

# **CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA**

## **QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

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What a start we have had to the year with the horrendous weather conditions. We hope that our Clan members are all safe and well and have survived the floods and cyclones unscathed. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to people in these affected areas. We particularly feel for the people of the Lockyer region as they had no warning of what was coming and so at our last clan meeting we decided to donate money to help in this area. We hope to never see this happen again. It is all so devastating.

On a happier note, it is that time of the year again. Yes, the Annual Clan Forsyth (Qld Branch) Dinner. It is only six weeks away. Check out the flyer enclosed and get your replies to Glenys as soon as possible. As we said last year we know a few people have trouble paying before hand as they don't have cheque accounts, so don't forget to use the Direct Credit method of paying. We have included our bank details and you can make a direct credit straight into it. If you are going to take up this option don't forget to give a reference (like your initials, don't just put Forsyth) and include this same reference on your form when you send it to Glenys.

### **Bank Details:**

Commonwealth Bank

Account Name:- Clan Forsyth Queensland

BSB:- 064117

Account No:- 00905178

Ref. :-

This system worked quite well last year and saved a lot of money handling. We hope to see you there for a night of great entertainment and fun.

### **DVD's**

We still haven't fixed the glitch we have with the computer so for those who ordered DVD's and placemats, don't worry, you haven't been forgotten. We will get here eventually.

## In Memory of Loch Forsyth

On a very sad note we lost one of our very much loved members on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Loch had been a member of the Clan for over 35 years. As was his nature he was very involved with the running of the clan and was on the committee for many years. His energy and passion for life were truly remarkable. He was always willing to help others out, loved a chat and meeting people.

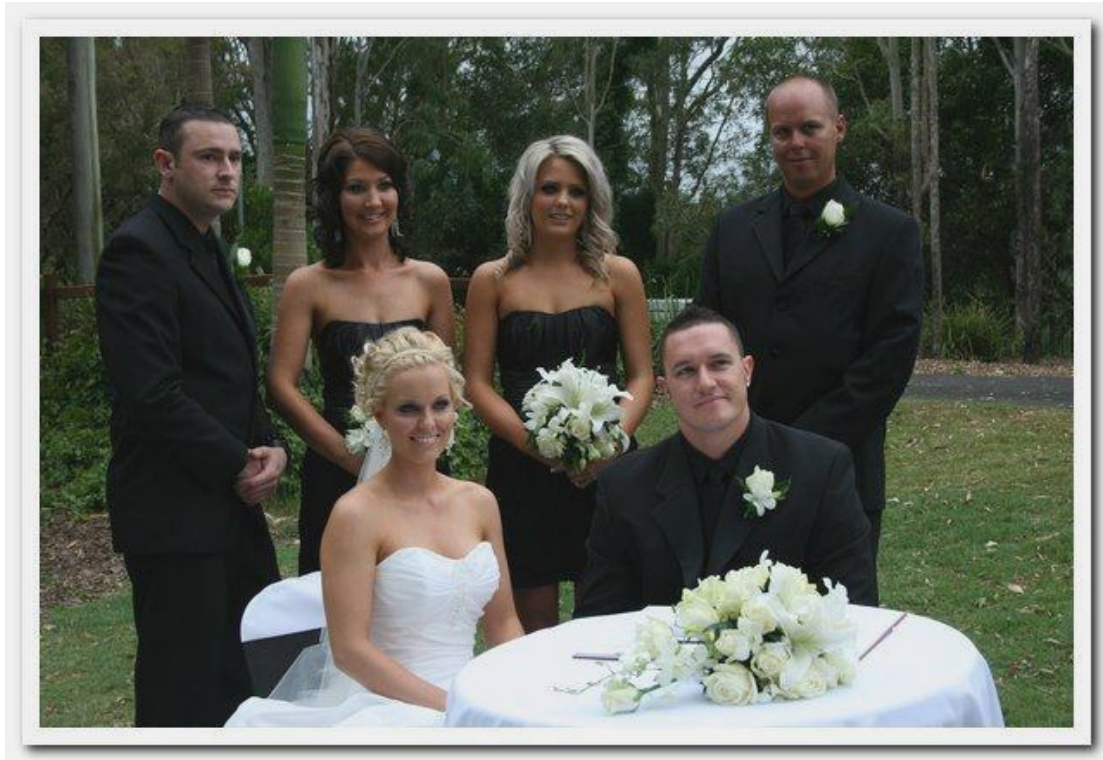
Loch was born in 1951 in Rockhampton to Keith and Peg. Due to Keith's job with the Post Office, the family moved around rural Queensland to Mount Morgan, Monto and Tambo where Loch developed a love of the



country life. The family moved to Grafton in the 1960's. It is here that he developed a life long passion for skiing. When he left school he went jackerooing where he was in his element living in a tent and operating a bulldozer clearing scrub and being in the company of mates. When Keith and Peg moved to Brisbane in 1973 he followed. He began working with QUF selling all manner of frozen goods to corner stores and cafes. It was during this time he met Sue and after a whirlwind courtship they married in 1974. Very soon after they moved to Charleville to run a depot for QUF. His love of a good yarn earned him the nickname of 'havachat' with the locals. They moved onto Longreach and Emerald and then back to Brisbane in 1982. By this time they had two daughters, Naomi and Michelle and later a son, Cameron. Loch left QUF and was self employed for a while then took a job with BMG Quarries (later known as Boral) After 20 years and working his way up to Manager, he retired. Loch and Sue then bought their farm just outside Lismore, pursuing his dream of moving to the country. The farm is a testament to Loch's energy and passion for life and a tremendous legacy for his family. As was usual with Loch's home it was the centre of most of the family gatherings. His last few years on the farm were a very happy time for him. Loch faced his illness the way he faced everything in life. He was courageous and optimistic that he would beat the cancer. When it became obvious this was not the case he accepted his fate buoyed by faith and trust in God. He had no regrets and was at peace. He will be greatly missed by all. His light burned so brightly and sadly has gone too soon.

## Wedding Wishes

Adam Mckee & Jade McEniery wed on the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 at Kholo Gardens. Adam is the son of Lucia Mckee and the eldest Grandson of Max and Jean Forsyth. The couple honeymooned in Thailand and then returned to their Raceview home.



## Happy Birthday

Max Forsyth receives his OBE on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. (Over Bloody Eighty)

Congratulations Max from the Clan. How do you keep looking so young. It must be all that good wholesome cooking he get from Jean.



## Interesting Tips

I don't know if you all read the tips published in the Courier Mail on the 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, but I found them very helpful not only during the floods, but useful to know.

**Mould:** Bleach is not the solution. The problem with bleach is that all it does is bleach mould spores white so you can't see it, and it just keeps coming back.. To kill the mould spore, put a quarter of a teaspoon of oil of cloves and a litre of water into a spray bottle. Mist it over the areas where there is mould spore and leave it for 24 to 48 hours. It kills the spore. The quantity is really important. You only need a very small amount. It is a volatile oil and if it is too strong, it can damage anything that contains plastic.

**Drying out books and papers:** Get a large plastic container with a lid and half fill with kitty litter. Cover the kitty litter with a piece of plastic wrap and punch holes in the plastic so you have air flow. Lay out all your books and papers in there, put on the lid and leave for a week. You will find the moisture gone and no little brown patches.

**Leather shoes:** Don't put them out in the sun as they will end up stiff and curled. To get rid of mould spore from leather, put a quarter of a teaspoon of oil of cloves into a 250ml bottle of baby oil. Give the bottle a good shake and wipe two to three drops of the mixture over your leather. Then pack the shoes with newspaper and dry them in the shade – not the sun – so they dry slowly and should end up soft. You can use the same mixture for all your leather furniture.

**Smelly clothes:** It's important to remember that more soap doesn't make clothes cleaner. Soap is only there to break the surface tension of the water. So bring your soap powder down to a quarter of the quantity that's normally suggested and then add two tablespoons of bi-carb soda. Wash your clothes on normal cycle and put two tablespoons of white vinegar in the fabric conditioner slot. It cleans the clothes, gets the muck out of them, doesn't leave soap residue and they smell lovely.



## In Sympathy

We have the very sad news to report of the passing of our past secretary and life member, Joy Farrell. As Joy only passed away late on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February we haven't had time to get a lot of information. She will be sadly missed by all in the Clan.

