

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

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30TH ANNUAL CLAN FORSYTH DINNER

Well what a tremendous evening we all had once again. The entertainment flowed on throughout the evening well. Our heartfelt thanks must go to the very hard-working committee members and their wonderful partners and family during the lead-up to the dinner. This year our theme was on our heritage and ancestry and thanks to all who donated photos to be scanned and made into placemats particularly Beth, Joy, Jill and Rhonda for their extra effort to make this possible. Thanks also to the Highland dancers from Heritage City School of Dance. Thanks to Stacey who provided a power point display of past dinners and relatives aplenty. Our wonderful live music was once again provided by Bruce & Baden Mitchell and had many a participant on the dance floor. Thanks to Geoff who hosted a wonderful new segment called "Who are you? and Where do you come from?". Geoff interviewed members of our clan to enlighten others where they fit into the family and was very entertaining. We are hoping we can



continue this segment in our newsletters so if you have a profile of one of the family please send it through to Heather our secretary to be considered for entry into the newsletter. The basics of who are your parents and grandparents, where do you live and who are your relatives etc so that we can all get to know each other better. Photos would be welcome also. We are planning to make copies of the power point with some extra photos from the placemats and other photos of past events to be available for sale at the picnic, look out for them at the bring & buy stall.

Address to the Haggis

Claire Receives Life Membership

Claire Guymer who has worked hard on our committee for more than 26 years was awarded a life membership at our Annual Dinner in March. (Pictured at right receiving her certificate from Val Ashton, President of the Clan Forsyth Society Qld Branch.) Claire is the great great grand daughter of James and Catherine Forsyth. She is descended from their second child, William Forsyth who was born in 1862 while the ship that was bringing his family to Australia was rounding the Cape of Good Hope. William married Rosalie Winks in 1886 and they had six children. Their second child was Irene Eaton who married William John Russell. They had one child, Barbara Jean Russell. Unfortunately when Barbara was about 18 months old her mother died of blood poisoning. As Claire tells the story, it was drummed into her as a child not to scratch at pimples because this was put down as the cause of the blood poisoning. Barbara went on to marry Harold Bertram Fox and they had four children. Irene Claire (Claire as we know her) was born the second



child on May 18 1933. (Happy 77th Birthday Claire) Claire and her husband William Robert (Bob) Guymer have been married for 54 years on the 2nd of June this year. They have two children Craig Robert and Ann Louise and three grandchildren, Jack, Bailey and Naomi. Bob was in the air force for 20 years so they have seen a great deal of Australia and Malaysia with their various postings. Both Claire and Bob are volunteers and Life Members at the Cooneana Historical Society where their hard work is greatly appreciated. Congratulations once again on your Life Membership Claire.

NEXT EVENT - ANNUAL ACTIVITIES DAY SUNDAY 30th MAY 2010

Come along to Ashton's Hall at Amberley (just west of Ipswich) for an activities day. The disc bowls competition will be held again (and hopefully not washed out like last year). There will be a jumping castle for the kids and children's activities and a talent quest also. For the adults there is always an array of board games, card games or maybe just come along for a bit of a catch up with the rellies or make it a family day out. The day kicks off from about 10am till early evening so come along for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea or stay all day. It's BYO food with tea & coffee provided so it's up to you how long you want to stay. Soft drinks are for sale on the day.

FAMILY CAMP

The family camp is at Geoff Forsyth's place at Peak Crossing later this year and is shaping up to be bigger than Ben Hur. If you just love a bonfire and camping then this is one you won't want to miss. There's talk of a tour of the Forsyth's residences in the area at some stage also. More information at a later date.

Upcoming events which maybe of interest

12-13th June the Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Championships are on in Ipswich, Queensland

For more information contact Katrina 0414 776 361 or www.ipswichthistle.com

19th June – Bannockburn Dinner. This is to be held at the Gaythorne RSL Club, Samford Road Mitchelton. Commencing at 7pm. Cost is \$60 per person. Please contact Bob Morrison for more information on 07 3355 7415.

20th June - Kirkin 'O the Tartan to be held at St Pauls Church Brisbane. Service beginning at 9.30am

3rd July – Scotland the Brave. This is a smash hit celebration of Scottish music, song and dance and is a spectacular production featuring over 100 performers, including a choir and pipe band, soloist singers, dancers, pipers and fiddlers at Brisbane Concert Hall, QPAC at 2pm and 8pm. Booking: Qtix 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au.

4th July – Tartan Day Celebrations. Presented by the Scottish Community (Qld) at Southbank, Brisbane. A day of Scottish entertainment and stalls in the heart of the city. Info: www.aussie-scots.org or 07 3855 1072.

29th August – Annual Picnic. Pencil this date in for our Picnic and A.G.M. at Peak Crossing.

Food for Thought: The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.