

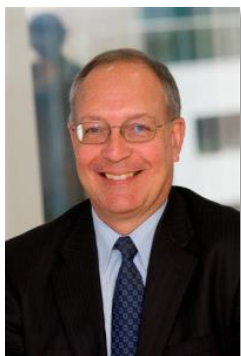


CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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Clan Journal – February 2015

From the Desk of David Forsyth AM - Clan Commissioner for Australia ...



Greeting to all Clan Forsyth members, and welcome to the February 2015 Clan Journal.

People in Australia join Scottish Clan associations for a number of reasons, including maintaining a connection with the Scottish Clan network, to preserve the historical connections of their forbears, networking with family groups, or accessing family history information. Others love the sound of the bagpipes and the taste of haggis, (and perhaps Scotch whisky).

Whatever your reason for joining Clan Forsyth, thank you for being part of our network.

Often it is only in later life that people become interested in their family history. That is possibly because it is only when retired, that people have the time to delve into their family's past. Like a detective story, the family history bug captures people and engrosses them until answers are found. With the many internet data bases available today, it is not difficult to trace ones forebears back to the late 1700s. Beyond that usually requires a mix of luck, other people's prior research, and hard slog to obtain valid and authenticated information.

Clan Forsyth across Australia and the world helps people trace their origins. In theory, all of us Forsyths could be related if we go back far enough. Each family of Forsyths who came to Australia has access to an excellent genealogist in their local Clan. I commend these dedicated people who help others in their research

This year and next, we Australians are commemorating the centenary of WW I, by remembering those Australians who served and died in the war to end all wars. Many Forsyths were involved and a number died. My grandfather served at Gallipoli and on the Somme, but his brother died in a training accident as part of the Royal Flying Corps, the predecessor to the RAAF. Clan Forsyth in each State will hold events to commemorate the centenary, and I encourage all Forsyth Clan members to participate and share their family stories with other Forsyths.

Regards ...

David Forsyth AM.

Australian Clan Commissioner

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2015 Clan Dinner - April 11th, 2015

Grab your calendar and mark this date in there **NOW !** –
Saturday, April 11th 2015 at the Harrisville School of Arts Hall.



This year is the 100th Anniversary of the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsular, which included members of the Australian New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC). This force was drawn from towns and country communities across our nation and included a number of our forebears who both served and sacrificed.

While serving in the front lines, they were not alone in their sacrifice. Both members of their own families and their local communities, back in Australia, also continued make their own sacrifices and contributions to this national effort. It is in remembrance of all of these efforts, that our 2015 Clan Dinner will be dedicated and themed.

Your Contribution to this Important Remembrance.

Should you wish to personally commemorate this occasion, then the organizing committee for this year's Clan Dinner, will be more than happy to include any commemorative items or memorabilia, that may be displayed on the evening and that can be attributed to those who served.

Should you have any other personal history, that you wish to either display or share on the evening, then you are encouraged to contact the Mrs Lyndall Hill Clan Historian by email historian@clanforsythqueensland.com or by phone on **07 4683 7283**, regarding the loan and return arrangements of any such items.

You may also contact the Clan Secretary by email (secretary@clanforsythqueensland.com)

Dinner Costs	
Clan Members (Adult)	\$25.00
Students over 12 years of age	\$18.00
Children over 5 years	\$ 8.00
Children under 5 years	FREE

We can now confirm, that both the menu and caterers (Betty Wilson), that we have previously enjoyed will be available for this function. We have also been fortunate enough to entice the same piper and vocalist who have provided live music for us at previous banquets to perform again for us in 2015.



So come along and join us once again for fine food, good company, great entertainment and the chance to catch up with kith and kin. ... and just those, who may wish to enter into the spirit of the evening and already possess a fluent command of the Gaelic tongue, then below you can find the words to that immortal Robert Burns Scottish ballad of 1787 - "**Address to a Haggis**" –

(For the rest of us, I have also included an English translation on the right hand side of the page, as well.)

BURNS ORIGINAL ADDRESS

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe or thairm :
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin', rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swail'd kyles believe
Are bend like drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
Bethankit! Hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout
Or olio that wou'd stawe a sow,
Or fricassee wad make her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! See him owre his trash,
As feckless as wither'd rash,
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
Tho' bluidy flood or field to dash,
O how unfit.

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his walew niver a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
An' legs, an' arms, an' heads will sned
Like taps o' thrissie.

Ye pow'rs wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware,
That jaups in luggies;
But if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a Haggis!

TRANSLATION

Fair full your honest, jolly face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.

The groaning trencher there you fill,
Your buttocks like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill
In time of need,
While through your pores the dew distill
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour wipe,
And cut you up with ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm steaming, rich!

Then spoon for spoon, they stretch and strive:
Devil take the hindmost, on they drive,
Till all their well swollen bellies by-and by
Are bent like drums;
Then old Master of the house, most like to burst,
"The Grace!" hums.

Is there that over his French ragout,
Or olio that would sicken a sow,
Or fricassee would make her throw up
With perfect disgust,
Looks down with sneering, scornful view
On such a dinner?

Poor devil! See him over his trash,
As feeble as a withered rush,
His thin legs a good whip-lash
His fist a nut;
Through bloody flood or field to dash,
Oh how unfit.

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his ample fist a blade,
He will make it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will crop
Like tops of thistle.

You powers, who make mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill of fare,
Old Scotland want no watery ware,
That splashes in small wooden dishes;
But as you wish her grateful prayer,
Give her a Haggis!

Scottish Studies Foundation, Burns Dinner, January 21st, 2012
www.scottishstudies.com



Further details may be obtained by visiting the Events Page on the Clan Website

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/2015-clan-dinner/>



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

Here are just a few of our members special events, since our last edition ...

Lochlan & Sue Forsyth	Wedding Anniversary	9 th November
Victor & Valma Ashton	Wedding Anniversary	18 th November
Luke & Nerida Forsyth	Wedding Anniversary	23 rd November
Gordon & Carol Forsyth	Wedding Anniversary	25 th November
Robert & Beverley Kerkin	Wedding Anniversary	12 th December
Murray & Lyndall Hill	Wedding Anniversary	15 th December
Trevor & Tess Forsyth	Wedding Anniversary	20 th December
James & Christine Forsyth	Wedding Anniversary	29 th December

If you have either news or 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., then these may be forwarded details and photographs for future publications to:

By post: Secretary Clan Forsyth Society, **124 Blackheath Road, Redbank Plains, 4301.**
By Phone: Len Forsyth – **Mobile 0412 366 054** or 07 **38142418** After Hours
By email: news@clanforythqueensland.com



New Members

A Warm Welcome.

On behalf of the Clan President the Society wished to extend a warm welcome to our fold the following NEW Clan member:

- **Carol Ann Piening – Agnes Banks NSW**

We would ask all Society members, to join with us in making all our new members welcome, as well as making yourself known to them at any of the upcoming scheduled Clan activities.



Irish Forsyth Connections

Many historical documents show that the name Forsyth is known throughout Scotland as being one of the old Clans and that those now proudly claiming Irish and English heritage, also have an earlier Scottish heritage of which to be equally proud.

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plantation_of_Ulster
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letterkenny>

Facts show that many of our Cousins left Scotland for a new start in Ireland when land grants, job opportunity, and freedom from religious persecution promised new hope. These new world of hope existed principally in

Eastern Seaboard of the Americas, Australia and New Zealand. They offered a brighter home for many of these families of Celtic descent from the United Kingdom.

Some sought religious freedom, some to escape the potato famine, while others were forced off of lands their families had lived on for centuries.

Upon arriving, they cleared lands for farming and settled across a broad land that was very different from their emerald homeland. The families began to prosper in health and contentment, the challenge for new land and opportunity saw many settling in areas such as the Greenmount, Fassifern, Toowoomba, Benarkin and central Burnet region in the late mid-1860 to 1870s.

There are documents, deeds to lands, cemetery, church and civil records that boast of the lives of our Irish Cousins known as Scotch-Irish, Scot-Irish, Irish-Scot, or Ulster-Scots. It is not our intent to separate or classify one's personal identity. We are all by our birth, members of the ancient Family of Forsyth, a pure one name Clan, no matter where we claim our ancestors came from, they arrived here.



Historical "Snippets"



Provided Courtesy of Ipswich City Council Library.

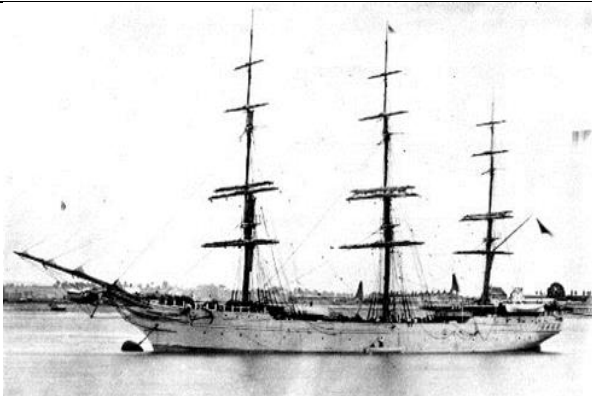


James & Catherine Forsyth's Irish - Point of Origin 1865. Letterkenny, Donegal, Ireland

The articles and snippets below have been compiled from a variety of digitized sources and have been published here to assist with both personal family historical and genealogical research.

Legend

- Letterkenny, Donegal, Ireland - Coordinates:  54.9566°N 7.7203°W 



Rajasthan - Owned by Roderick and Helena Tolmie (nee MacRae) of Inverness, Scotland emigrated on this vessel, captained by J.C. Wilson, with their baby daughter, Isabella. The 627 ton sailing vessel left Birkenhead, England on 23rd June, 1862. A second child, James was born at sea on 25th July. There were 269 passengers and the ship sailed direct to Moreton Bay where it arrived on 1st November,

601t/700t. 3 mast ship rig, B1837 Bombay, 126.0x29.0x22.7, -- Fleming, Glasgow.

Entry from Ipswich City Council Library "Founding Families of Ipswich Pre 1900"

Forsyth, James - Third child of John and Catherine (nee Mc Nutt) Forsyth/e. B. c1835 in Ardidnganny, Donegal, Ireland. D. 21.06.1911 at Harrisville. James came to Australia on the '**Rajasthan**' with his wife Catherine (nee McCleary) and their son John who was 1 year old.

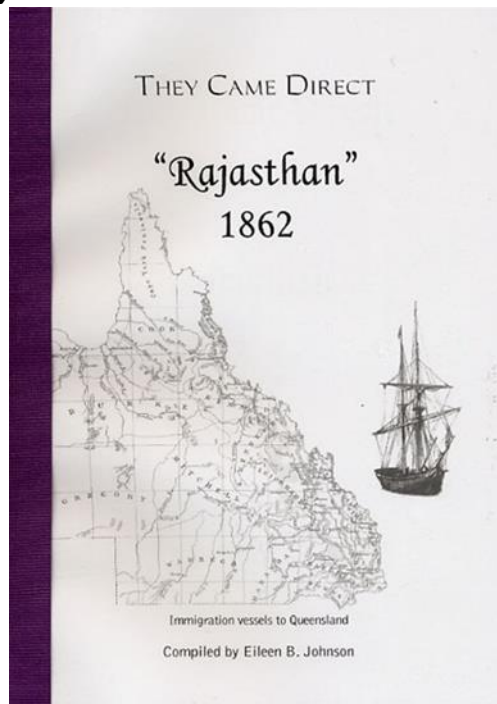
Their second son William, was born on the ship on the way to Australia. They first settled at Greenmount on the Darling Downs but then made their way to the Flinders area. Their 11 children went to School at Peak Crossing and Harrisville from 1871 onwards.

Lived at: Lot 181 Faulkner's Quarry Rd, Peak Crossing.

Occupation: Farmer.

Religion: Presbyterian.

"They Came Direct"



A comprehensive publication Contains all known information on this voyage (departed Liverpool 23 June 1862, arrived Brisbane 3 November 1862). Details come from official, newspaper and other sources. Also includes black and white photos, and a map.

Includes a passenger list with surname, first name, marital status, age, occupation, and nationality. as well as crew lists.

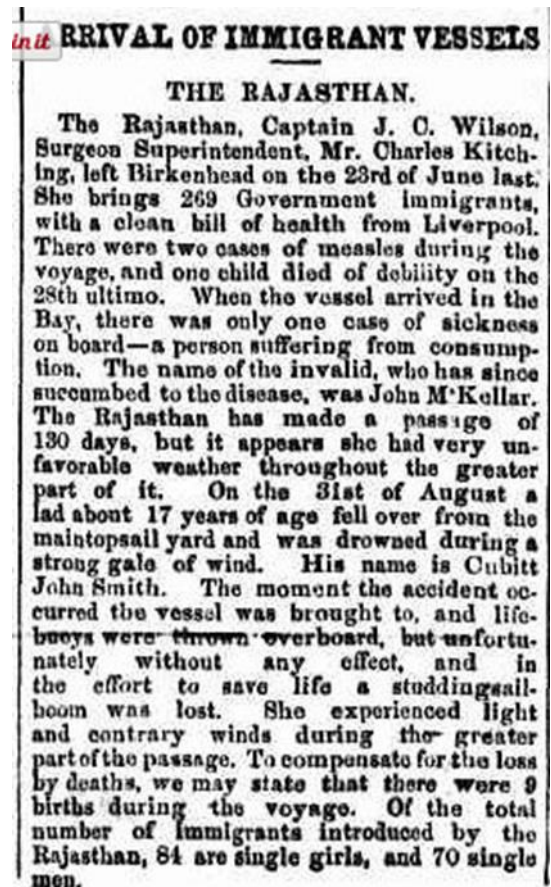
Available for purchase direct from Publisher:

- <http://www.gould.com.au/They-Came-Direct-Rajasthan-1862-p/ggje032.htm>

... or it may ordered for loan from the State Library of Queensland, through your local council library.

Arrival date

- 1862 – 4 Nov (Moreton Bay)
- 1863 (Ipswich)



The above article from

**The Courier (Brisbane, Qld. : 1861 - 1864),
Tuesday 18 November 1862, page 2**

If you have any further information, that you feel would be of other value, then please contact Mrs Lyndall Hill
Clan Historian by email historian@clanforythqueensland.com or by phone on **07 4683 7283**.



Recent Events

2014 Clan Bowls Day - Harrisville Bowls Club

A great day was had by all at the recent bowls day. It was really great to see some 20 Clan Members attended (Valma & Victor Ashton; Glenys and Stacey Ashton; Stewart, Shala, Monique and Jacinta Ashton; Heather, Ian, Andrew Forsyth and Ashley [Ian's friend]; Max Forsyth; Lucia McKee; Len Forsyth; Lyndall Hill; Clair Guymer; Rhonda and Keith Noe; Tarran Llewellyn.

Twelve of this number were keen for some "high energy" action and suspense on the "green".

The Players were Victor, Glenys, Stacey, Stewart, Shala, Monique, Jacinta, Heather, Ian, Andrew, Ashley and Keith.

Teams were drawn out of the hat and teams of 3 played off against each other with the winners playing off for finals. Some teams were named the Rockers, Generations and Team Awesome. The winning team consisted of Ian Forsyth, Heather Forsyth and Keith Noe.



The non-bowling supporters had a lovely day catching up with others. Many thanks to the committee and special mention to Keith and Rhonda Noe for organising the day.

Full details a range of over 30 Photos may be viewed by visiting the extend photo gallery that can be found at the link below.

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/2014-barefoot-bowls-day/>



Upcoming Events

Children's Craft & Genealogy Workshop Day

Members and children are to invited to attend a combined genealogy and craft session, at Ashton's Hall, Southern Amberley Road, Amberley on Saturday 28th March 2015 at 1.30pm.

Craft & Centrepiece Making

In the past several of our senior Clan Members have contributed and have become an integral part of the preparations for the dinner. In an effort to continue ad pass on these skills, to the next generation, we extend an invitation to all members of the younger generation, who would like to come along and share in the experience of making decorations for the Annual Clan Forsyth dinner to be held on April 11th 2015.

Many of our senior members feel, that it is important to share their skills and experience with our next generation of Clan Members.

All children who may wish to participate with the activities on this day and become part of something we will all be proud of.

How special would it be to have a centre piece made by our future generations on the tables at this year's Annual Clan dinner?

Genealogy Workshop

Genealogy session – bring along your family history items to share with the Clan .Our Clan Historian/genealogist Lyndall Hill (historian@clanforythqueensland.com)will be attending and with permission can copy, scan etc. photos, documents, take photos of items.

- *Have you got family stories, Bible, photos or documents that need putting in to a family history?*

We can help you preserve the old family tales and scan your documents, before they disappear and the memories fade.

- *Do you want to make sure the Clan has your family details correct and current?*

Come along and cross check the details with our files and folders, or add the new generations

- *Did you have a family member in World War 1?*

Come along and find out the service records and more details....we hope to be doing a WW! Display for the Clan Dinner.



So please feel free to come along for a chat to see where you belong or give your knowledge to the clan so it can be preserved for future generations.

The theme this year Annual Dinner, is ANZAC 100 years. We will be supplying some material for the decorations on the day and encouraging others to attend to share genealogy on the day.

We are really hoping that you will be able to attend the day and would ask if you would respond as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made. If you feel there are others that may be interested in

attending please forward their details, in order that we may follow up and extend an invitation.

RSVP to the Secretary by email (secretary@clanforythqueensland.com)

or by any other means listed on the [Clan Contact Page](#), by 20th March 2015.



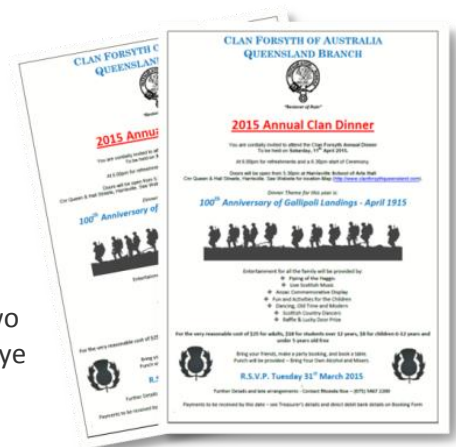
Upcoming Events

2015 Clan Dinner – 11th April 2015

Two Invitations for Twice the Fun ...

If you opened the newsletter envelope and thought you could see two copies of the 2015 Clan Dinner invitation, be assured that your eye sight is fine and that you were not “seeing double”.

In fact we have included for you an extra copy of this year’s invitation as a result of your feedback. Many members have told the committee of past members, relations and associates,



who had at one time or another attended one of our past Clan Dinners either at the Harrisville or Peak Crossing Hall and now for one reason or another no longer are able to attend.

While I have no doubt that all most all of you would be prepared to extend an invitation yourself, to such a person and even to include them on your own booking form. Just to make all this a little easier, we have included an extra invitation, so that you can pass one along without having to sacrifice you own copy.

Should you also know or any person who no longer attends, because they are no longer confident to travel to and from the Hall at night, then please feel free to contact the committee, so that we can attempt to assist with some form of transport arrangements for those with this need.

If assistance is required or if you do know of any individual who would like to attend and would require their own copy of the 2015 Clan Dinner Invitation sent by post or forwarded by email, then please feel free to provide addressing details by either **phone (07) 38142418** or **email to:**

- secretary@clanforythqueensland.com.



IMPORTANT - We need to be able to give you a voice and to know what you are thinking...

Speaking with you personally

The current executive and committee as your elected representatives are dedicated to representing individual Clan Society members to the best of their ability. In a perfect world we could all just sit down over good cup of tea or coffee, and ask about both your interest and concerns.

However calling in for that proverbial *"cuppa"* in today's *"time poor"* world may just be a little harder to achieve. Instead your new committee would like to phone each and every member of the Clan to learn what the issues that are important to you are. This will take place in the coming weeks and months. This will then give a direct line, so to speak, to representation at the next committee meeting.

Don't worry if you are not home when we phone – We will call back again, at another time. If it's not convenient to speak when we call – We'll arrange with you a mutually convenient time, when we can both sit down with our favourite beverage at each end of the phone and make that call. We will not only pass on your comments and concerns – we will then call back after your issues and concerns are raised at our next meeting and we will advise you of their outcome. If you would prefer to be contacted by email instead, then please advise us.

WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY - Should for any reason, you wish not to take part in this process, then please contact the Clan Secretary, so that you are NOT called.



Contacting you electronically

A richer multi-media experience

The current Clan Journal has been produced and distributed to all Clan members by a posted and printed copy. However given the amount of rich multimedia content available that we can 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 so that you can access it over your own internet connection.



Unfortunately, some of our record keeping may be incomplete and we would ask that when a member of the committee contacts you to obtain your feedback then they will confirm with you your permission to distribute regular information in this newer rich electronic format (via email).

If you like you can also provide us with your email details by simply emailing us with the word “*subscribe*” in your subject line and posting it to the following email address:

- subscribe@clanforythqueensland.com

Of course should you either not have access to the internet or just prefer a paper based “Hard” copy, and then one will be provided to you, automatically.



Congratulations to our Young Achiever's.

Bryn Llewellyn



To the Left is a photo of Keith and Rhonda Noe's grandson [Bryn Llewellyn] holding a trophy he was awarded in Townsville at the Qld Junior Cricket State Championships. The trophy has this inscription on it [**Q.J.C State Championships Best & Fairest S.E.Q. u/15 2014**]. The award was for the S.E.Q. team only and judged by the umpires over the 5 days on a points system [1,2 and 3 points for three players each day] and tallied at the end.

This is the carnival that Brendon Ashton and Bryn played in together. Bryn opened the batting each day and made about 130 runs over the 5 days. he had two good innings. The first day he made 60 and the last day he made 50. He also took a few wickets with his bowling and took some catches in the field .

The first week in December Bryn played in a cricket carnival, at the Sunshine Coast. He played for Met. West in the 14 years and under schoolboys carnival. He also opened the batting and made about 140 runs over the 5 days with 57 on the last day. He only bowled a few overs with no wickets and took a few catches in the field. Two of his team mates were picked in a Qld team to play in Darwin in June 2015.

Well done Bryn!



Young Member Profile.

“Young Forsyths- at -large”

Miss Annie-Rose Forsyth



Annie –Rose Forsyth – Kakadu “Stone Country” –
July 2014

In this new section of the journal, in coming editions, we are will be introducing to our membership, many of our younger members. You no doubt would have already either heard, if not seen them, at many of our annual functions such as Clan Dinners and Picnics of the years.

Amazingly, as we ALL grow older, the young in turn are growing up before our eyes and turning into “*Spectacular*” young adults.

So now we would like to introduce you to some of them - formally.

In this edition, I'll start with one Forsyth, who is very well known to me. She is my youngest daughter **Annie-Rose Forsyth**. Annie (as she is known with the family) , is a part-time dental nurse for a local Ipswich Dental Practices and a full time student at Australian Catholic University at

Banyo, where apart from undertaking her Bachelor of Speech Pathology (BSpPath). Annie is also employed by the University, as a Biology Tutor.

Annie, when not studying, attending vocational placements in public hospitals, tutoring 1st year students or passing dental implements, is also a keen bushwalker. At the age of only 16, she became a veteran of Tasmania's Overland Track, which is gruelling 67 Km (5 day) walk, through some of Tasmania's most remote west coast World Heritage wilderness area.

Annie has also just returned in the recent weeks from Nepal and India, where she and a friend had been rafting in the "icy" headwaters of the Ganges River, walking the Annapurna Track, at the base the second highest mountain in the Himalayas. Here she also visited several remote villages.

She writes:

Hello All, it's great to be back in Australia! On a holiday overseas, traveling through Nepal and India, I experienced incredible things and met fantastic people. In Nepal I went white water rafting for two days (very cold and very fun) before hiking in the Annapurna region.

In India I explored Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. Some of the highlights there were seeing the Red fort of Agra, the Taj Mahal, visiting a rural school and never quite knowing what to was going to happen next.

Now that I've caught up on sleep I can't wait for my next trip in June 2015 Walking Hadrian's Wall in the UK!



LEFT: Nepal
Yoga with view -
Early morning
overlooking the
Annapurna 1
(25,592 feet)

RIGHT: The
Indian travel
slogans advise
you of "India:
Always the
unexpected..."
It however can
sometimes be
both a little



confronting and amusing though, especially when you turn a corner- and encounter a "Monkey on a Street Pig"

IMPORTANT EDITORS NOTE: *If there is a special young Forsyth or other kin member, that you'd like to let us know about, then please drop us a line with their details, so that we can not only share their news but to also celebrate the achievements of our future generations. – news@clanforythqueensland.com*





News about our younger generation Clan Forsyth descendants

Brendan Ashton and Bryn Llewellyn



Brendan Ashton and Bryn Llewellyn were chosen to represent South East Qld at the Qld Junior Cricket intra-state championships held in Townsville 15-19 December 2014. Under very hot humid conditions the team endured 100 overs of cricket daily for 5 days.

The team finished 6th out of 12 teams having won 3 of their 5 matches.

Brendan and Bryn each played all 5 days and both featured as valuable players in the team as all round players. Brendan bowled 25 overs during the 5 days with figures of 3 wickets for 74 runs including 7 maidens, economy of 2.96 and a best of 2 wickets for 20 runs.

Brendan formed some good partnerships during the week with a highest score of 26 not out off 33 balls. Brendan also took 2 catches in the field and one run-out.

Bryn opened the batting each day with a highest score of 60 runs with 50 runs on another occasion, Bryn contributed 128 runs for the week for the team. Bryn bowled 23 overs during the 5 days with figures of 5 wickets for 80 runs including 2 maidens and an economy of 3.48 with best of 2 wickets for 18 runs. Bryn took 3 catches in the field also.

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- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/journal/february2015>



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To use QR codes conveniently you must have a smartphone equipped with a camera and a QR code reader/scanner application feature. Luckily, the newer smartphones models available today often have an app pre-installed on them.

However, don't start breaking out into a sweat yet if you aren't lucky enough to have that work done for you, it's nothing a quick push of a button can't fix.

All you have to do is visit your phone's app store (examples include the Android Market, Apple App Store, BlackBerry App World, etc.) and download a QR code



Important Diary Dates and Events to Remember

<u>Events and Links</u>	<u>Dates and Times</u>
Children's Craft & Genealogy Workshop Day Ashton' Hall – Amberley http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/childrens-craft-day/	Saturday 28 th March 2015 1.30pm
2015 Annual Dinner – Harrisville School of Arts Hall http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/2015-clan-dinner/	Saturday - 11th April 2015 6.00pm
Fassifern Highland Gathering – Boonah <i>Further details will be advised on Clan Website closer to the event.</i> http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/fassifern-highland-gathering/	Saturday 31 st May 2015
2015 Activities Day – Ashton's Hall, Amberley <i>Program details Not Yet Finalised.</i>	Date to be advised later in 2015.
Clan Forsyth Queensland – Membership Fees Due http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/membership-renewal/	Due Date - Wednesday, 1 st July 2015
Clan Picnic & AGM – Peak Crossing <i>Program details Not Yet Finalised.</i>	Sunday - 30th August 2015

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A personal message of welcome from the Queensland Clan President

Hello All,

I trust that this latest edition of the Clan Journal finds your families and yourselves both safe and well, especially after the recent adverse weather, which may have affected those of our members in both central and southern Queensland.

In this broad brown land, that adopted our forebears, some 150 years ago, we live with constant extremes of drought and flood. I believe that this would have been a very different experience, for all those who had travelled, so far from the green northern hemisphere towns and villages, to settle here in the remote Queensland outback, in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

I have no doubt that back then, like now, that those Forsyths on the land, would have been much sustained both by the strength of their families and also their communities.

Please know that all of our thoughts and prayers have been with you and your communities, following the wrath of natural events of recent. Truly being a "*Restorer of Ruin*" is a motto, which is as important today, as it was when our forebears settled in their new Australian home, some 153 years ago.

In 2015 both the Clan committee and I, are dedicated to continuing to build the ties of kith (friends) and kin (family), that have served and united us, since those early times.

I will look forward to speaking with you all again soon.

Val Ashton.



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