



CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

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Instaurator Ruinae

Written by Past Commissioner to Australia Lesley Forsyth (1983)

The motto of our Clan often arouses great curiosity and therefore it will be interesting to know that it comes from the Old Testament prophesy of Isaiah – Chapter 58, v 12. This Book deals with the judgement of God on His people because they have forsaken Him and served other Gods. Isaiah speaks at a time when they will be captives in a foreign land, a time when even the walls of the city of Jerusalem and of the Temple will be in ruins and completely destroyed.

Running side by side with the note of judgement, there sounds forth the note of hope. A remnant of God's people, who remain faithful in the midst of all the revolt and rebellion against Him, will one day return to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls of the city and the Temple. What was once in ruins will be repaired and restored.

Here then is the background to our motto which literally means the "restorer of ruins". As to the date of the motto this is difficult to fix accurately but Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, the former Lord Lyon, considered that the correct Latin should have read "Instaurator Ruinam". Hence we may find an old Latin Bible with a passage in incorrect form that can indicate a date.

If any Latin or Biblical scholar has any views on this matter, we should be interested to hear from them, though ancient usage and the present Lyon's Letters Patent confirm that the motto remains unchanged.

Burnett Boyne Rail Line Preservation Group meets with Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney

South Burnett Times Friday 9.10AM Thursday June 19, 2014



MP Jeff Seeney left and Drew Forsyth on the right of the photo

MP Jeff Seeney

Monto-raised Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney grew up during a time when the Monto rail line was in its heyday.

"I used to travel 14 hours to school in Brisbane," the State Deputy Premier said.

He said he was also paid to ride in cattle wagons to Rockhampton.

"I was paid for that, but it wasn't much fun!"

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But Mr Seeney said he also had many good memories of the line, including the spectacular tunnels along the section to Many Peaks.

He said it was a very sad day when the train stopped operating.

"We used to look down at the station and there was always a hive of activity, it was sad when we stopped seeing that," he said.

Drew Forsyth

Drew Forsyth attended the 7th Australian Scout Jamboree in Melbourne, and sold some champion cattle to pay for his ticket down on the train in 1964.

Although the journey took over three days each way, Drew said it was one of his favourite memories aboard the train.

"I remember we pulled up at a station on that trip and a kid was waving so much to his family, that he fell out the window," he said.

But on the way home Drew got lost and ended up sleeping on a park bench after accidentally catching the train to Maryborough.

"I was so hungry, I even considered knocking off a pineapple to eat," he said with a laugh.

Drew is a member of the Clan Forsyth living in Monto, Qld. He is the Great Grandson of Samuel Forsyth and Isabella Alice Smith.

Bradley Forsyth's Barley Fire at Moonford

Report by Carol Forsyth

While on our annual trek north last month we visited one of Gordon's nephews and his family at Moonford, on the Cania Gorge road, out of Monto. Over the past 6 months Brad and wife Connie have not only had to contend with a relentless drought after a devastating



flood 2 years ago, but had Mother Nature work some of her bad side on their property.

A few months ago, while Brad was harvesting a 250 acre paddock of barley, a spark ignited from the header setting alight the remaining 10 acres of crop. As one spot fire was extinguished a number of others took hold. Brad's main worry was to keep the fire from spreading to his neighbour's paddock. By the time the fire brigade

arrived the fire had burned the majority of the crop.

Then three weeks ago a mini tornado swooped across Brad & Connie's property lifting their new hay shed off the footings and dropping the tangled mess of metal into the tops of the trees in the creek that runs beside their property from Cania Dam. They now have a new shed to build but first must remove the scrap metal from the creek before the next flood.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jordan Forsyth – Great Grandson of the late Wally Forsyth & Edna Forsyth and Grandson of Jeff & Robyn of Childers.

Jordan Forsyth, Level 4 champion at Gymnastics Championships held in Bundaberg 10th May 2014.



Wedding Bells

Melissa Forsyth & Brendon Spletter Celebrated their special occasion at Innisfail on Saturday 28th June 2014.

A surprise to all family members other than Melissa's parents, Jenny & Kelly Forsyth of Monto. Melissa, who was transferred to Innisfail from Monto 6 months ago, is George & Beryl Forsyth's Granddaughter.



Expanding horizons

Article from Blue Care Newsletter June 2014

"Metro South's Work Health and Safety Advisor Christine Forsyth (wearing the pink shirt) recently seconded to North Queensland, while the local WHSO took long service leave.

"I wanted to see how Blue Care operated in North Queensland, particularly in work health and safety, so I could bring new knowledge back to my role," Christine said.

Since April, she complemented her Metro South role with a week each fortnight in Cairns, covering an area including Thursday Island, Mt Isa and Tully.

"I've experienced how other clusters go about their work and met a range of new people. Working in Indigenous Services is a valuable experience. If other staff have the chance to do a secondment, I'd highly recommend it."



Director Human Resources Peter McMahon said secondments can be an excellent career opportunity.

Christine is a member of the Clan and the daughter of Carol & Gordon.

A Kind Donation

Alex Burrow has made another very generous donation for our picnic raffle this year. A Multi-Cooker All-In-One. Thank you Alex.

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to Doris May Matheson, Daughter of Hector Arnold Forsyth & Isabella Caroline Russell. Great Granddaughter of James Forsyth & Catherine McLeary. Doris is also a sister to Max and Jean. Doris turns a young 99 years on 10th August 2014. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday.



Keith Forsyth, son of Percy Samuel & Gladys Muriel will turn 88 on 28th September. Many happy returns Keith.

For the numerous other members that will be celebrating their birthday in the next 2 months, enjoy your special day.

Uplifting

Letter received from Joan Bradshaw 16th February 2014

"Doris is in her 99th year, and I am in my 93rd but unfortunately our health prevents our attending the Clan functions, but we do enjoy reading of the many activities of the Clan. May you have continued success.

Many, many thanks for all your good work on behalf of the members.

Sincerely Yours

Joan Bradshaw"

Thank you Joan, at times we need that heartfelt thanks and praise to continue a sometimes thankless task.

Get Well Wishes

We wish Margot Burrow a speedy recovery from her recent fall and hope she is home in the not too distant future.

George Forsyth – Monto, had a Royal Flying Doctor Service flight from Monto to Wesley Hospital, Brisbane last month. He was chauffeured back to Monto a week later feeling much better. Keep up the good work George.

A Farmer on Power Price

South Burnett Times Thursday June 26, 2014

The Lucerne Farmer

Brad Forsyth

What do you do?

I'm a lucerne farmer. At the moment we have 110 acres of lucerne but we hope to extend that to 260 acres by September.

What is your main user of electricity?

Irrigation.

How much is your quarterly electricity bill?

Last quarter, it was about \$15,000.

How do you afford it?

We are trying to become as efficient as we can. It would certainly help if commodity prices went up at a similar rate for us.

How much were you paying five years ago?

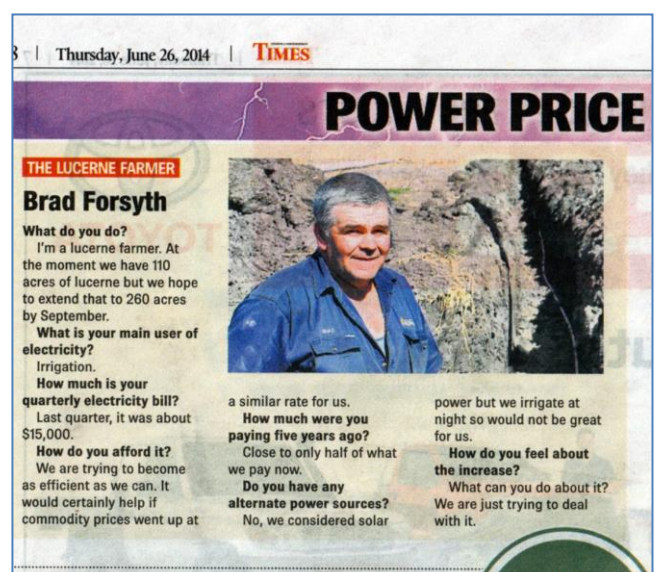
Close to only half of what we pay now.

Do you have any alternate power sources?

No. we considered solar power but we irrigate at night so would not be great for us.

How do you feel about the increase?

What can you do about it? We are just trying to deal with it.



Lover of Sport



This year Tulliah Kerkin was nominated School Captain at All Saint's Primary school, Boonah.

It is the second year Tulliah is competing in the Fassifern Netball team in the position of Goal Shooter. She will travel to places like Dalby, Warwick, Toowoomba and more. She is also playing completion tennis on the weekends as well as vigoro through summer. Last summer her team came third.



She was proud to win an encouragement award and a medal.

In the swimming carnival she achieved 1st place in breaststroke and came 2nd in backstroke and butterfly.

Cross country race Tulliah took out 8th place in the 3 kilometre run.

Congratulations Tulliah, well done and keep it up.

Activity Day held Sunday 25th May 2014

Report by Rhonda Noe

The annual clan activity day held at Amberley on May 25th was enjoyed by all who attended. Clan members family and friends. The children had fun on the 'Jumping Castle' and everyone had a great time catching up with lots of talking, playing cards, board games and 'Disc Bowls'.

Results of "Disc Bowls" competition, left to right, Dorothy Bardon & Monique Ashton runners up, Rhonda Noe & Ryan Stewart the winners.



Annual Picnic and AGM

Our annual picnic will be combined with the Annual General Meeting and held on Sunday 31st August 2014 at Peak Mountain View Park, Peak Crossing commencing at 10.00am.

We will have a 'Bring 'n Buy' stall, so start compiling your wares to place on the stall. Let us see if we can exceed last year's sales. Please consider the farmers when transporting plants from one area to another. Fire Ants are out of control and there is no more funding in the coffers to aid the problem. So NO plants this year at the 'bring n' buy' please.

The Clan Shop for anything 'Forsyth' and Genealogy information to trace your ancestors will be on display.

Reminder

The following paragraph is copied from Clan Forsyth May 2014 Newsletter

"Membership Subscriptions

Just a gentle reminder that under our new system, membership fees are due by the end of June. As you are all probably aware this was so we could identify the status of all Members before the day of the AGM. Please fill out your current details on the Renewal Form attached to this Newsletter and email or post to the Secretary when paying your dues. These details often change and we cannot update our records. Please pay your dues by Net bank or bank direct deposit if possible."

Please pay your membership fees before the picnic. Fees will not be collected at the picnic unless you have a very good excuse.