



## **Please support our Programmes**

Our Annual Gathering at the Famine Memorial at Hyde Park Barracks and our GIFCC support programmes keep the memory of the Great Irish Famine alive and provide support for the education of current new arrivals to Australia.

### **Great Irish Famine Refugee Scholarship Fund**

The Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee has established a Great Irish Famine Refugee Scholarship to support a refugee student currently attending Western Sydney University. This scholarship recognises all people who died or emigrated as a result of the Great Irish Famine (an Gorta Mór, 1845-1850) and acknowledges Irish Famine immigrants who settled in Australia in the 1800s.

Irish immigration helped shape Australian culture and society and continues to influence contemporary Australia. We have established this Scholarship at WSU to remember past famine experiences by supporting a current female refugee who sought sanctuary and solace in our country, by helping her to advance her education and contribute to Australia as previous Irish emigrants have done.

Since 2009 we have raised sufficient funds to enable an annual prize of \$1000 to be awarded to a worthy student chosen by WSU. In 2018 and again in 2019, we have also provided Scholarships to refugee students to the value of \$7500 each. In 2018, the scholarship assisted Negar Zarei to complete her Degree in Nursing.

In order to sustain the Prize and the Scholarship we ask for your support by making a generous tax-deductible donation to the Great Irish Famine Refuge Scholarship Fund by:

Direct debit at: <https://give.westernsydney.edu.au/gifcscholarship> or

By cheque, made payable to Western Sydney University, posted to:

Ray Villarica  
Office of Advancement  
Western Sydney University  
Locked Bag 1797  
Penrith NSW 2751

‘This award further drives me to complete my bachelor degree with the highest mark possible, to ensure I am upholding the entire purpose of the award’ – Milana Gasparic, GIFCC Award Recipient



## **Mamre Programmes**

The Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee also raise funds in support of Mamre Programmes which were initially established by the Sisters of Mercy at Mamre Homestead, St Marys, NSW. This venture supports African refugees, especially those from Southern Sudan. The programme runs classes for women in English language, computer skills, social and life skills, women's health, food and nutrition. A creche operates to care for young children while their mothers attend classes. Gardening skills and fresh vegetable production are also Mamre enterprises.

Tax deductible donations can be made by direct debit to:

Catholic Care Social Services Donation Account  
BSB: 067 950 Account: 000040  
Identifier: GIFCC & your phone number & name

Please advise the GIFCC when you make a donation to the Mamre Program by sending an email to [contact@irishfaminememorial.org](mailto:contact@irishfaminememorial.org).

## **The Great Irish Famine Commemorative Committee (GIFCC):**

The Committee seeks your donation to assist with running costs of the annual event, the continuous maintenance and development of our website and services, membership, printing and our Post Office Box as well as membership of the Royal Australian Historical Society which helps with our networking ability and other activities.

Please make your donation by direct debit to:

Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee [GIFCC]  
BSB: 062 030 Account: 10013868  
Identifier: Phone number and name  
Email: [secretary@irishfaminememorial.org](mailto:secretary@irishfaminememorial.org)

Or by cheque to PO Box 209, ROSEVILLE NSW 2069.