

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY

QUEENSLAND

NEWSLETTER



February, 1983

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all and may 1983 be a successful year for everyone.

166 of us signed the Attendance Book at the Reunion at The Peak - 29th August, 1982. There were more who attended as friends, so it was a very successful day - the best yet as many said - and it has shown that The Peak is the place for that August Reunion from now on.

We were blessed with fine weather, but we always have alternative arrangements for the "Hall" at Peak Crossing in case of rain.

We had two visitors from Western Australia, George and Joy Penfold, who arranged their "Around Australia" Itinerary to fit in. Marian Phillips (Daughter of Ann and Harold Macnish) from Hobart, Tasmania, made the trip too.

Two new Members were welcomed - David and Moira Forsyth who are recent arrivals from Scotland and now residing at Wynnum.

Members of Sydney Branch - Betty Briggs and Nita Markey from Coonamble also visited.

Greetings were sent by Arthur Forsyth, Commissioner (Sydney) and Les Forsyth (Sydney).

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for bereavements during the year - for Dorothy, wife of Lew Forsyth,
Malcolm, husband of Barbara McKinnon
Flo McDermott, and for
Charlotte Morrow, wife of Bill.

We hope that we see more of you next time on SUNDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1983, which will be our 10TH ANNUAL REUNION

Early photographs were interesting to many, and NORMAN FORSYTH, 8 High Street Texas Q 4385, would appreciate it if anyone contacts him regarding the "Family Tree".

The oldest Forsyth who attended the Reunion was Estelle Perry, aged 90. The youngest was 3 weeks old. Keep coming, and make the 10th Reunion bigger than ever.

We will be having our usual March Function on Saturday, 26th March at the Caledonian Club (Invitation enclosed). This function is arranged as near St. Andrew's Day as possible, and we hope you will all attend - those who attended the picnic and those who could not. BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

It was hoped that we might have a visit from Chief Alistair from Scotland for this Function, but his time in Australia is short, and he and his wife will visit Western Australia this trip.



Items of a Scotch flavour were rendered by Daphne Forsyth, Laura Forsyth and Ross Forsyth with accompaniment by Irene Forsyth.

Included with this Newsletter is a copy of the West Australian Newsletter and the Australian Newsletter. The West Australians are quite an active group and welcome anyone from the Eastern States who happen to be travelling West, so make a note of their news.

Two W.A. members - George and Joy Penfold, visited with us at the picnic last August, as part of their round Australia tour.

The picnic re-union this year is the tenth (10th) Annual Picnic, so lets make it a record.

Sunday, 28th August, 1983, from 11.00am at Peak Mtn. Park, on the Boonah road. Bring your lunch, a chair to set on and any stories, pictures, etc, of interest to all.

We have been lucky with fine weather for some years now - but we always have an alternative - either the Hall or School for shelter. See you all there.

It is with sadness, as this newsletter goes to press, of the passing of Estelle Perry, our prayers and thoughts go to her family and to Gordon in particular, who was a foundation member of our committee. Des Phillips, who was also a committee member, lost his Father, Gordon, this week. Gordon was husband to Nell Forsyth. Our prayers and thoughts go to Nell and family.

Please get in touch with me anytime if there is anything I can help you with on behalf of the Forsyth Society, Queensland Branch.

Regards,

Gwen G.

Gwen

Hon. Secretary.



His address is:- Mr. L. Forsyth,
19 Herbert Street,
Newport. N.S.W. 2106

Les. will be visiting the picnic re-union, Sunday, 28th August, 1983, at Peak Crossing.

Election of Officers for 1983-84 were:-

Patron: Chief Alistair Forsyth,
Ethie Castle,
by Arbroath,
Angus, Scotland. U.K.

President: Ross Forsyth,
2/15 Erskine Street, Kedron. 4031 Ph. 57-2538

Vice President: Keith Forsyth,
27 Mulgowie Street, Sunnybank. Ph. 345-7056

Secretary/Treasurer: Gwen Gartshore,
113 Deville Ave., Moorooka. 4105. Ph. 48-3180

Asst. Sec/Treasurer: Joy Farrell,
60 Kneale Street, Holland Park. 4121 Ph. 349-5974

Committee: Dr. Robin Forsyth,
1191 Mt. Gravatt/Capalaba Road, Burbank. Ph. 343-1776

Don Forsyth,
23 George Street, Newtown, Ipswich. Ph. 281-0574

Mrs. Joan Helm,
72 Stafford Street, East Brisbane. Ph. 391-5460

Mrs. Barbara McKinnon,
10 Bayview Ter., Geebung. 4034 Ph. 265-2764

All members of the committee invite any of you to be in touch with them if you desire.

Mrs. Peg Forsyth (wife of Vice-President, Keith) has accepted the position of 'Stock Controller' - Peg will help any of you who may wish to buy T'Shirts, ties, etc., etc. Her address is 'same as Keith's, of course' 27 Mulgowie Street, Sunnybank. Ph. 345-7056.

Balance at Bank - 25-3-83 was \$696.22

A project to build some seats of log construction around the Barb-B-que and shelter already at the Park, is under way - approved by the Council. We hope it will be completed by the Picnic Day. 28-8-83

Anyone who is willing and able to be of help with this, please be in touch with committee member-Don Forsyth, Ipswich, Ph. 281-0574. He will need some help and will arrange this side of things. The timber for this project will come from FORSYTH Property at Harrisville. Very fitting - Don't you think?

Following the Annual Meeting, everyone enjoyed Scotch Country Dancing, led by the Jacobite Scotch Country Dance Group. We are becoming well trained now and this proved very enjoyable and has become a popular part of this annual event. Do come along next time.

JUNE, 1983

Hello everyone,

This is the first newsletter following the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance held on Saturday, 26th March, 1983 at the Caledonian Club.

Fifty two (52) members attended and a successful meeting was held prior to the function.

The President's report presented by Ross is printed in its entirety in this news. Ross has been a diligent President since the Society was formed early 1980 and we thank him for a job well done.

The President's Report:

'I make this report with a deep sense of satisfaction as I consider the events of the past year. I am deeply aware of the fact that pressures on my own time have prevented me from giving to the position of your President, the degree of involvement the position would ideally require, yet, I do feel that the Society has made progress and consolidated itself during the year.

The Annual Picnic in August was an outstanding success. The attendance this past year was approximately 50% higher than that of the previous year, which was, in itself, almost double that of previous years. This indicates quite clearly the success of the concept that the more people who attend, the more worthwhile it is being there. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in August this year.

I also derived a lot of satisfaction from noting the willingness of our members to assist in the construction of our next project. It was decided at the picnic that we will construct some log seats and plant trees around the barbeque and picnic table we have provided in the past in the Park at Peak Crossing. Council approval for the project has been granted and it is our intention to have a working bee to get the work done. Further details will be forthcoming on that matter. I must express my regret, at this point, that Mr. Gordon Perry, who has been very much behind the plans for the seats and trees and has negotiated with the Council on our behalf, has indicated that he is unable to continue on our committee for the coming year. This assistance has been most appreciated.

In some ways, the past year has been a sad one, in that we have seen the death of some of our members and the deterioration in health of some other more elderly members. I still would have the goal to see some of the stories and re-collections of these people preserved as our heritage. If we can tell future generation what life was like for a past generation, we have achieved something worthwhile.

Finally, I must thank each member of our committee. Their willingness to help and co-operate has been quite above what could be expected. Our committee meetings have always been most pleasant occasions and for that, I thank them.'

Our visitor was the new Chiefs' Commissioner in Australia - Leslie Forsyth - from Sydney. He has taken over from Arthur Forsyth, who was officially inducted as Commissioner by Chief Alistair on his visit to Australia in 1979. Arthur has been a diligent Commissioner, who has visited with most of the Australian Branches during his term. We, in Queensland, truly thank him for his interest and for the help and friendship he has shown to us all. Thanks, Arthur.

Les. gave a little friendly talk on his aims for the families of Forsyth and issued an invitation to any of the members of Forsyth and related families to be in touch with him anytime and call him if visiting Sydney.

INVITATION

All Members if the Forsyth Families and their friends are invited to attend the Clan Gathering and Dinner Dance to be held at the "CALEDONIAN CLUB", Cnr. Shafston Avenue and O'Connell Street, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1983 from 5.00p.m.

A short Annual Meeting will take place, and Nominations for Office Bearers for the 1983-1984 Committee will be accepted.

The Rooms will be open at 5.00p.m., and we suggest you gather for reminiscences and a chat.

The function will begin officially at 6.00p.m.

There is plenty of room for parking - enter from O'Connell Street -

- DIRECTIONS:
- (1) Coming South from Story Bridge - just on left soon after leaving Bridge
 - (2) Coming from East Brisbane along Shafston Avenue - turn right before reaching Main Street, Kangaroo Point.

R.S.V.P. 10th March, 1983 please

<u>SUBSCRIPTION:</u>	ADULTS	\$11-50
	CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS	\$ 6-00

BUY YOUR OWN DRINKS

We hope the Families will make it a date, as we want the young people to come - we are arranging a programme for all ages.

We have come a long way since we have been meeting together, and have had some happy times -

LET'S MAKE THIS ANOTHER ONE !!!

ACCEPTANCES TO SECRETARY:- Mrs. G. Gartshore,
113 Delville Avenue,
MOOROOKA Q 4105

PHONE: 48-3180

ADULTS'
NAMES

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Orders with Acceptance
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Chief Alistair sent Christmas Greetings to all Forsyths in Queensland, and I pass these on to you.

A copy of the Western Australia Newsletter is included and is of interest.

It was suggested in Committee and then at the Reunion that some funds which we have should be put to a Project - the suggestion was for a seating arrangement of log construction to be erected around the existing Memorial Shelter and Barbeque - timber was offered by Gordon Perry and Don Forsyth - to come from Forsyth Property.

This was voted an excellent idea, and Gordon was to approach the Council for permission. This has now been granted, so we hope that the next Picnic will see the work done. That will be a worthy project for the 10th Reunion don't you think?

A message (in part) from Arthur Forsyth, Chief's Commissioner in Australia - Arthur wrote to President Ross "I have been able to watch almost all of the entire Commonwealth Games at Brisbane.

I feel impelled to write you all in Queensland and congratulate very heartily the Brisbane and Queensland people on the superb organisation and support they gave to the games. The whole operation was spectacularly magnificent. I freely admit that I had a lump in my throat on a number of occasions - particularly the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

My best wishes for 1983 to the Queensland Members of the Clan Forsyth Society.

Sincerely,
Arthur Forsyth"

(Sydney N.S.W.)

Hope to see you all at the Caledonian Club on the 26th March. Please let me know early as this will make my job easier.

M. G. Gartshore
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Gwen Gartshore
Hon Secretary

November, 1983



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It has been noted that the cricket gear and soccer ball received their fair share of attention at the last picnic so a sub-committee has been formed to organise some races and games for next year for the children and I have a sneaking suspicion that some people, who can only claim to be young at heart, could end up involved. Our picnic is not only a 'get together' for the older members, it is a truly family day, so if you and your family could not join us this year, we hope to see you next year on the last Sunday in August, at Peak Crossing.

Our next function will be our Annual Dinner, which will be held at the Caledonian Club in Kangaroo Point and will be on Saturday, 10th March, 1984. If you have not attended this function before please come, as it is a night of tremendous fun and entertainment. We will inform you of further details of this function at a later date.

If you would like to order T-Shirts, Aprons with the Clan Crest on them or Clan Badges, pins or key-fobs, please contact Peg Forsyth at 27 Mulgowie Str., Sunnybank. Telephone 345-7056.

Chief Alister Forsyth of that Ilk of Scotland will be in Sydney on 20th November, 1983, for the Ceremony of Installation of Les Forsyth as Commissioner of Australia, following Arthur Forsyth. Gwen has details if anyone wishes to have further information.

Speaking of Gwen, this hard working lady of our committee and her good husband have just returned from a lovely trip to Western Australia and by all events, it was a resounding success and they met up with members of our Clan while there so we should be hearing more of this trip in the near future. Welcome home.

Before closing, the Committee and members and friends of the Clan, Old Branch, would like to thank John and Fay, who very generously gave the trees planted at Peak Crossing this year. John & Fay have a Plant Shop at Moorooka. Thank you, John and Fay.

Remember - Annual Dinner - 10th March, 1984. Caledonian Club.

Ross and Joy - Assist. to Secretary: Gwen.

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