

*International Irish Famine Commemoration, and
20th Annual Melbourne Famine Commemoration*

Commemoration of the Great Irish Famine and the arrival of Irish Orphan Girls

Sunday 28 October 2018, 2.30pm-4pm

Famine Rock Burgoyne Reserve, The Strand (Cnr Stevedore St), Williamstown.

There will be live music from 2pm.

Guest speaker: Patrick O'Donovan TD,
Minister of State representing the Government of Ireland

Music: Vince Brophy, Cora Browne, Felix Meagher and others

Ceremony includes the opportunity for laying of flowers and naming of orphan girls by their descendants.

This **FREE** event is an opportunity to pay tribute to our Irish forebears, with stories, music and song. No bookings required.

RELATED EVENT: Roundtable: The Famine and Irish Australia,
Williamstown Town Hall, 5pm.

Over 4000 young Irish women and girls travelled from the workhouses of Ireland between 1848 and 1850 under the Earl Grey Scheme, in search of hope and a new beginning. The Famine Rock at Williamstown commemorates their arrival.

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