

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

May 2007



Hello Everyone,

The Annual Dinner in March was a wonderful success. 153 people were confirmed as attending, 149 turned up. So we did really outdo ourselves this year. We were really pleased our Commissioner Jim Forsyth and his wife Judy from Sydney could join us for the evening. All who attended really enjoyed themselves. Hope we see you all there again next year. A word of thanks to all who helped make it such a success. We had people decorating the hall and arranging the tables in the morning, and after the dinner we had a crew who cleaned up and put everything away. A **huge** 'Thank You' to you all.



Addressing the haggis: From left to right, Des Phillips, Trevor Campbell, & Donald MacSween.



From Left: Keith Forsyth, Geaffrey Forsyth, Isobelle King , Trevor Forsyth , Joy Farrell, Des Phillips, Jill Soppa & Allan Forsyth. All are descendants of Sam Forsyth of Ashwood Grove farm, Peak Crossing.



Clan Forsyth Qld President Don Forsyth and his wife Beth on either side of Helen Bradshaw, who travelled down from Townsville for our Dinner.



Two of our younger dancers, Jared Forsyth & Lillian Donald

Clan Forsyth A.G.M. & Picnic

Now we have to get ready for the A.G.M. and Picnic on Sunday, 26th August, 2007 at Peak Crossing Park. BYO chairs, lunch and ideas. If the weather is against us in the park (Ha Ha), the Hall is the best place to shelter. We will have our 'Bring & Buy' stall, Clan shop, raffle and for the little ones, a jumping castle. We will also be having a disc bowls competition (a game everyone can play). It's loads of fun and you don't need to have any athletic ability. So, come and join us. Clan members, friends and all who want to join in and have a great day catching up with the family. See you there.

The Car Observation Tour was cancelled for this year, as some of the usual participants were away on holiday. So keep in mind the last Sunday in May, 2008 for either a Games Day **or** Car Observation Tour.

Bannock Burn Dinner, run by the Campbell Clan, is on Saturday, 23rd June, 2007.

The venue is the Queensland Irish Club in Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

7:00pm for 7:30pm start.

COST \$65 per person.

R.S.V.P. 15th June, 2007.

Dress-: Gents – Highland Dress/Lounge Suit.

Ladies – 'After Five'

It is a four course dinner, with mulled wine, orange juice & wine [no spirits].

Clan Campbell usually donate the profits from this dinner to a charity.

It is a very good night out.

Clan Family Camp is still on, destination to be announced at the Picnic. Sept/Oct, 2007 is the time set for the camp.

Birthday news: Bethel Gordon turned 90 on the 16th May, 2007. I hope she had a wonderful day. A birthday card from the Clan members was posted to her. Happy Birthday, Bethel.

The Kirkin of the Tartan is on Sunday, 24th June, 2007 at St Patricks Catholic Church at 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, for the 9:00am service. Plenty of car parking beside the Church. The Scottish Clans' Congress of Queensland are the organisers of this function. A morning tea will be served after the service in the hall beside the Church.

Tartan Day. On Sunday, 1st July, 2007 at Southbank Park, the Australian Scottish Community put on a Tartan Day. This function runs all day starting at 9:00am. There will be plenty of Pipe Bands, Dancing [both Scottish and Irish], Stalls and food. This is a good way to fill in a Sunday. There is no entrance fee, so just park the car or catch a train to South Brisbane Station and come on in.

A Bit of Scottish Humour

The great philosopher, Lachlan McLachlan, propounded a number of irrefutable laws - such as

Lachlan's Laws - # 7 "He who laughs last, thinks slowest."

Lachlan's Laws - # 9: "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer."

Good Exercise: Dr MacGillicuddy was despairing over Big Bella's inability to lose weight - she had a liking for all the food that was on the "banned" list and never took enough exercise. "Right," said the doctor. "I'm prescribing these wonder pills for you. I don't want you to swallow them. Just spill them all on the floor twice a day and pick them up, one at a time."

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 23rd – Bannock Burn Dinner

JUNE 24th – Kirkin of the Tartan

JULY 1st – Tartan Day

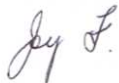
AUGUST 26th – Clan Forsyth A.G.M. and Picnic

SEPT/OCT – Clan Family Camp

See you all at the Peak in August. If you need any information about any of the functions mentioned just give me a call. Pray for rain and keep healthy.

Kind regards

Your Secretary



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