Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong NSW

The program

Our speakers for the twenty-first and final 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 His Excellency Mr Noel White, Ambassador for Ireland. We are also fortunate to welcome two speakers directly from Ireland. Academic and musician Fintan Vallely and writer Evelyn Conlon will begin their Australian tour with presentations related to their respective fields of expertise. Besides a great line up of speakers there will be music and verse 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. Former Irish Ambassador to Australia Richard O'Brien will deliver the after dinner address.

The project

Proceeds from the Shamrock in the Bush, publication sales and fundraising in connection with the event have benefited the establishment of the recently completed museum in Galong House. The conservation of both the museum and library collections is a work in progress that will need future financial support.

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 1 August

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

Keynote address

7.45pm	His Excellency My Noel White, Ambassador for Ireland
9.00pm	Supper

Friday 2 August

Two stories

9.00am	Mercy Gould's Irish-Australian identity: 'You come from good blood Mercy, never forget it.' Dr Keith Amos
9.45am	James Hackett, outspoken affluent Irish Catholic Distiller and family, Van Dieman's Land, 1828-1841. Peter McFie
10.30am	Morning tea

Teachers and escapees

11.00am	'Mr Williams does not call the children names in school': Galong and locale Public Schools. Dr Perry McIntyre
11.45am	The Murderous Escapades of Comerford and Jennings: Irish Convicts in and out of the System. Dr Jeff Brownrigg
1.00pm	Lunch

The museum – at last!

2.00pm	It started with butcher's paper ...then a Kelly board. St Clement's Historians Shamrock in the Bush opening An abiding presence; Galong's land and people. Fr Brian Maher
3.30pm	Afternoon tea - free time

Shamrock Dinner

7.30pm	Dinner in Galong House with guest speaker Richard O'Brien , former Irish Ambassador to Australia reflecting on 'A life with the Global Irish Family'
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Due to unforeseen circumstances presentations, speakers and times may alter.

Saturday 3 August

The Irish in the Colonies

9.00am	Shamrocks in the Tropics. Dr Jennifer Harrison
9.45am	The Irish in South Australia. Dr Ann Herraman
10.30am	Morning tea
11.00am	Five decades of Irish Family Research Keith Johnson

Putting it into words

11.45am	Telling Tales Evelyn Conlon
1.00pm	Lunch

Tuning up

2.00pm	Songs and stories of nineteenth-century Irish migrants. Dr Val Noone
2.45pm	Dancing on the page: the vitality of the printed word and image in oral music, song and dance traditions. Dr Fintan Vallely
3.30pm	Afternoon tea – free time

Shamrock Ceili

6.00pm	An evening of music, song, dance and verse in the Galong Memorial Hall with the Sydney Irish Ceili Dancers & musicians. Buffet meal and refreshments.
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Sunday 4 August

Sedition and diplomacy

9.00am	'Itinerant Preachers of Sedition': the Redmond Brothers' Tour of Australia in 1883. Dr Jeff Kildea
9.45am	Definitely not Les: the Other Cultural Attache. Martha McEvoy
10.30am	Morning tea

Stone and paper

11.00am	God's two acres: the plot with the lot Cheryl Mongan
11.45am	A Shamrock in a Scrapbook. Dr Richard Reid
12.45pm	Shamrock Reflections
1.00pm	Lunch