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CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.

(Established 1979 – Incorporated 2015)

Clan Journal – August 2015

A message from Alistair Forsyth of that ilk, Clan Chief To Doris May Matheson (Nee Forsyth) On the occasion of her 100th Birthday.

(Extract of Message to Doris from the Clan Chief Alistair Forsyth and his wife Ann Forsyth – as read to Doris and guests on 8th August at a family function to celebrate her 100th birthday.

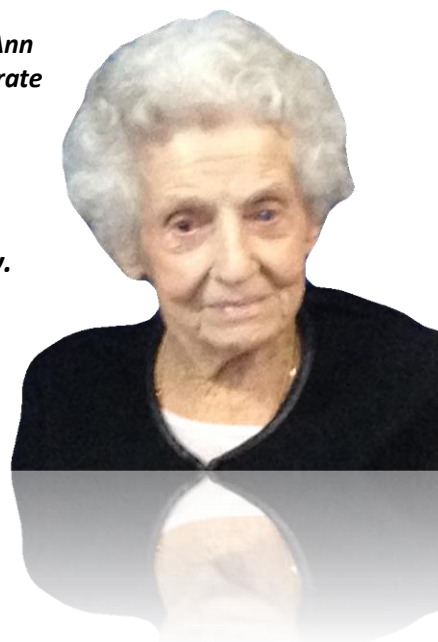
Dear Doris, perhaps we may call you "Dossie",

Ann and I send you our sincere congratulations on your 100th Birthday.

Life is such a precious gift never to be wasted, even in the most difficult times and like us all you will have had your share.

You have been blessed indeed to witness such changes in the Sunshine State and today we share with you your wonderful celebration both in being with you or for those not here other than in our thoughts.

May you have many more days to come, our love and best wishes.



Alistair Charles William Forsyth of that ilk.

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BREAKING NEWS!

Report to members

Progress on Incorporation of the Clan Forsyth Queensland Branch

General Meeting

On Saturday 25th July 2015 a “General meeting” was held to discuss the “Special Resolution” to consider the question of incorporation for the Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Queensland Branch). The quorum of members who attended have voted unanimously in favour of changing the legal structure of the organisation to an incorporated association under Queensland law.

In addition to lodging our application with the Queensland Department of Fair Trading (**DOFT**) to incorporate our association, the meeting also resolved two additional items:

1. To firstly to adopt a new constitution based on the DOFT recommended Model Constitution.
2. Secondly, to make the Clan’s objectives more aligned to those that were achievable, based upon the current resources and skill sets of our membership. This has meant that some aspirational objectives such as obtaining employment for unemployed clan members have been removed from our previously stated objectives. The net result being that of the 12 original objectives, has now been streamlined to base of 10 only.



Twelve Clan Members at General Meeting 25th July 2015

Full details of the outcome of this meeting; the new model constitution and the update of the Branch’s objectives, have now been advised for the benefit of current and potential members on the Clan website at:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/model-constitution/>

Our application was submitted last Monday in Ipswich and processed on 29th July by DOFT in Brisbane. I spoke with the Brisbane office by phone on Tuesday to clarify our relationship to the Clan Forsyth Society of Australia. I was told I would be advised by phone or post as the application progressed.

Names of Incorporated Organisation Initially Rejected

In moving to an incorporated association we had hoped to cause the least disruption possible by simply adding the abbreviation “Inc.” after our existing name.

This however was not possible and in a response from DOFT was received on Friday 31st by post, regarding our application and their assessment, it was explained that the use of the word “*Branch*” in our name is somewhat of a stumbling block and a possible permanent impediment. This was because the Australian Society, to which our name infers we are a branch of, remains an unincorporated body.

Queensland Branch a wholly autonomous body

I had previously argued in the initial application that the Queensland Branch was a wholly autonomous body that was affiliated in name only with “*Clan Forsyth Society of Australia*”, which referred to what was essentially the NSW branch of the Society and that we had for the last 35 years simply used the term “*Queensland Branch*” to differentiate ourselves from NSW and any other State branches.

It was argued that we as group performed the following:

- We conducted our own AGM’s
- We maintain our own bank accounts
- Performed our own fund raising
- Held all membership records
- Held our own public liability policy
- Executed our own program and agenda.

The following was also similarly true:

- We provided no input in Policy or procedure to a national body
- We made NO financial contribution to a national body
- We elected no representatives
- We made no other representation to a Clan Forsyth Society of Australia.

However, after making this submission, it would appear that this explanation has been rejected in that despite our use of the word branch in our name for the last 35 years, that for us to become incorporated in Queensland, we cannot infer by name, that we are the branch of any Australian body if the parent body (the NSW branch) is unincorporated.

The use of the word “*Branch*” is a reserved legal term in much the same way terms such as “*Limited*” or “*Company*” are similarly reserved in their usage.

We enquired if something similar to – **Clan Forsyth Society of Queensland Inc.** would be OK and we were advised that it would and that I should now just come up with two other an email him them over the weekend, and it would be attended to first thing on Monday.

Granting of Incorporation to our Association.

After we submitted the above name along with two other alternatives our application to incorporate was approved the following Friday and on 7th August 2015, the Department of Justice issued a Certificate of Incorporation.

A copy of this certificate can be found at the following address:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/Clan-Forsyth-Queensland-Inc-Certificate-of-Incorporation-of-Association-ONLY.pdf>

Addition details of this process may also be found on the home page at:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/>



Public Liability Insurance

Report to members

Renewal of Public Liability Insurance Policy and Implications

The following is a report regarding a review and amendment of the society's Public Liability coverage through our insurer (FIS) in Boonah.

DOCUMENTS

In early July FIS was asked to provide a quotation for the renewal of our PL insurance, that would allow us to have multiple activities throughout the year and allow for a realistic number of persons attending these events.

I have been advised that the previous quotation \$647-00 in 2014 was based on ALL members being able to attend all events. Hence the previous committee's decision reduce both the cost (\$460-00 in 2014) along with the number of events back to the AGM and the Dinner only.

After some *"To-ing and Fro-ing"* between FIS, their underwriter and myself, they eventually advised me on the 5th June, that they believed we would be able to include multiple additional activities. They even suggested we could hold multiple dinners each year without impacting our risk profile. However let's not even go there!

In these discussions back in early June, the only real limitations they proposed were working bees, that involved the use of power tools and alcohol based events (i.e. a drinks evening).

I would have been happy to accept those limitations and I would be happy to accept these exclusions, but I would certainly invite your comment on this topic. In future years should we choose we can still whipper-snip, chainsaw and slash through every cemetery and public reserve with 200km of Peak Crossing and all while still holding a cold beer or chilled wine in the other hand should we wish – we will just pay a lot more for our liability coverage.

While there was some talk in the "corridors of underwriting" at FIS, that reduce the cost by excluding the "SENIOR CITIZENS", I however remained steadfast and suggested we would rather lose the "POWER TOOLS" and "ALCOHOL".

On the serious side – that is really going to mean that all events in future are going to need to be BYO – however I really cannot see that as a major sticking issue.

HOW MUCH WILL THESE EXTRA EVENTS COST?

So at the early stages of this discussion the big question that could not be definitely answered was, excluding all those cemetery slashing events, just how much was it to cost to renew the policy in 2015 which would include these additional events?

The answer arrived in the post a full 30 days prior to the renewal date so that we could make funding arrangements if required. Now given all of the above ... along with factoring for CPI increased I felt the increase from **\$460** in 2014 to the princely sum of **\$470** for 2015 was to my mind a more than reasonable expense.

THE ONLY OTHER ISSUE ...

The other item I noted there was the new policy's requirement that there be a first-aid kit available at all organized events. This may have already been a previous requirement however if we do not as a group own and maintain such an item –I suggest we turn our discussions to this topic also. I will leave this topic open to those who are more adequately qualified to provide opinion on this issue.

However from my experience with Public Liability insurers, I would also suggest that along with the first aid kit that we also maintain an incident log (essentially a "Dux" exercise book), to record ALL occasion who when where and why and person was treated from the kit.

Additionally I would also believe that we would be required to additionally advise our insurer of such an event also. This advice could be as simple as an email or even a standard form recording the same details as listed above.



Vale - Coralie Isabel Schoenknecht

12th July 1921 – 12th August 2015



It is with great sadness that I notify you of the passing of our dear friend Coralie Schoenknecht. Coralie left our company on Wednesday 12 August 2015. Her funeral was held at 10.00am on Wednesday 19th August 2015 at Brassall Uniting Church and she was later interred at Kalbar Cemetery.

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From Published Funeral Notice:

SCHOENKNECHT (nee Forsyth), Coralie Isabel aged 94 years, of Bundaleer Lodge, formerly of Raceview and North Ipswich. Beloved wife of Tom (dec'd), much loved mother and mother-in-law of Leon and Dianne, loving grandmother of Leanne and Mark, Scott and Rene. A , great-grandmother to Harrison, Ella, Carter, and Sean. Loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt of Keith, Lila, and their families

I am certain that there will be many who will have their own memories and recalls of Coralie. One that was recently recounted to me personally was from Glenys Ashton who recalled that Coralie at the age of 91, stayed on until all of the work had been completed after the 2012 dinner which was either very late in the evening or early in the morning whilst she waited for a lift home with a committee member working after the event.

Not once did she complain and assisted where she could.



Coralie at 2012 Clan Dinner

“Farewell is said by the living, in life, every day. It is said with love and friendship, with the affirmation that the memories are lasting if the flesh is not.”

R.A. Salvatore, The Legacy

Rest in Peace.



A "1-in-100" Year Event

Doris Matheson Turns 100 – 10th August 2015

At a small function attended by approximately 50 family and close friends, Doris Matheson (a.k.a. Dos, Dorrie, Dossie) formerly of Flinders, South Port and now Caboolture, celebrated her 100th Birthday on Saturday 8th August 2015.

A remarkable life

Doris May Matheson (nee Forsyth) was born in Ipswich on 10th August 1915 to Hector and Isabel Forsyth. She was the second of her parent's child of nine children. She lived in a home in Peak Crossing/Flinders where the family lived while her father worked a small holding a few miles outside of the town.

She was educated at Peak Crossing School. Her later schooling ceased abruptly when as the oldest daughter she was required to care for her mother who had become ill through child birth.

Her first paid employment was at the age of 16 when she was employed as a domestic assistant for the Winks Family of Peak Crossing.

At the age of 20 she met Leonard James Matheson, a road worker when he attended a dance at the Peak Crossing Memorial Hall while he was encamped nearby and was working on the upgrade of Peak Crossing Boonah Road.

The couple married in 1935 and his new wife accompanied Leonard, who was known to all simply as "Blue", to Toowoomba



Dulcie (left), Blue, Allan and Doris



*Circa 1920 -
Doris (left), Len and Bethel*

along with many other road side camp sites were their first home little more than flap of canvas for the next five years of the couple's married life.

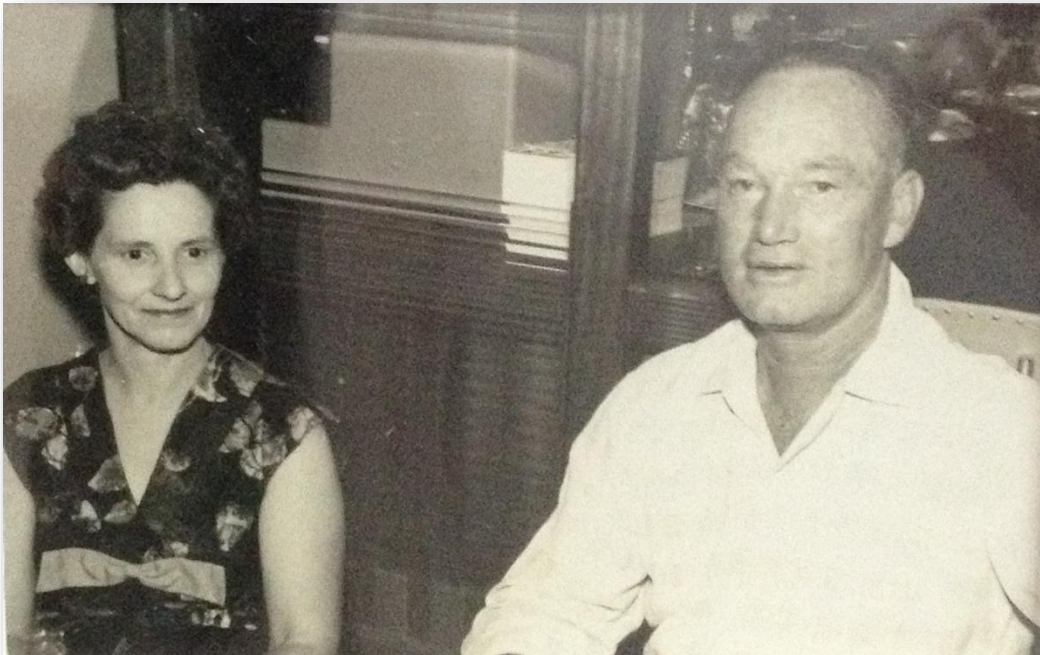
Their first daughter Dulcie and later their son Allan (aka Boyd) were both born while the family were away from Peak Crossing on Road Camps.

Raising two small children in a tent and cooking on an open fire must certainly have presented its challenges to Doris. However it was not until after the outbreak of the World War II the family returned to Flinders and took up residence in what was to be the family home for the next four decades.

Blue enlisted in the Air Force where he drove transports. After the War Blue purchased his first of several trucks in 1946 and he recommenced his contracting work with Main Roads. However being settled in a fixed home during those war years there were to be no more Road Camps

for Doris. Blue was then forced to stay at some far off road camp during the week and travel home to Flinders at weekends for the next several years.

He passed away suddenly in 1961 at the age of 48.



Doris and Blue Matheson Late 1950's

Tragedy again struck the family in 1966 with the loss of Doris's only daughter Dulcie who passed away at age of 30 leaving her husband Brian and two small children.

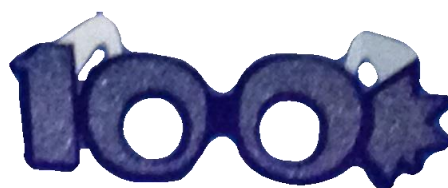
Doris remained in her home at Flinders with her recently windowed mother for several year until she moved to Southport in 1971 where two of her sisters (Enid Waters and Bethel Gordon) were then living.

During her time on the Gold Coast she and two of her sisters met the Clan Chief Alistair Forsyth, along with other local representatives of Forsyth families, when he visited Australia in the late 1970's after their Clan had been reinstated.

Doris and her sisters were always regular supporters and attendees of Clan functions. She always enjoyed contributing by baking for fundraising and initiated events such as *the "Bring-and-Buy"* stall at the annual picnic in her beloved Peak Crossing.

She remained in her own home at Prince Street Southport until at the age of 98 and with failing eyesight she was compelled to seek assisted living arrangements, at a nursing home closer to her family, who were now located at Bribie Island.

- We Wish You Many Happy Returns Doris -





Life Memberships

Awarded for long and continuous service

Clan Forsyth Queensland - 2015 Awards

In 2015 Clan Forsyth Queensland has nominated and awarded Life Membership to following members for their longstanding service to our organisation. The recipients are as follows:

- Mrs Doris Matheson - Aged 100
- Mrs Joan Bradshaw - Aged 94
- Mrs Coralie Schoenknecht - Aged 94

All of the above members have been involved with the Clan organisation over several decades extending back to the late 1970's, when Alistair Forsyth, first visited Queensland as our Clan Chief.

The bestowment of this memberships was ratified by the Queensland President Mrs Val Ashton and was co-signed by the Australian Clan Commissioner Mr David Forsyth.



*Members for Life - Doris Matheson aged 100
Joan Bradshaw aged 94*

The certificates of Life Membership were mounted and framed and have already been presented at a recent 100th Birthday function to both Doris Matheson and Joan Bradshaw.

These awards have already been made at a private function as both Doris and Joan are now aged 100 and 94 respectively are no longer able to travel to attend Clan functions given their age.

Coralie at 2014 Picnic



Unfortunately the "Life membership" Certificate for Mrs Coralie Schoenknecht was unable to be presented to Coralie by Val Ashton, before she passed away on 12th August 2015.

Mr Val Ashton who was a close friend of Coralie, is understood to be making arrangements to have this award be made posthumously to representative of Coralie's family at the upcoming Annual Picnic **on Sunday 30th August 2015.**



Recent Event

Children's Activities Day – July 25th 2015

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR ...

Amidst all the deliberations of restructuring our association and incorporation the Clan also conducted at Ashton's Hall Amberley a children's in which both the young and the just plain young at heart could intact.

Now it may have been thought that combining such meeting amidst a pile of children's activities may have been difficult.



However a few old "outdoor"

favourites came to the rescue in the form of a children's jumping castle and disc bowls. Along with a whole range of other activities that children in groups always seem to create for their selves.

Many of children both young and old were disappointed to learn that this would be the last year that there much beloved Jumping Castle would be available as the owner was being forced to dispose of it to his declining health.

After the adult's meeting concluded at around midday everyone young and old alike adjoined to hall for an obligatory sausage and bread roll. This was followed by many more rounds of disc bowls, card games and of course a farewell jump in the castle.



Come nightfall and a final serving of sausages most ready for bed – including many of those of more advanced years.

The Clan wishes to thank the Children and families for their support both with getting the grounds ready before the day. We would also like to pay special tribute to those parents, grandparents and helpers who gave so generously of their time on the day.



Upcoming Event

Clan Camp – October 2015

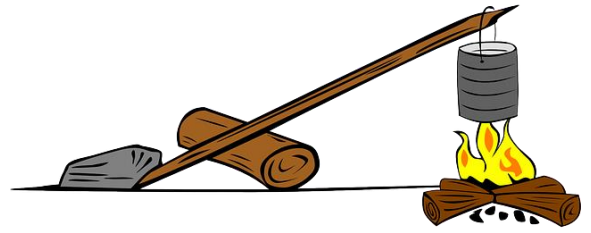
WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO FINALIZE A LOCATION AND TIMING

On several occasions in previous years the Clan has conducted on a number of occasions well attended family camping weekends at a number of locations.

It has been suggested by a number of members that with winter now fading and before it gets too hot that this activity be revisited in our future events calendar.

This topic will be discussed at the meeting and Annual Picnic Scheduled for 30th August 2015.

However if any member who is unable to attend this function and would like offer an opinion or make a suggestion, then please feel free to speak with either Val Ashton (President) on 07 54292395 or any other member of the committee, so that final arrangements can be announced as soon as possible.



Family History

Lyndall Hill - Historian/Genealogist

James Imlay Forsyth



more distinguished James Imlay Forsyth (right).

Thanks to the information from James Grainger (M.D.S; F.R.A.C.D.S; F.I.C.D; F.A.D.I; F.P.F.A) about his grandfather James Imlay FORSYTH. James is a regular at the annual Clan Forsyth Dinner and is a distinguished dental surgeon and dental educator at University of Sydney and Griffith University. He lives at Kingscliff.

We thank him for sharing his Forsyth heritage with us.

James was the oldest son of four children born to John Forsyth (1829-1875) and his wife Jamesina Jacobina McLaren (1837 – 1928). John Forsyth had been born in Parramatta, NSW, and Jamesina had been born in Barony, Glasgow, Scotland. (It is interesting to note the feminine version of traditional male names that were given to Jamesina). They were married on 12th October 1864. However John died aged 46 in 1875, leaving four children and Jamesina as a widow for 53 years.

James was born on 5th October 1865 at Jasper's Bush, Shoalhaven. He married Ann Jane Steel (born Paddington in 1868 – died 1929) on 3 January 1895 in Woollahra, NSW. James' siblings were William Ernest (1863-1939); John P McLaren (1870-1925) and May (Daisy) Cumming Forsyth (1874-1945).

James was the headmaster of Beecroft Public School from 1915-1924, presumably living at the headmaster's residence. He purchased the beautiful heritage home a, *Twyford*, on Miriam Rd and the name was changed to *Glenorchy*. James lived there until his death in 1937. The house passed firstly to his daughter Janet until her death in 1958, and then to her sister Ina, married to Keith Grainger, and the house was sold in 1959. This meant the end of 34 years of Forsyth occupancy.



He and Ann had five children:

1. Robert Steel Forsyth – 1895-1916
2. Daisy May Isabel Forsyth – 1898-1979
3. John Stuart Alston Forsyth – 1900-1947
4. Janet Ailsa Comyn Forsyth – 1901-1958
5. Ina Evelyn Ruth Forsyth – 1905-1986

James died on 26th September 1937 at West Ryde, Sydney, and is buried in the Waverley Cemetery – General Special Section with his wife Ann and other family. The following funeral notice is from newspaper file in Trove.



Local History

By Val Ashton - Clan President

The “Forsyth Pioneer” Trail and Tour by Bus

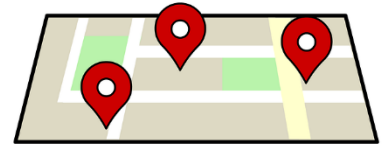
A heritage and history field trip.

For a number of years at our annual picnic there has been a recurring discussion regarding a tour of a number of the original Forsyth Pioneer home sites that lay in close proximity to the Peak Crossing, Flinders, Harrisville and Limestone Ridges area.

Maps of Forsyth Pioneer Home Sites.

This year with the assistance of our Clan Genealogist Mrs Lyndall Hill and her husband Murray have produced a small map the covers a number of the more relevant sites of historic value and interest.

This tour both starts and concludes at the site of our annual picnic in Peak Crossing and should only take just a little over 60 to 90 minutes to complete. However as we all age, the Clan committee has recognized the difficulty that may exist for some of our more senior members in negotiating such a route in their own private vehicles.



We have therefore negotiated with a private bus operator for the tentative hire of small commuter bus that would allow for most members to complete this tour in relative comfort and safety. One our members has already volunteered to act as our driver and as such we only need to cover the cost of mileage and vehicle hire.

It is anticipated that this cost would be approximately \$7 to \$10 per person, (depending on numbers). This may even be an excellent opportunity to show children or even grandchildren locations that hold some special significance to your branch of the family.

Indication of your interest



Unfortunately there is a reasonable outlay associated with cost of providing the bus as a service to our membership and this being our first attempt arranging such a tour, we would hope to obtain some indication of interest for this tour. We would there ask if you feel that tour would be interest and value to yourself and your family if you could advise us of your interest and number or attendees so that an appropriate booking can be made.

A final date for this field trip has as yet not been finalised, but a tentative timing of mid to late October has been suggested. This topic will be listed for discussion at the Clan Picnic on 30th August 2015, so that we can field a wide variety of opinion on this topic.

However if any member is unable to attend this function and would like offer and opinion or make a suggestion, then please feel free to speak with either **Val Ashton** (President) on **07 54292395** or any other member of the committee, so that final arrangements can be announced as soon as possible.



“Missing in Action”

Lost archival records ...

Due to the good works of several former Clan Secretaries, the Clan now holds a sizable electronic record of historic Clan documents along with previous editions of the Journal and newsletters. This record spans

The August 2015 Journal of Clan Forsyth Society of Queensland Inc. – Established 1979

from the present day right back to 7th November, 1979, when we were all invited to meet the newly proclaimed Clan Chieftain (Alistair Forsyth of that ilk) at the then Crest Hotel in King George Square.

This archive can be found at our website:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/journal-archive/>

Regrettably though over the past 35 or so years, some documents, which may now be of historic value to the Clan, may have "*gone missing in action*", so to speak. In fact one of the biggest issues with these or any other missing documents or newsletters is that after 35 years, we may not even know that they ever existed.

If you have a copy of or know of the whereabouts of any Clan Forsyth Queensland newsletters or other significant publications that may be missing from the above list then we'd love to hear from you, so we can set about "*patching up*" any holes, in our historical records.

We would therefore request that, should you have or know of any such "*missing pieces*", that you make contact with us, so that we can make arrangements with you to make a copy of your documents.

A full PDF version of the "*back catalogue*" of newsletters currently contained in our archive can be downloaded from our website:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/Clan-Forsyth-Journal-And-Newsletter.pdf>

Hopefully this may make identifying any documents that you may have and that we do not a little easier. If you do find any item of note, then please contact the Clan Secretary by email at the following email address:

- secretary@clanforythqueensland.com.au



Forsyths - Out and about on their own ...

Keeping up with Forsyths at home and abroad.

WALKING HADRIAN'S WALL - FROM SEA TO SEA



A section of the 140 Kilometre (84 Miles) wall that was walked/scouted.

Some may think that there has always been a divide between the people of England and those who are the descendant of the Clans and tribes who originate further northern most regions of that island.

These divides extend way beyond the subtle differences in language, dress and culture.

In fact the divide has taken a physical form in the shape of a 2000 years old wall, originally constructed by the Roman Emperor Hadrian for the original purpose of establishing and maintaining the control of empire.in approx. 100 AD.



Known as Hadrian's Wall (Latin: Vallum Aelium), also called the Roman Wall, Picts' Wall, or Vallum Hadriani, as a defensive fortification in the Roman province of Britannia, begun in 122 AD during the rule of emperor Hadrian. It ran between the River Tyne and the Solway Firth. It had a stone base and a stone wall.

Probing the wall

In June 2015 A.D. two members of Clan Forsyth Queensland (Veronica Forsyth, Annie –Rose Forsyth two other close friends of Celtic origins) managed to trace the wall along its length from sea to sea.

The walk was completed in the middle of the blistering Northern English summer with walking temperatures reaching as high as 25 Degrees C in between showers, on some days. (This was sheer madness - many of the locals thought).



**Trisha Rachard, Jackie Rachard ,
Veronica Forsyth and Annie-Rose Forsyth**

Following the wall for 140 Kilometre (84 miles).

Presumably our Queensland walkers either felt compelled to probe for some defensive weakness overlooked by those crafty Brittan's or potentially just to take in the local scenery.

World Heritage Site

Hadrian's Wall was declared a World Heritage Site in 1987, and in 2005 it became part of the transnational "Frontiers of the Roman Empire" World Heritage Site which also includes sites in Germany.

Hadrian's Wall Path

The walk is some 140 km (84 miles) from coast to coast following the World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall, past Roman settlements and forts. There's history every step of the way, and cosy pubs, bustling market towns and great views too.

Our brave adventurers decided that walking self-guided was the way to go and they then set about walking the whole of the National Trail. Most folk come for about a week (6 or 7 days walking @ about 20 Km/day) and a few intrepid adventures have completed the walk/run in a few days.

Details of the National Trail footpath

In 2003, a National Trail footpath was opened that follows the line of the wall from Wallsend to Bownesson Solway. Because of the fragile landscape, walkers are asked to follow the path only in summer

- <http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/hadrians-wall-path/be-inspired>

The sign at the end of the Wall



*Judging by the signage at the end of the trek, the wall is presumably popular
with both Clan members from both Queensland and the USA*

2016 Walking Plans

So what is next for our band of travellers, now that they have conquered the wall of Northern England ?

Well funny you should ask, rumour has it – they are planning for somewhere closer to home in 2016.





2016 Clan Membership Renewal

Renew Your Membership for 2015 NOW!

The renewal date for your Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Queensland Branch) membership falls due on the 30th June of each year.

HOWEVER if you have already missed your renewal date, then you can either take the attached renewal payment slip and drop it into your own bank, and arrange the payment of your membership direct to the Society's account, without having to worry about any of the fuss of trying to make a payment online.

Alternatively you can still make your membership renewal payment at the Clan Picnic and AGM which is held at the Peak Mountain View Park, Peak Crossing on Sunday 30th August 2015 or any of the other upcoming Clan functions.

Single Membership (18 years and over) - **\$10.00**
Couple and Family Membership - **\$20.00**

A copy of the Membership renewal form has also been included with this newsletter or if you are reading this electronically, it can be downloaded from the following link:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-Renewal-Form.pdf>

Payment: Either by Direct Debit or Cheque for 2015 Memberships

Direct Deposit Details:

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 064-117 Account No: 00905178
Account Name: Clan Forsyth Society of Queensland

Please add reference: e.g. your name (*Fred Forsyth*)

Please email the above Booking Form Details to:
treasurer@clanforythqueensland.com

Alternate payment arrangements may be made, if required by contacting either:

-**Rhonda Noe** (*Treasurer*) on **07 5467 2200**
-or **Val Ashton** (President) on **07 54292395**

By Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to

Clan Forsyth Society of Queensland Inc.

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Treasurer
Clan Forsyth Society of Queensland Inc.
71 Forsyth's Rd
MS 124, Kalbar 4309

Together with the attached membership Renewal Form

A separate deposit details slip to take to your bank has been included for our members' convenience. This can also be downloaded as a PDF file and printed from the following location:

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-Membership-Payment-Slip.pdf>



Other Clan Forsyth Newsletters

Recently received items

Our Clan Society regularly receives newsletters from other similar organisation which are listed on the Clan Website.

Two that we have recently received are from Clan Forsyth USA and the NSW branch of Clan Forsyth Australia. You can visit the pages listed below should wish to read of the adventures of some of your fellow Clan Members both here in Australia and abroad. To do this you can simply enter the address of these pages (as listed below), into your web browser or if you are reading an electronic version, then simply double click on the link as listed below.

- **Clan Forsyth USA – July 2015** - (18 Pages)
<http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/USA-CLAN-FORSYTH-JULY-2015-GRIFFIN-NEWSLETTER.pdf>
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A richer multi-media experience

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However given ever growing the amount of rich multimedia content available that we can now share with our members such as audio interviews with clan members, images and video, historical downloads and genealogical data, it would be great if this information could be passed on to you electronically.



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Editor's Note on Young Members Profiles:

Because of the higher than usual number of member articles in the August 2016 Journal, there is NO "Young Member Profile" in this edition.

If however there is a special young person that you'd like to let us know about, please drop us a line with their details, so that we can not only share our past but also celebrate our future generations.

Please email – youthnews@clanforythqueensland.com



The Doris Matheson's Collection Of Famous Sponge Cake Recipes.

Doris's Sponge Base

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs, separated
- pinch salt
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1/2 cup castor sugar
- 2/3 cup Fielders Cornflour
- 1 slightly rounded tablespoon White Wings Plain Flour
- 1 level teaspoon Aunt Mary's Baking Powder

Method:

1. If you have a wood stove laying around the kitchen, then it will probably best to use it. However, if you don't, then you can also use a normal electric or Gas oven, to produce a reasonable result. Simply Pre-heat oven 190 degree C conventional/170 degree fan forced. Beat egg whites with salt until soft peaks form.
2. Gradually beat in sugar, a little at a time then continue beating until stiff. Add egg yolks and vanilla essence, beat until combined.
3. Sift together 3 times – cornflour, plain flour and baking powder, then add to egg mixture. Carefully and lightly fold mixture through using a wooden spoon or spatula. DO NOT STIR.
4. Divide batter between two greased and floured 20 cm round sandwich pans and bake 15 – 20 minutes.

Note: When making a large sponge for a party use one quantity of mixture for each cake and bake in larger tins instead of halving mixture between sandwich pans

There is however a lot more you can discover from Doris on the Clan Website at:

- Doris's secret to being known as a good cook...
- Doris's Butterfly Cakes
- Doris's Peach Blossom Recipe
- Baking with a gem scone iron
- Doris's Mock Cream as filling for all Sponge Recipes

Simply by downloading The Special 8 Page PDF recipe guide.

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Important Clan Dates to Remember

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Clan Picnic & AGM – Peak Crossing	• Sunday - 30th August 2015
Clan Camp – Location to be advised	• Date in October & Location to be advised.

A personal message from the Clan President

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

It was only a few very short 12 months ago, that I had the opportunity to again serve my fellow clan members as their Queensland President. Since that time the management committee and I have dedicated ourselves to building upon our long traditions while at the same time embracing the changes we all face in our modern lives.

Proudly in the last 12 months not only have we as a group have completed several long standing projects but we have also completed the following:

- Created and launched a new look Clan Journal as a primary communication device.
- Created and Launched our Clan Web Site (<http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/>)
- Re-engaged with our memberships and held several successful social functions.
- Re-Established close ties with other branches both here in Australia and overseas.
- As any organisation who is constrained to being only able to conduct two events per annum will surely wither and perish, we have renegotiated our Insurances with our provider to be able to recommence a broader and more numerous range of events and activities for our members throughout the year.
- We have reviewed our set objectives and modernized and streamlined these so that they are more closely aligned to what we can achieve with our given resources and time constraints.
- Re-examined our fundamental structure of our association and have become an incorporated body for the benefit of members both now and in the future.

None of this would have been possible without the combined efforts of a small and focused group of individuals who served as the Clan Committee. I would like to formally thank each and every one of them for their support over the past 12 months in setting and achieving our mission.

So where to from here ...?

With such an impressive body of work already completed it may be hard for some to imagine what else may need to be complete in the coming year. However, unfortunately there is still much to be accomplished in order that we can best serve our members. In order to achieve much of this we need more than anything else, to receive your input, opinion and advice. After all listening to our members and fulfilling their wishes, should be the primary goal of any associations executive.

I will look forward to catching with you all again soon, by either phone, post or in in person, so that I can better understand how to be of assistance to you.



Please know that you are ALL once again, in our thoughts and prayers and that we will look forward to catching up with you again shortly.

Val Ashton

***President
Clan Forsyth Society of Queensland Inc.***