



CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY Qld Inc

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A message from Val Ashton – President Clan Forsyth Qld

Hello everyone

How quickly the past months since the AGM have flown.

I would like to mention the following:

- . thanks to the outgoing committee member Lucia McKee Forsyth for her years of dedication to the Clan.
- . thanks and welcome to the incoming new committee members Ann Gamlen and Julie Lee and welcome back to all other committee members and executive including our historian and shop convener. Another wonderful year of assistance for the team.
- . our best wishes to Clan members and their families – recent losses to Len Forsyth's wife Veronica Forsyth's mother Rosa Zupanc; speedy recovery to Jean Forsyth and others whose health has been poorly. We look forward to catching up with you at the clan events next year.

On behalf of Victor and I we would like to express to Clan members and families, friends and associates best wishes for the festive season and a happy, healthy 2017 for all.

Val Ashton
President





Important – Membership – Let's make 2017 a great year for lots of people joining up. Please encourage younger members of your families and extended families to join up

Please check Treasurer Glenys' details below and send membership renewal or joining fee now

POSITION VACANT

We are still calling for a Clan secretary position to be filled, we are asking members to come forward if they can assist the position has been split into more manageable duties. The position can be divided into 3 main components:

Journal secretary – a person capable of writing articles and inserting photos and items into a document. Using a computer makes this task easier.

Minute secretary – attend meetings (usually only 4-6 annually) and record minutes and distribute to committee.

Correspondence secretary – receive and reply to correspondence in and out.

Please contact one of the committee members to advise if you can assist in ANY of the 3 positions above to take a workload off other committee members (most long-serving committed members) taking on the position in addition to their own committee position. Should the position not be filled a special meeting of members may be required to fill the position.



Date Claimers for 2016/2017 -You're invited to kick start the New Year in rollicking Forsyth fashion!

- This year the Boonah Christmas Street Parade and Festival has a Heritage theme celebrating the indigenous, German and Scottish heritage of the area (see below historical note).

So this year Fassifern Scots is entering into the street parade led by a piper and some highland dancers.

We would like to invite all with Scottish heritage to join us in the parade. We would encourage you to wear some tartan and bring your clan banner / tartan if you have one.

The Parade details

Date: Thursday, 15th Dec 2016

Time: Gather at 5:30pm at the Boonah Showgrounds – look for tartan and kilts

Aim for 5:30 pm sharp as we will do a little ceremony before the parade starts.

The Festival starts with the parade and goes to 9pm

- **Cent Auction – fund raiser – Feb 4 – Peak Crossing Hall from 1pm-5pm**
 - **Annual Clan Dinner – 22 April – Harrisville Hall – Theme is *This is Your Life* – a tribute to some of the great characters in the Clan**
 - **Activities Day - 28th May 2017 – at Ashton's Hall Stn Amberley Rd Amberley**
 - **Boonah Clydesdale Spectacular – date to be confirmed**
 - **Proposed bus tour -June or July 2017 – proposed bus tour of Clan relevant sites in Peak Crossing and surrounding district subject to demand**
 - **Scots in the Bush – Boondooma Station – late August 2017**
– book it in to your calendar now and share the fun had by Clan members in 2016.
Some of those are already booking in for this year.
- Gathering Event Outline**
- Pipe Bands; Performers Parade + Calling of the Clans
 - Piping & Highland Dancing
 - Scottish Cuisine & Workshops
 - Highland Games
 - Boondooma Station tours
 - Displays and stalls
 - Ceilidh - Scottish Dinner & Dance
- **Picnic – AGM – 27 August Peak Crossing Park.**

Other items will be added as we are advised and we will endeavor to place reminders into the journals closer to the dates

2017 promises to be a year of assisting members to find or update their family trees and to work with members to produce and publish family histories, photos and anecdotes. I look forward to more interviews and your contributions.

Mark Mottram a Clan member living in Townsville has a very interesting Forsyth line – very much aligned to Brisbane and Western Australia, and the Clan here and Clan Forsyth Western Australia, through Malcolm Sears, are helping Mark try to track down some of the more intriguing events in the life of David Souter Forsyth.

Best wishes
Lyndall



Young Members Profiles:

If 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 being to celebrate our future generations. Please email – youthnews@clanforythqueensland.com

Big Congratulations go to the following Young Achievers – :

Rhonda & Keith Noe's grandson Bryn Llewellyn made the Qld team for under 17s at the national cricket championships. The team made it to the grand final against NSW. Bryn performed well at this level, see article below.

Ton of fun for school mates

IGS students light up Allan Border Field

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CRICKET: The rivalry between NSW and Queensland has engulfed two students from Ipswich Grammar School.

Having tasted victory with the Queensland Under 17s squad last year, Ben Maynard was joined by classmate Bryn Llewellyn for the 2016-17 Under 17 National Championships.

Queensland broke a 20-year drought to claim victory over NSW in last year's grand final, only to have the southerners steal back the title last week.

With the latest tournament played at Brisbane's prestigious Allan Border Field, the two young cricketers said the experience was one to treasure.

"It's always good to play for Queensland," Ben said.

"We didn't get the win but not every day do you win seven out of eight games at a national carnival.

"The team was unbelievable and the batting line-up was pretty strong.

"We were a bit down on bowlers but those that played did an exceptional job.

"I played for Queensland

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— Bryn Llewellyn

to NSW in the National carnival final there.

"Then I played in the 17's last year as a year younger and we beat NSW in the carnival then.

"So yeah it's a pretty tight little contest we have got going there but it's good."

It took a century from one of Australia's biggest cricketing names to bring NSW back from the brink after they were reduced to 4-57.

An unbeaten ton from middle-order batsman Austin Waugh, the son of Australian cricket legend Steve Waugh, brought NSW to a final total of 6-274.

In the face off top bowling from the visitors, Queensland were run out for 122 from 34 overs.

In his first appearance for the Queensland U17 side, Bryn was still buzzing from being around a top team of young aspiring players despite the loss.

"Just the culture and

was one of the best experiences," he said.

"We both knew all the guys previously but just being around all the boys and learning a lot throughout the three months of training was great.

"There's nothing better than playing good cricket against a good opposition and to have your best friend alongside you."

The two IGS students balance a busy schedule of representing their school team and playing club cricket for the Ipswich-Logan Hornets.

Crediting the school for supporting their sporting aspirations, the pair described the school's First XI's coach Aaron Moore as a major influence.

"We went into camp two Sunday's ago and that's where it all started," Ben said.

"Both of us had good preparation going in and were playing good cricket before the carnival.

"Aaron Moore is an absolute weapon and he has brought both of our careers a lot further than we would have been otherwise.

"I'm from Gladstone and when we moved down here he took my game to another level."

Proud of the students achievements, IGS PE

teacher Andrew Walsh said the school was producing some outstanding cricketers at representative level.

"They are both good lads and they work really hard,"

Walsh said.

"They are excellent role models for the other students.

"A lot of our boys have gotten into the winter

cricket this year and at the Met West trials last week we had eight out of the 12 selected from our school. So we're really going in a good direction with our cricket."



TOP EXPERIENCE: Ipswich Grammar School year 11 students Bryn Llewellyn and Ben Maynard recently played for Queensland in the U17 national championships. PHOTO: DAVID NIELSEN

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Brendan Ashton son of Garry & Glenys Ashton and grandson to Vic & Val Ashton represented South East Qld for cricket in under 18's and for under 21's. Brendan is enjoying playing grade cricket this season for his local club Central District Cricket club Ipswich. Brendan also completed his final year (year 12) at school on Friday 18th November. He received a certificate 1 in furnishing and a certificate 1 in building & construction, a certificate 2 in automotive underbody at TAFE and completed 1 year as a school based apprentice in outdoor power tools and equipment and is looking forward to continuing his apprenticeship now he has left school. Brendan also obtained his driver's license on the day of his 17th birthday so is enjoying his independence.

Two members of the same family will head off to Townsville to represent Fassifern in vigoro at the state titles in January. Members Stewart & Shala Ashton's daughters also Vic & Val Ashton's granddaughters Monique Ashton in the under 18's team and Jacinta Ashton in the under 13's team. Tulliah Kerkin granddaughter of Clan members Bev & Rob Kerkin is also selected to represent Fassifern in the same team. We wish them all well. Monique has returned from a student exchange program in Germany which she appreciated being of Austrian decent.



Grand children of Vic & Val Ashton show off some of their latest awards. From left Jacinta Ashton, Brendan Ashton, Ryan & Mitchell (front)

Keep your fellow Clan members informed of the events that matter to you...

Life Events ...

If you have news to share with your fellow Clan and family members of any of life events (i.e. births, sporting, scholastic or community achievement awards, graduations, marriages and anniversaries etc.) please forwarded details and photographs (if possible) for future publications to:

- By post: C\ - Historian/Genealogist Clan Forsyth Qld, 643 Mt Tully Rd, Stanthorpe, 4380
- By Phone: Lyndall Hill – 07 46837283
- By email: news@clanforythqueensland.com

Wedding Anniversaries:

Vic & Val Ashton celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on 18th November 2016. What a wonderful achievement!

Glenys & Garry Ashton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 26th October 2016.

To celebrate their anniversary Glenys & Garry travelled to New Zealand on a 14 day cruise. In Dunedin where the Scottish heritage is evident it was fitting that the first heading seen when stepping off the bus was Forsyth Barr House a company that provides investment services They have the naming rights of the large stadium in Dunedin. The weather was fantastic for the entire time and luckily they did not encounter the earthquake whilst there.



Membership: Anyone considering membership to our fold. Please check out the website and the archived journals to get a feel for your place in the Clan. Please share with other members of your family as well. Check with Glenys below for your Membership type and very small annual fee of \$10 single or \$20 family. Consider giving the gift of membership this Christmas.

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

Payment: Either by Direct Debit or Cheque or at one of our planned events

Direct Deposit Details:

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

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:

- **Glenys Ashton** (*Treasurer*) on **07 54673338**
-or **Val Ashton** (*President*) on **07 54292395**

By Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to

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Together with the attached membership Form

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Contact our shop convener Heather or a committee member on the details above.

