

Cumann Gaeilge na hAstráile, the first fifteen years.

	President	Daonscoil	Events during the year	Interstate
1992	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Language Association founded by a small group of supporters Evening classes for learners held weekly, initially in North Melbourne Library 	-
1993	Muiris Ó Scanláin	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association is legally registered in Victoria on Friday 7th May 1993 Constitution provides for President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary and other committee members as well as an AGM and an annual membership fee 	-
1994	Muiris Ó Scanláin	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St John's school chosen as suitable venue, has car parking and good facilities Weekly classes moved to St John's School at start of 2nd term 	-
1995	Muiris Ó Scanláin	Willaura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaugural Cumann summer camp held at Willaura, Western District in Victoria from Sat 18th – Sat 25th November 1995 About 20 members attend including Louis de Paor, Irish poet and academic 	-
1996	Éamon Ó Neachtain	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly classes split into bun-rang (beginners), meán-rang (intermediate), and ard-rang (advanced) Small group from Victoria attend summer school in NSW in January 1996 	1 st summer school at Nannangroe, NSW
1997	Éamon Ó Neachtain	Forest Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer camp dates moved to January and venue changed to Gippsland Date and venue changes bring significantly more attendees Nightly news sessions introduced at camp, and becomes a regular camp feature 	2 nd summer school at Nannangroe
1998	Éamon Ó Neachtain	Forest Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donation of old books received from Department of Education in Ireland after visit there by Cumann president Grant received from Bord na Gaeilge to assist with summer school 	1 st summer school at Carcoar, NSW
1999	Siún Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh	Forest Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions with interstate groups about common ideals and resources Annual summer camp is renamed "Daonscoil" President's newsletter commences and is circulated to members 	2 nd summer school at Carcoar
2000	Siún Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh	Forest Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Tráth na gCeist (quiz nite) held between teams representing the four provinces, Ulster comes first Library opened using the donated books and other materials in an upstairs area provided by the Irish Welfare Bureau in Northcote First contact established with the Cultural Relations Committee of the Irish Dept. of Foreign Affairs, and funding received for a visiting language teacher Grant received from Foras na Gaeilge 	3 rd summer school at Carcoar

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2001	Síún Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh	Baanya Biami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers attending Daonscoil increase after closing of Carcoar New (larger) venue is needed for our camp, and closer to airport First debate between two teams (Should grog be allowed at camp?) result is an overwhelming "yes" Library re-located to St. John's School and more books donated by members Committee votes for donation to Adelaide to help start a winter school there 	1 st winter school in Adelaide
2002	Cáit Ní Mhúdaigh	Lake Burren Brae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumann's 10th birthday celebrated with a dinner dance at the Yarraville Club New newsletter launched in August, later entitled <i>An Fhuinneog Ghaelach</i> Official logo adopted in December for use on all documents and merchandise (did you know the design is from a hinge on a very old door at St John's ?) 	2 nd winter school in Adelaide
2003	Cáit Ní Mhúdaigh	Lady Northcote Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daonscoil activities extended to include a choice of "elective" subjects Committee votes for donation to Sydney to help start winter school there after withdrawal of Adelaide Negotiations opened with Celtic Club about leasing of downstairs area Cumann website launched on 1st June www.gaeilgesanastrail.com 	1 st winter school in Sydney
2004	Gabhán Ó Dubhthaigh	Lady Northcote Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly classes moved to the Celtic club at start of year New facilities now include office, computer and library space as well as separate classrooms for all levels Website is awarded five stars in online survey of Irish sites abroad Newsletter editor retires after nine issues and hands over to a new team 	2 nd winter school in Sydney
2005	Cáit Ní Mhúdaigh	Lady Northcote Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish president becomes our official Patron, and total membership passes 100 10th annual Daonscoil celebrations, and four founding members are awarded life membership at AGM Cumann takes part in special Irish day at Melbourne Immigration Museum 	3 rd winter school in Sydney
2006	Cáit Ní Mhúdaigh	Lady Northcote Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumann wins third place in international section of Glór na nGael competition and is awarded two trips to Oideas Gael in Donegal for language studies Two more students awarded places to attend a course at Ballyferriter in Kerry Decision to commence each school-term in Victoria with a teacher meeting 	4 th winter school in Sydney
2007	Deirdre Uí Ghiollaespaign	Lady Northcote Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to take part in Cultural day organised by C.C.E. during March First Lá na bPáistí (Childrens day) held on Sunday 13th May at the Celtic Club Website statistics show that our Cumann newsletter is now being read in Japan and France as well as the USA, Ireland, Britain and Australia 	5 th winter school in Sydney