

Queensland Branch:



Hello, Everyone.

As usual we arrange this newsletter following the Annual Meeting in March, which was held prior to the Dinner Dance at the Caledonian Club, Brisbane, March, 10th.

Fifty five (55) people were present and about sixty (60) apologised so we knew that you would have liked to be there. We make this an annual function and hope more of you can join us next year.

Your Committee for 1984-85 is as follows:-

President: Ross Forsyth Ph. 57-2538  
15 Erskine Str., Kedron. 4031

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27 Mulgowie Str., Sunnybank. 4109

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113 Deville Ave., Moorooka. 4105

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Committee:

Mrs. Barbara McKinnon  
10 Bayview Ter., Geebung, 4034  
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23 George Str., Newtown, Ipswich.  
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Mr. Loch Forsyth,  
55 Wynne Str., Sunnybank, 4109  
Ph. 345-6301

All members of the committee invite you to be in touch anytime.

Historical Secretary: Norman Forsyth, High Str., Texas, 4385 (P.O. Box 50, Texas) who would like to hear from you anytime re family information also, Peg Forsyth (Wife of Vice-President, Keith) has been very active with Shirts, Aprons, etc., with the Forsyth Crest nicely arranged on them - Be in touch with her -

Mrs. Peg Forsyth,  
27 Mulgowie Str.,  
Sunnybank. Ph. 345-7056

T/Shirts: Ladies/Girls V Neck \$6.50

" Men/Boys V Neck etc \$7.00

White Shirts with Navy Colar \$9.00 - \$9.50

Aprons: \$6.00

Car Stickers: 50c

Orders Taken for Badges, Ties and Tartan.

Sec/Treasurer reported that Balance at the Bank was quite satisfactory at the moment and thanked all of those who sent their subscriptions to make it possible to keep the newsletter going out to you. The fees are still the same - \$2.00 to \$20.00. In the newsletter you will find also copies of interest and news from the other States and sometimes from overseas as well such as a letter passed on from a Forsyth in Natal, South Africa asking any information re his ancestors at County Down, Nth mid 1800's - Anybody know?

Let Norman know and he will pass it on.

We were pleased to have with us Andy Forsyth and his wife Val, from Inverell, again this year. Andy brought his Pipes and piped us all into the Caledonian Club Dinner and certainly gave a flavour to the proceedings. Thanks, Andy.

The Ladies of the Committee helped considerably with flowers and table decorations with the Forsyth Tartan and the Crest taking Pride of Place. Gwen thanks Joy, Robin, Joan and Barbara. Thanks, Girls.

The President's Report is printed here in full so you will know the happenings of the past year.

#### Clan Forsyth Society Annual Report - 10th March, 1984.

"As I make this report, I Believe we can be very pleased with what has occurred during the past year.

The first and most important thing to report is that the seats, which we discussed at the last Annual Meeting have been completed. As those of you who were present at the picnic in August will remember, the plaque attached to seats was unveiled at that function by Anne MacNish, whose suggestion it was that led to the construction of the seats. At the same time three trees were planted, the first by Mr. Les Forsyth, the Australian Commissioner of the Clan Forsyth, the second, by Ann Burrows, the oldest Forsyth present and the third tree was planted by Mr. Cyril Forsyth, the second oldest Forsyth present. I believe all three trees are doing well and hopefully soon will be turning our picnic area into a quiet shady nook.

The trees were given to us by John and Fay Forsyth. John is the nephew of Les Forsyth and was the founding Vice-President of our Association. A great deal of work was done by some of the members of our Association to construct the seats. We owe them all our thanks. Particularly we are indebted to Don Forsyth, the logs were cut from Don's property and the whole project, Council approval, preparing the logs and the construction itself was supervised by Don.

Highlights of the past year were the visits to Brisbane by New Zealand President of the Forsyth Clan, Jack Forsyth and his wife, Coral, and shortly afterward the visit by the West Australian President, Jack Forsyth and his wife, Jean. It is a pity that more of our members couldn't have had the opportunity to meet these people, but in both cases we had little warning of their arrival. Hopefully in the future we will have more notice of such visits and will be able to plan something around them. Gwen and Ivan Gartshore made a trip to West Australia late last year and attended a Forsyth gathering while there. Joy Farrell, our Asst.Sec/Treasurer took control of that department while they were away.

I must report that Peg Forsyth has done a great job in the past year sorting out a range of shirts in different styles and colours and having aprons made, all with the 'Forsyth Crest' on them. Please let Peg know what you would like to purchase.

Finally, I must comment that the last year has seen so many people come forward and offer to help the Society in so many ways that we must look toward the future with the utmost confidence.

Thank you one and all"

Ross Forsyth.

A newsletter from Sydney gives us news from the south. On Nov.20th '83 Les Forsyth was Invested as Commissioner in Australia. We welcome Les and congratulate him as we know he will do his job well. Les has been to many of our Re-unions and our Committee member, Joan Helm, is his niece.

Les has recently been to West Australia, Melbourne, Cootamundra, Hamilton and Adelaide and visited with Forsyth Groups there.

The Annual Meeting in Sydney is to be on Sunday, November, 25th, 1984, further details can be had later from Sec. Gwen.

Most of you would have heard and read of the appeal made for Paul McKee of Ipswich - a baby boy needing a liver transplant. Many would not know that he is the grandson of Max and Jean Forsyth of Ipswich and a great grandson of Hector Forsyth. We have made a \$50.00 donation to the fund on your behalf. If you would like to make further donations of your own the address is- Paul McKee Appeal, C/- The Church of Christ, 2 Bright Street, Ipswich. 4305.

We mourn the passing of Mona Forsyth, wife of the late Alan Forsyth and mother of committee member, Joy Farrell. Mona was a girl-hood friend of many of our Forsyths and we extend our deepest sympathies to all her family. Mona was always present at our re-unions when her health allowed. Flowers were sent to Joy on your behalf.

The Re-union picnic this year will be held on Sunday, 26th August as usual at Peak Mtn. Park, Boonah Road, Peak Crossing, from 11.00am. Lets try for 200 or more this year.

We would be pleased to hear from you re any ideas you may have for the day or any other suggestions for the interest of everyone through out the year. Sporting events and games for the children - of all ages - will be organised during the day.

Till next time.

Regards, *Gwen.*

Gwen (Gartshore)

Hon.Sec. Ph. 48-3180

P.S. We mourn the passing recently of Bill Morrow, husband of the late Lotte (Forsyth) Morrow, Ipswich, formally of Hillside. Bill was well known to the Forsyth Families and we owe a lot to him for his efforts leading to the first big Forsyth family re-union in 1974 and for his continued interest, with his wife, to all things pertaining to the activities of the Clan Forsyth Society, Queensland.

Noel Forsyth, brother to Vice-President, Keith, and uncle to Loch, committee member, passed away suddenly on 26th May, 1984. We express our sympathies to all those close members of the family and hope the younger generation will carry on their good work with their continued support to the Clan Forsyth Society, Queensland.

Gwen.



# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY — AUSTRALIA

Queensland Branch:



*Hello Everyone,*

September, 1994.

What a lovely day we had for our annual picnic at Peak Crossing. I know we badly need rain and plenty of it but I, for one, was pleased about the weather after the last two picnics which were a little on the damp side. Thank you all for your attendance and a great big "Thank You" to all who helped to set up the "Bring and Buy" stall and who spent the day or a good part of it behind the counter and to those of you who spent considerable time and effort in making items for sale.

Your efforts has meant we can put a goodly amount into the Term Deposit Account for our Shed project. I know it may take a little time to achieve but if we keep plugging away, we will see the "shed" up and being put to good use.

Mrs. Dorothy Hall from Victoria, who spends the winter with relatives in Queensland and who has been a constant visitor to our picnic, claimed the eldest member at the picnic. At 94 we wish Dorothy well and hope to see her next year. The youngest was a tiny girl named Rebecca, all of nine weeks. I know we would like to see more young people join the Society, but, I think we can let Rebecca have a few more years before that happens.

We have twelve months to make tthe next picnic a better picnic, if possible and now is the time to start making plans.

Saturday, 15th October, 1994, the 1994 Annual Combined Clans' Ceilidh to be held at the Queensland Irish Club function room in Elizabeth Street, Brisbane at 7.00pm. Clan Forsyth along with Clans Armstrong and Cleland will host the evening.

\$16.00 Adults: \$10.00 Children:

Entertainment and supper with nibblies from when you pass through the front door. There will also be door prizes and a raffle with the prize of a bottle of Scotch. With a bit of Irish luck and Scots determination you can go home with a prize as well as having a good night out. See you there.

I have attached an acceptance form for you to complete with numbers and names of all wishing to attend. I am making out the name tags for the Ceilidh and it would help a lot to have as many names before the night as possible. Cheques to be made out to - Combined Clans' Ceilidh and can be sent to the following Combined Clans Ceilidh, P.O. Box 1, Beaudesert, 4285 Ross Forsyth, 4/21 Abersleigh Rd., Herston, 4006

Joy Farrell, 33 Henty Street, Woodridge, 4114

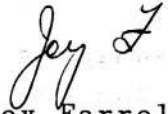
The Irish Club have asked us to have our numbers in by the 8th October, but if there are a few want to come after that date, I think we can find a chair for you. It is advisable to have your numbers in as quickly as possible. See you there.

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The Kirkin of the Tartan will be held on Sunday, 27th November, 1994, at St. Brigids Catholic Church, Red Hill at the 9.00am service. The tartan to be blessed is the tartan of Clan Armstrong. Hope as many of the Forsyths as possible can attend,

It is with deep sadness that I close this newsletter with the news of the passing of little Haley Forsyth, Grand-daughter of our Vice-President Don Dorsyth. Haley meet with a tragic accident this week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Don, Perla and families.

Your Secretary,



Joy Farrell.  
Ph.(07) 299-1709.

P.S. If you wish to contact some one about the Ceilidh here are some phone numbers.

Ross Forsyth: 252-5323

John Hocknull: (075)446400 Clan Cleland.

Carolyn Randle: 262-8650 Clan Armstrong.

Joy Farrell: as above.

Joy

Acceptance Form:

1994 Annual Combined Clans' Ceilidh.

Qld. Irish Club,  
Elizabeth Street,  
Brisbane.

15th October, 1994.

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NAME:.....  
If not a Forsyth, please state Clan Name.

No. of Adults:.....No. of Children:.....

Total amount Paid.\$.....

Please state all names of your party to enable name tags to  
be made up before the Ceilidh and it would be much appreciated  
if monies be sent to the names mentioned in the Newsletter.

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