

Hi, I just wanted to let you know I enjoyed the commemoration on Sunday. I have attended 2 in Sydney in the early days. I am a member and I live in central Queensland. It would be very nice if it could be streamed every year.

Yvonne Cooper, Central Qld – descendent of Catherine Dowd

Renewed congratulations to yourself and the Committee on the very moving ceremony.

Irish Consul-General Owen Feeney

Greetings from Edinburgh, Scotland. Great to see this event. I loved my visit to the exhibition in 2015. Thanks for sharing the event online.

Via YouTube: Jill Williams

Congratulations on Sunday's event, it was a huge success!

I found the speeches, both the orphan girl songs and the words of the award recipients incredibly moving. I hope you enjoyed the lunch and have been able to relax a little since then. I have written a news post about the event for the HPB webpage that contains a link to the recording:

<https://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/2020/08/31/commemorating-great-irish-famine-hyde-park-barracks>.

We have also shared the news item on the HPB Facebook page and we are looking to re-share it on our main FB page also:

<https://www.facebook.com/HydeParkBarracks/posts/323093119034019>

Susan Sedgwick, Head of City Museums, Sydney Living Museums

Just watched the Commemoration - very moving and let's hope we can all be there next year. Best wishes.

Vicki Walshe, Sydney – Descendent

This year's LiveStream ceremony was particularly moving. It is a most fitting commemoration of the young women who came to Australia fleeing the Famine, the Irish orphan girls. They too were refugees. It also encapsulated all that the GIFCC hoped for: a living, vibrant monument whose programme reached out to women with a refugee background at Western Sydney University, and to the women refugees in the care of the Sisters of Mercy at Mamre, St Mary's.

Our thanks and congratulations to Trish Power and her band of expert helpers for keeping the commemoration alive in this Covid-stricken year.

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Dr Trevor McClaughlin in Tintean

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