



CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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Clan Journal – May 2015

A Message from Alistair Forsyth of that ilk, Clan Chief To All Clan Forsyth Queensland Members.

(Extract of Message to Clan Forsyth Queensland – Read by Master of Ceremonies at 2015 Clan Forsyth Dinner to all Members and Guests)



When I first came to Queensland as Chief in 1979 it was not my first visit for I arrived in Brisbane in 1963 as a new migrant together with my wife Ann and two sons. What a different city it was, my maternal Uncle was Harbourmaster and I joined an import/export firm based in Newstead as their new Queensland Manager.

It was a really exciting assignment for a young man whose previous experience had been as a Tea Broker in Calcutta. What a different city it was, then, Surfers Paradise was just a golden beach with one small hotel, we might travel at the weekend to the "Boolarong" restaurant on Mooloolaba beach for huge tiger prawns or to Mt Tamborine to touch the oldest tree in Australia and enjoy the cool sea breeze.

Living in an old "Stumpy" overlooking the Ascot Racecourse it was an idyllic life and I have the fondest memories of your wonderful homeland. All too soon promotion carried me off to Sydney but the memories remain. When I returned in 1979 I went to Peak Crossing and up the Fassifern Valley past Forsyth settlement homes, Brisbane had changed, the old buildings with their timber overhangs shielding the fierce sun, like the fans had gone, replaced by air conditioning in modern tower blocks, life had changed and so I realised the Clan Forsyth must also.

Incidentally, many in Queensland descend from Ulstermen and Alexander Forsyth, whose father was the last Laird of Nydie and who went bankrupt in 1610, is thought to have joined the Plantation, for his close friend and neighbour was Alexander Ramsay brother of Thomas of Balmonth who took up a 2000 acre estate in Ulster in 1619.

I am really sorry not to have been with you this evening but I will be there in spirit, do have a good evening and I look forward to reading about it in your upcoming newsletter.

Alistair Charles William Forsyth of that ilk.
Chief of the Name and Arms of Forsyth and Baron of Ethie

A full copy of the Chief's message is available at <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/2015-clan-dinner-3>.

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HIGHLIGHTS - 2015 Clan Dinner - April 11th, 2015

On Saturday, April 11th 2015 at the Harrisville School of Arts Hall more than **120** of your fellow clansmen and women along with their invited guests enjoyed both piped music, vigorous Scottish Country Dancing and other entertainment, that "*shook the rafters*" of the Harrisville School of Arts Hall. They were also treated to a fine meal and the chance to catch up with family and old friends.



This year we commemorated 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 served and sacrificed.

While serving in the front lines, they were not alone in their sacrifice, as also both members of their own families and their 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.

The commemoration of our forebear's contribution to this important anniversary.

During the Great War of 1914-1918 almost every branch of our local Forsyth families were represented by at least one family member who served in this conflict. We were fortunate enough to have our resident historian and genealogist Mrs Lyndall Hill prepared for us a static display that illustrated the various contributions made by our ancestors, so that dinner guest could trace their direct family connections.

In addition Lyndall also made a detailed presentation during the evening to our assembled dinner guests regarding the various roles played by family members. She also provided us with some background on the events of the 1915 landings based upon her two recent trips, to that famed peninsular.



Addressing the Haggis Ceremony

The evening officially commenced with the addressing of the Haggis which was performed by piper Mr Alwyn Clarke; Mrs Val Ashton as Haggis Bearer; Bruce Mitchell Haggis Addressor and Mrs Rhonda Now as Assistant.



From left to right, Val Ashton (Haggis Bearer), Bruce Mitchell (Haggis Addressor), Rhonda Noe (Assistant) and Alwyn Clarke (Piper)

More Youth Members Involved.

It was really great to see an increasing number of young members involved in the conduct of this year's dinner. Val Ashton has always sought to find opportunities for a greater number of our younger members to be involved with the proceedings. Typical of this, in a somewhat of a break from tradition, The ANZAC Grace was delivered by one of our younger Clan Members, Miss Annie-Rose Forsyth (Annie).

Youth members this year, also participated in the demonstration Scottish Country Dancing, as well as picking up the microphone and announcing the Table Quiz answers and results from the podium. Some members also assisted with making and setting up of the table decorations prior to and on the day of the dinner.

A Special Birthday Announcement at the Dinner.

In the course of the evening we even had time to celebrate an 80th Birthday as we acknowledged Jean Forsyth's 80th Year. It was in fact in the same street in the hall where we held our dinner (Hall Street), that almost eighty years ago, Ellen Jean Schulz came into the world at the Harrisville Hospital in 1935.

This location again held further family significance, as it was in this hospital some 20 or so years later the Jean, now working as an enrolled nurse at the same hospital, treated a young man from nearby Peak Crossing, who presented to the emergency department with a large splinter in his foot.

His name was Max Forsyth. and according to Jean her initial impressions of him were not that favourable, however with the passage of time; five children; fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild, we can only assume that her initial opinion, may have altered at some stage.

Max and Jean Forsyth have been ever present members of Clan Forsyth Queensland extending back since its earliest days. They recall that they joined back when the annual picnic was first held in Queens Park Ipswich in about 1980.



Jean Forsyth

with three of her five

children prepares to cut her 80th Birthday Cake

Traditional Food, Entertainment and Good Company

All those both young and old who came and joined us once again, had the opportunity to only enjoy the famous traditional country food and great entertainment but they also had a chance to catch up with kith and kin.



Taking the time to share a meal and just catch up with family and friends

Address Regarding Fassifern Highland Gathering

We were also pleased to have with us for the evening Mr Cameron Stewart, who spoke to us about the big weekend that his organizing committee had planned for the last weekend in May 2015. In his short presentation he outlined the integral part that Scottish migrants in the 1800's had made to the surrounding area and the intended celebration of this later this year.

Further details may be obtained of this event by visiting the [Fassifern Highland Gathering](http://www.clanforsythqueensland.com/fassifern-highland-gathering/) page on this web site (<http://www.clanforsythqueensland.com/fassifern-highland-gathering/>).



Cameron ,Valkyrie and Astrid Stewart address the Dinner –
Re Fassifern Highland Gathering

The dinner guests were then instructed how to perform Scottish Country Dance. Eight intrepid dancers were piped onto the dance floor to provide us with a demonstration of fine Scottish County Dancing.



Demonstration Dance by Scottish Country Dancing Troupe

The audience shortly after were also invited to join in and both young and old filed onto the dance floor, to join these bold and brave instructors. After that the young and young at heart took to the floor once again.

[Click this link - To visit the Clan Forsyth Queensland Website and to see the video.](#)



Despite dance being one of those universal languages, many of us, (including some of the instructor), appeared blissfully unaware of a Scottish City named "**Nutbush**" or even that it had "**City Limits**".

Other dancing forms also remained "*unnamed*", as presumably none of the assembled participants or audience knew not how to pronounce "*Chicken Dance*" in Gaelic. (Many were later surprised to learn that the an on-line version of a Scottish-English translation, may have just been, "*The Funky Chicken*" all along.)



How DO you say "*Chicken Dance*" in Gaelic ?

Traditional Ballroom Dancing

However the classical versions of dance were more easily recognized. Later when asked,

"What was Victor Ashton's (Husband of Val and a Committee member) secret to his dancing prowess?"

He admitted to *"keeping fit, through regular bouts of washing up, after such functions"*.



**A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND
ARE YOU READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S DINNER?**



A Final Special Thanks to Wade Llewellyn ...

In a recently conducted telephone and [website Surveys](#) of members concerns and interest it had been expressed to committee members, that older members, were somewhat distressed at not being able to attend functions such as the Clan Dinner, due largely to their concerns regarding driving home afterward late at night.

This year a special 20 Seat commuter bus was provided to the Clan for the evening, courtesy of **Wade Llewellyn** of **Llewellyn Motors of Ipswich**. The use of this vehicle has allowed several of our more senior members to attend this year's dinner in both comfort and safety and without the concern of navigating country roads late at night. The Clan was overjoyed when Wade offered the Clan the use of a Commuter Bus for this purposed so we could convey these older members safely to and from the dinner.

Simple words truly do fail to express our gratitude to Wade Llewellyn for this gesture of kindness.

Feedback from participating members indicated that they were truly appreciative of the *"door-to-door"* nature of this service. Many patrons also paid special thanks to committee member **Heather Forsyth**, who help the elderly embark and disembark and her husband **Ian Forsyth**, who acted as their drive for the evening.

The only regret held about the bus used for the evening was that – **we failed to get either a photo of it or its patrons.** - **If you can help us out with such a photo, then we'd appreciate it.**



Upcoming Event

Fassifern Highland Gathering.

Boonah Showground - 30th-31st May 2015

The Boonah Show Society has recently requested that members of the Forsyth Clan Society take part in their upcoming Fassifern Highland Event to be held **30-31 May 2015**.

Mr Cameron Stewart the organizer of the event, spoke at our annual dinner and provided us with details of rich Scottish heritage of the Fassifern Valley through it's early settlement.

I have provided a link below, so that you may download a brochure from the vent organizers that outlines the event which is designed to celebrate the Scottish settlement of the Fassifern Valley.



Cameron Stewart addresses the 2015 Dinner

Fassifern Highland Gathering Event Outline

- Massed Pipe Bands + Parade
- Calling of the Clans & Clydesdales
- Piping & Highland Dancing
- Scottish Cuisine & Workshops
- Highland Games
- History of Scots in the Fassifern
- Ceilidh - Scottish Dinner & Dance

Despite our original intention to do so, Clan Forsyth Queensland, will not be attending this function as a body, due to reasons related to the wavering of liability, to the event organisers, as a requirement of entry . After receiving legal opinion on the matter, we were advised that as an unincorporated body, that we could not make a waiver the legal liability on behalf of our individual Clan members, without attracting personal liability, for this action ourselves. The event organiser required this waiver of liability for all events as a condition of entry and as such we were not prepared to participate under these conditions.

A copy of the organiser's required waiver document can be found at the link below:

- <http://www.clanforysthqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/Waiver-SRCS-2015.pdf>

It is however understood that several members of the Clan will be attending as private individual's, on the weekend and a good time is expected to be had by all .

Further details of this event can be obtained by contacting the organizing secretary:

Ms Greta Stanfield

Secretary

Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular Sub-committee

Boonah Show Society Inc.

Phone: **0407 960 029**

Email: clydiespectacular@hotmail.com

Website: www.boonahshowsociety.org.au



Upcoming Event

Harrisville Cemetery Project Members Opening

Harrisville Cemetery – Saturday 6th June 2015- 11.00am

The Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Queensland Branch) is pleased to advise, that the project that we commenced early in 2014 by the previous committee to provide a Toilet Facility and a Water Bubbler at the Cemetery has now been completed and handed over to Harrisville Cemetery Trust.

Funds Raised Over 39 Years

Most of the members of our Clan in Queensland are descendants of six brothers who arrived with their wives and children from Ireland during the mid-1850's onward. Consequently, quite a number are resting in peace in this historic cemetery.

The funds provide by the Clan have been contributed by the current members as well as those that have gone before over the last 39 years. All of these members are, or would be, pleased to see a worthwhile and appropriate use of those funds. This project has provided a handicapped standards compliant dry composting toilet facility at the cemetery for the convenience of all visitors and mourners.

All Clan Forsyth members are therefore cordially invited to attend the official opening ceremony to mark the completion of this major Clan project. The ceremony is to be held at 11.00 am on Saturday 6th June 2015, at the cemetery grounds near Harrisville. The Clan will be providing light refreshments afterward for all attendees.



Newly Constructed Amenities block and water bubbler adjoining to existing shade shelter.

We hope to see you there!

Please R.S.V.P. Your attendance by phone to the Secretary (Len Forsyth) on (07) 3814-2418 or email to rsvp@clanforythqueensland.com by Wednesday 3rd June 2015

Full project details can be found: <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/harrisville-cemetery>



"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 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



Late Breaking News - from Australian Clan Commissioner.

The 2016 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is coming to Melbourne

In news just received from **David Forsyth** (Australian Clan Commissioner) who has been advised by the Scottish – Australian Heritage Council, that **The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**, will be performed in Australia and New Zealand, in February 2016.

The Australia/New Zealand 2016 show will feature breath-taking performances from traditional Scottish favourites, precision drill teams, pipers, fiddlers and highland dancers combined with military and cultural groups from around the world. Edinburgh Castle in all its glory will be recreated in a magnificent 1:1 scale façade (a massive 29 metres high and 80 metres across) with the figures of William Wallace and Robert the Bruce standing guard over proceedings. The 1,200 performers will present an original Tattoo event - a truly spectacular and emotive experience.



In partnership with Seven West Media, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will appear at the Etihad Stadium, Melbourne on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th February. Stadium Tickets go on sale on 25th May on www.ticketmaster.com.au or www.edinburghattoo.com.au.



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

Life Events ...



Eve Josephine Cowan

Born 28th February 2015

- Eve Josephine Cowan, first born of Alex and Anya Cowan Ipswich.
- First Grandchild of Ian and Annette Cowan (Forsyth)
- First Great Grand Child of Max and Jean Forsyth.

Keith Noe – Turns 70.

Keith Noe had his 70th birthday on 24th March 2015.

A party, attended by about 80 family and friends was held on 21st March 2015 at the Harrisville Bowls Club. A good time was had by all who attended.

Keith, who still considers himself a “middle aged man”, is reported to already be anxious to “take on” his next 70 years.

His wife Rhonda (also Clan Treasurer), however was a little more apprehensive when questioned. She readily admitted to NOT being all that enthusiastic about redoing all the planning, baking and washing up for Keith’s next function, in just another 70 years’ time.



Keith Cuts the Cake

Do you have a Life Event to share?

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.*) If so, please forward details and photographs (if possible) for future publications to:

- By post: C/- 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

Welcome.

On behalf of the Clan President Mrs Val Ashton, the Society we wish to extend a warm welcome to our fold the following new Clan members:

- **David & Barbara Forsyth** – Mackay Queensland – (Membership current until **June 30th 2016**)
- **Ashley Forsyth** – Brassall Queensland - (Membership current until **June 30th 2016**)

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



2016 Clan Membership Renewal

Due by 30th June 2015

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

Renewal of membership to Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Queensland Branch) shall be completed to the best of the applicant's knowledge on the Renewal Form according to the Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Queensland Branch) - Rules 2008. The form shall then be forwarded together with the appropriate fee:

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 is Due by 30th June 2015

Direct Deposit Details:

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 064-117 Account No: 00905178
Account Name: Clan Forsyth Society (Qld Branch)

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 (Qld)

and post to:

Treasurer
Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Qld)
71 Forsyth's Rd
MS 124, Kalbar 4309

Together with the attached membership Renewal Form



Past Forsyth Castles in Scotland

Content and research by:

Alistair C.W. Forsyth of that Ilk, Chief of Clan Forsyth.

The Earliest

Sterling

Of all the Castles built by Forsyths it is sensible to commence with the earliest, though many of these are now only sites. The earliest lands recorded to a member of our family were granted by King Robert the Bruce being 100 solidates in the lands of Salakhill, which we identify today as Sauchie in Stirlingshire, within ten miles of the castle of Sterling, to Osbertus, then described as "*Serviens Regis*" and son of Robert de Forsyth. This land capable of supporting forty cows, a significant herd in those days had previously been granted to Michael Begg by King Alexander 1 to support him in the office of Serjandus of Sterling. Robert de Forsyth was described by the King as "*Serventi Nostro*" indicating a position within the Royal Household.

We do not know who the wives of either he or his son Osbert were but it was customary within the tight circle of the Court for marriages to take place between sons and daughters of courtiers. Osbert was appointed Serjandus of Sterling in place of Michael Begg who retired and relinquished the lands to the new appointee, for the King did not provide a salary but granted land for the duration of the appointment to support his official.

Osbert received his appointment in 1321 and relinquished it in 1342 to Hugo Urry who took over the lands with the appointment of Serjandus from Osbert. The Serjandus was an officer of the Sheriff Court. He executed every kind of summons, carried out arrestments of persons and property, denounced rebels and put them to the horn; he could also give sasines.

His insignia were a wand and horn and he often wore a signet ring with which he would seal official documents. Osbert had three sons DAVID de FERSITHE who was appointed "*Claviger Regis*" (King's Macer) in 1364 and by King Robert 11 a Baillie of the city of Aberdeen in 1390.



Stirling Castle (right circa 1360)

William, the second son, was appointed Baillie of Edinburgh in 1364 and Clerk of the Queen's Liverance in 1371. Baillies were judges in the local court of the city to which they had been appointed by the King whilst the Clerk of Queen's Liverance was the financial controller of the Queen's affairs.

Robert the third son became a collector of taxes in 1364 and eventually progressed to become Constable of Stirling Castle.

David de Fersithe had two sons JOHN de FORSUITH who was granted the lands of Gylecamstoun, now a suburb of the City of Aberdeen, and William who would settle at Milleague in Banffshire to found the Forsyth cadets in the North East of Scotland

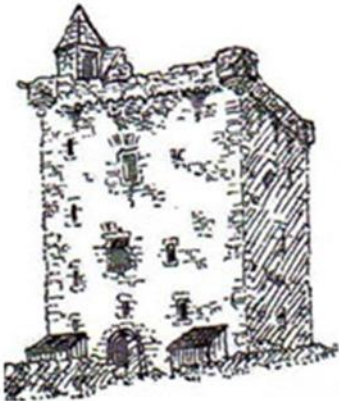
DAVID FORSYTH of GILCOMSTOUN, the only son of John, was one of the King's Esquires at the court of Robert 11 and on being knighted in 1488 he was granted a new Coat of arms being charged with griffins in place of his former Blazon which had been three Cross Crosslet Fitch which he claimed were the ancient arms of his family.... It is this record that was said to strengthen the claim that the family came from France and whilst the

cross crosslet was an heraldic symbol used by French knights who had been on the Crusades in the Holy Land, these arms would have to be identified in the ancient armorials of France that probably no longer exist.

David had two sons and a daughter Margaret. She married Sir Duncan Forrester of Torwood, Controller of the King's household whilst his elderson DAVID FORSYTH of GILCOMSTON (2nd) was appointed Marischal (steward) of the Household based at [Falkland Palace](#).

It was this David who married Margaret, daughter of David Blakader of Tullialloun, in Perthshire and niece of Robert Blackadder, Archbishop of Glasgow by whom the married couple were granted the lands of Dykes also known as Halhill, in 1499.

Halhill



The Castle of Dykes Also known as Halhil

The castle of Halhill in the parish of Lesmahago, Lanarkshire was a large Keep which was demolished in 1828 and was described as having a central arch so large that one hundred men could stand beneath it, shoulder to shoulder. It was from this time that the family decided to use the territorial title of Dykes to become the "*Forsyth's of Dykes*". Perhaps it was David's younger brother, Thomas. The third son, who became a Canon in Glasgow Cathedral and was a close associate of Bishop Robert who may have helped in arranging the happy and successful marriage.

DAVID FORSYTH of DYKES fell at the Battle of Flodden against the English in 1513 when as a member of King James 1V bodyguard and surrounded, they fought with their Sovereign to the death, a fact that was recorded and rewarded with a pension for his son, David, who was a minor.

The sketch shown above is a representation, based on the remnants of foundation stones of the castle of Dykes otherwise known as Halhilland the 17th century map by Johnathan Blaeu.

It was drawn by Nigel Tranter, the famous Scottish historical writer and acknowledged expert in Scottish domestic architecture of the middle ages who was a close friend of the Chief and his family.

What then happened?

The young David Forsyth of Dykes (3rd) continued living at Halhill when in 1533, Sir James Hamilton of Finnart, younger brother of the Regent and illegitimate son of King James V, expressed a desire to own Halhill.

Inchnock

The King made Sir James Feudal Superior of Dykesand the Forsyths continued in residence. However, feeling uncertain of their future they exchanged their remaining lands of Creveychin with Thomas Erskine, Earl of Mar for the lands of Inchnock and Geyne in the Barony of Monkland, close to Dykes in 1539.Their plan was to build another Castle thus enabling them to relinquish Halhill to Sir James Hamilton.

In the event, Sir James fell from the King's favour in 1541 and David Forsyth of Dykes continued in residence until 1585 when following the Reformation, Halhill, being ultimately Church Property reverted to the Crown. However, by this time David had completed the construction of his new [Castle Tower In Inchnock](#), one mile North East from Monkland Kirk, a site which today is covered by a housing estate. Halhill or Dykes was in due

course granted to the Earl of Thirlestane, ancestor of the Dukes of Lauderdale, who allowed the Castle to fall into ruin.

[Click Here for Link to Forsyth Castle - Inchnock Tower](http://www.stravaiging.com/history/castle/inchnock-tower#largemap)

(URL - <http://www.stravaiging.com/history/castle/inchnock-tower#largemap>)

Notes:

- "*Solidates*" was an area of land measuring about 1.5 acres
- Being "*put to the Horn*" was a declaration that was pronounced on rebels and Bankrupts and consisted of the "*Serjandus*" or other official blowing three blasts of his ceremonial Horn from the local market square before reading the King's proclamation, those named were then pronounced outlaws.
- A "*Sasine*" is a document giving title and a description of a land grant.

Source References:

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- Stoddart's Ordinary of Arms.
- Sheriff Court Book of Fife 1515-1522. Gylecomston Charters, Archives of the City of Aberdine.



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 ever growing 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.



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Young Member Profile.

Miss Stacey Ashton

Stacey may not need introduction to many members of Clan Forsyth as she has worked alongside mother Glenys and grandparents Vic & Val Ashton and other family members at Clan Forsyth functions for some years now.

Members may also have seen her dancing or planning the children's activities at the dinner, organising the games day or simply enjoying a game of disc bowls especially the year her team won.

Stacey has always been a bright child attending Amberley State School, bagging a swag of academic and cultural awards Stacey went on to enrol at West Moreton Anglican College. Selecting the extension classes for her subjects it wasn't long before she was awarded a Chinese language scholarship for 4 years which took her on a short tour to China.

Stacey was also awarded the academic award for agricultural science achieved via class highest mark over the academic year for each of 4 years.



Stacey a regular Clan Dinner participant

Stacey enjoyed Beef Cattle showing and this is no surprise as her parents Garry & Glenys operate a beef production farm at Amberley. Stacey continued playing the bass clarinet in a much larger band that at primary school and they were very disappointed when she decided to give it up.

However, the shift was just sideways to join the very successful choir which took her to most of the same eisteddfods and competitions as the band including performing at awards evenings, the St Johns Catholic Cathedral in Brisbane and Brisbane's Brightest and Best to name a few. Stacey also enjoyed being part of the college's environmental committee.

Receiving a good OP score upon graduation after year 12 from West Moreton Anglican College she was accepted into University of Qld at Gatton studying a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Wildlife Science. Whilst the intention was to follow her mother (a veterinary nurse) into the veterinary field to become a vet Stacey enjoyed the Wildlife interests far more and decided to stay with Wildlife Science and take on a certificate 4 in captive wildlife also.

Work placement has taken her to the Ipswich Queens Park nature reserve for a month at the beginning of the year and Native Wildlife Teaching and Research Facility at UQ Gatton Campus. As this is her final year of her course Stacey will be looking for a position of employment in the wildlife industry at the end of the year.

Stacey enjoys spending time with and riding her chestnut mare named "Indy" and enjoying the semi-rural lifestyle which is home.



Stacey in China 2011

Editor's Note on 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

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Important Clan Dates to Remember

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Fassifern Highland Gathering – Boonah	• Saturday – 30-31st May 2015
Harrisville Cemetery Project Members Opening	• Saturday - 6th June 2015 11.00am
2015 Kirkin' o' the Tartan - St Paul's Presbyterian	• Sunday 9.30am Service 28th June 2015
Clan Membership Renewal Date for 2015	• Due Date - 30th June 2015.
Clan Activities Day – Ashton's Hall Amberley	• Saturday - 9-10 am 25th July 2015 Morning Tea and conversation
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

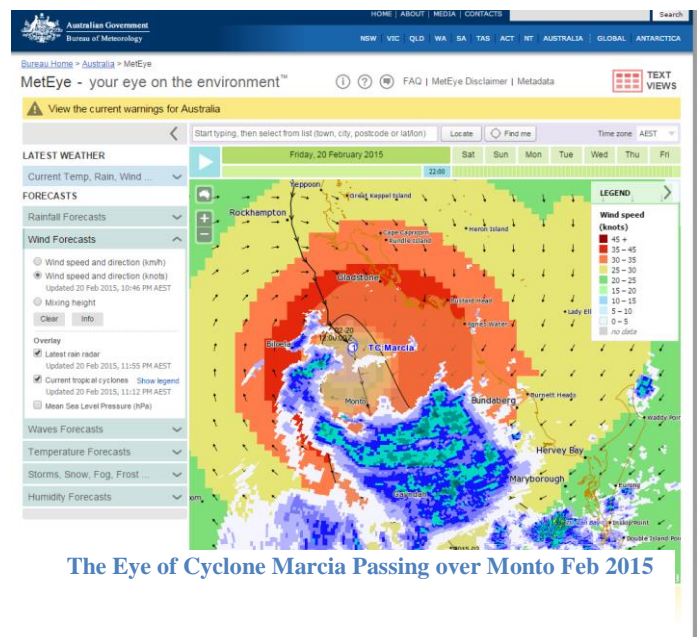
A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND AND THOSE ON THE LAND.

Coming from a life on the land myself, I know many of us may occasionally imagine escaping back to simpler times and lifestyle, where life continues to unfurl at a much steadier and simpler pace. Such nostalgia may be especially prevalent, when our lives are confronted and sometimes even daunted by the ever increasing rate changes that we face in our modern “hurried” urban lives.

The next this happens though give a thought to those Clan members, who are still on the Land. Change out there often does not take place over months and years. Instead it can take place in just weeks, days and or even hours.

Only the other day, I was writing to you all about the plight of those fellow clan members who were gripped with withering drought, in central Queensland and I was asking for you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Since that time and only days after our last edition of the Clan Journal went to press *nature (in the form of Cyclone Marcia)* has about to change the rules yet again. This severe weather event swept in from Coral Sea and dumped flooding rain and damaging winds firstly on Yeppoon and Rockhampton and then on to the central Burnette towns of Monto and Biloela as the weather system moved south .



Despite immense losses to civil infrastructure such as roads, power and telephone, I eventually managed to speak with George Forsyth of Monto by phone shortly after the event. George advised me that he was as safe and dry as could be expected.

He also told me though that severe flooding had isolated much of the regions along with road access to his son Bradley Forsyth’s property at Biloela, which had been cut off by road for sometime.

I would hope that by the time you are reading this much of this disruption has abated and rectification works have been completed. We also trust that Clan members George, Bradley and Drew along with their respective families ALL remain safe and well.



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

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