

# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

## QUEENSLAND BRANCH

February 2007



Hello Everyone,

Once again we are at our Annual Dinner time. I hope everyone will be able to attend and have a good time.

Attached you will find a confirmation slip, which is self explanatory. R.S.V.P. date is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and all monies to be returned with your confirmation. Thank You.

Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start to Dinner after the address of the Haggis and Grace. There will be nibbles and punch served and the Junior Dancers will entertain you.

Dancing, Lucky Door Prize, Raffle, Val's Quiz and general party entertainment, plus good food to make for a very pleasant evening. I hope to see you there.

### HARRISVILLE CEMETERY

The work at the Harrisville Cemetery has been completed and paid for. Don has organised a new seat for the shed and that's the end of the project.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CAR OBSERVATION:

Our Car observation is on the last Sunday in May. Starting at 9am opposite the **old** Goodna RSL, Brisbane Terrace Goodna. Members Heather Forsyth and Rhonda Noe to organise some surprises for us. All are welcome to join in a great day. Bring your morning tea and lunch.

#### ANNUAL PICNIC and A.G.M.:

Last Sunday in August is our Annual Picnic and A.G.M. For this year we are hoping to introduce some sports that everyone will be able to participate in. Age no barrier. We have obtained a **Jumping Castle** for the little ones. **Bring and Buy** stall, **Clan Shop** and **Raffle**. So Please keep this date in mind.

**BANNOCK BURN DINNER:**

This event is on again in June. I have not all the details as yet but will let you know in the next Newsletter.

**CLAN FAMILY CAMP:**

This will be on again this year, approximately Sept/Oct, 2007. More on that in the next newsletter.

**BIRTHDAY NEWS**

Bethel Gordon has a big milestone coming up in May, 90 years young. Happy Birthday to everyone for the coming year. Let me know of any milestones.

I have a little bit of nonsense taken from the Rampant Scotland Newsletter.

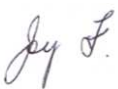
*Relax – it's only Glasgow*

*Rory was sitting in the easy Jet flight from London to Glasgow when another passenger took a seat beside him, looking and absolute wreck....pale, hands shaking, biting his nails and moaning in fear. 'First time you've flown?' asked Rory. "No, I've flown to lots of places, including the Australian Outback, African jungles, even Russia. But I've now been transferred to work in Glasgow! There's crazy people there, I'm told. They have shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, high crime rate...." "Hold on." Rory interrupted, "I've lived in Glasgow all my life and it is not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enrol your kids in a good school and it's as safe as anywhere in the world." The other passenger stops shaking for a moment and said "Oh, thank you. I've been worried to death, but if you live there and say it's ok, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?" "Me?" says Rory. "I'm a tail gunner on the refuse collection truck in the Castlemilk area of Glasgow".*

Sounds like a nice place to live.

I hope to see you all at the Dinner. God Bless.

Your Secretary



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### **Some family history.**

*The following is an extract from the book "Loch Lomond to Australia 1862. The family of Peter & Jane McIntyre"*

Peter Brodie was born at Ipswich on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1866, the fourth child of Violet and Daniel Brodie.

The family moved to Emu Creek after his fathers' death. Peter was a first day scholar at Emu Creek State School when it opened in 1875, at what is now East Greenmount.

One of his jobs early in life was looking after sheep watering at Emu Creek. Without dogs and being on foot, it would have been a challenge just to keep apart the different mobs watering there.

He went to Sydney to his Uncles' Duncan and Dugald McIntyre to learn the building trade. His Uncle Dugald was a partner in a building firm, "Jones and McIntyre". Peter became a carpenter and cabinet maker and attended night school to learn trade drawing. The apprentice in those days cooked the builders their breakfast on the job, so it would have been an early start for Peter. It was when he was working in Sydney, that Peter married Margaret Forsyth at Greenmount in 1890. (*Margaret was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1872 at Mt Flinders, Ipswich. Her father was Robert Henry Forsyth, mother was Mary Ann Cowan.*)

After 13 years in Sydney, he left the building trade to come back to Queensland to become a farmer, firstly at Nobby on a farm known as "Ross Dhu", and next to his brother Jacks farm "Waratah". When Eton Vale was thrown open for closer settlement, he took up land near Greenmount. He named his farm "Glengyle", which he farmed for some years before moving to Greenmount to continue the building trade.

Peter and Margaret had a family of eight children, Violet, Flora, Edith, Colin, Robert, Katherine, Nesta and Peter. Colin was a first World War veteran and Peter was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in the second World War.

Peter and Margaret moved to Cecil Plains to help their sons and daughter. Here Peter designed and built many of the buildings on his families' properties. His hobby in later life was building pieces of furniture for family members. These are still cherished today.

Margaret died on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1949 at Thane and Peter died in Toowoomba on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1959, aged 92 years.