



Brigidfest 2019

A celebration of Irish and Australian women

Sunday, 10 February 2019 @ 12.30pm
The Celtic at Metropolitan,
36-42 Courtney Street, North Melbourne
\$50* per person

Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/ZIML>
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Brigid need not apply: Irish women during the gold rushes in Victoria

Elizabeth Malcolm and Dianne Hall, authors of the recently-published *A New History of the Irish in Australia*, will talk about the thousands of Irish women who arrived in Victoria during the Gold Rush era of the 1850s, many survivors of the Great Famine. Often reviled in local newspapers as ignorant, ugly and a threat to the Protestant British character of the colony, nevertheless, most of these women created successful homes and families. Their descendants are all around us today. But some struggled and a few led deeply unhappy lives. Their stories have much to tell us about the dangers and hardships that faced Irish women immigrants.

Ticket includes a two-course meal; drinks available at bar prices. Booking fee included. Proceeds go towards the work of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP). See <https://basp.org.au/> for more information

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