

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

October 2011



The day before our annual picnic was very wet, so we decided to have it in the Peak Crossing Hall. It turned out a really lovely day and those who did turn up had a great time.



On the left was our youngest at the picnic, Lawson Greenwood at 4 months, and oldest was Bethel Gordon at 94 years young.

Right is pictured Bev Kerkin and Rhonda Noe, manning the stall. Thanks for all the hard work, everyone.



Some of the members enjoying the day

Pictured below are winners of the disc bowls, Graham King (again) and Keegan Bullock



The raffle prize of a beautiful crocheted rug, donated by Laura Hodder once again, was won by Norm King. Other winners of lovely fruit and veggie trays were Samantha Bullock, Geoff Forsyth, Peg Forsyth, Sue Forsyth and Jill Soppa.

At the A.G.M. which followed lunch, a new committee was elected with only two changes. Jill Soppa is now our Treasurer and we'd like to welcome new committee member Judy Forsyth, (wife of our Vice President Geoff). We would like to thank outgoing Treasurer, Glenys Ashton, for all her hard work on the committee. She will be greatly missed, but we know she is always willing to help when needed.

President Val Ashton presented her report which follows.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 28.08.11

Well what a year we have experienced, kicking off the year with the terrible floods and cyclone Yasi. The Clan sent a donation to assist those in great need. We felt terrible hurt within the Clan with the loss of some of our members who have been a great part of the Clan for some time. Also our Commissioner Jim Forsyth from Sydney is on the sick list. I spoke to Jim and he said to pass on great thanks to all our members for their prayers and messages. We look forward to better things to come for the year.

Our picnic is a success and we would love to see more members here for the day. The disc bowls is becoming quite competitive with all age groups represented competing for the shield, not for sheep stations. Our bring and buy stall and Clan shop is still going well with thanks to our ever hardworking group of ladies who help us each year to make it a success.

Our annual dinner was a great achievement with numbers up again and a greater contingent of the younger generation attending which is very encouraging for the future. Our Scottish Country dancers again demonstrated and invited others to join in. Members of the dance group included four young girls with the youngest just 6 years old encouraging those of all ages to have a go. Our thanks to Glenys Ashton for her leadership and encouragement and to the dance group for making this possible.

The activities day at Ashton's Hall on the last Sunday of May was well attended, numbers were increased from last year. An Array of board games, activities, card games and jumping castle with the talent quest and disc bowls keeping everyone entertained. We held a working bee at the Harrisville cemetery to bring the graves and surrounds to a tidy state. A huge thank you to all involved and we gathered a lot of valuable information of our pioneers from the visitors on the day.

I would like to express our thanks to Des and Dot Phillips who attended the Kirkin of the Tartan on behalf of the Clan. In finishing my report I would like to thank my committee for all their support throughout the year, especially my secretary Heather at just a phone call would arrange special cards to be sent to members in difficult times. We are always thankful to our husbands, partners and family for their assistance in preparation and attendance at functions. May we all have a happy and healthy 12 months ahead.

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ANNUAL FEES

If you have not paid your fees for this year please forward membership payment to the Treasurer. Jill Soppa, 25 Harding Street, Raceview Qld 4305. Single membership is \$10.00 with membership for a couple \$15.00. Payment may be paid at any of our regular events. Please make cheques payable to Clan Forsyth Society

In Sympathy

On the 6th August we lost Alan Forsyth. Curly, as he was known, was the brother of Joy Farrell who passed away earlier this year. We also lost Bill Bond on the 3rd September. Bill was Isobel King's brother. What a sad year it has been for the family. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Also it is with sad regret we have learnt that our Commissioner Jim Forsyth has lost his battle and departed this world on the 17th September 2011. He will be greatly missed by all and particularly our Queensland Branch as he was very supportive of us.



James Davidson Forsyth, Commissioner in Australia for Clan Forsyth, passed away on 17th September 2011. Chief Alistair Charles William Forsyth of that Ilk, proclaimed him as Commissioner on 1st June, 2006. He was extremely proud of his Scottish heritage, was proud to represent our Clan and loved all things Scottish.

Jim was a member of the Clan Society in Australia, Sydney Branch, since its beginning, and served as Treasurer for many years, and then President.

In his position as Commissioner, he always enjoyed visiting Queensland Branch of the Clan for their annual dinner, as he did at the local Sydney Branch functions. He enjoyed the Scottish days around Sydney, manning the Clan information tent. Brigadoon at Bundanoon was a great favourite.

He represented the Clan at other Scottish organisations - The Combined Scottish Society, Scottish Australian Heritage Council and Scottish House at Guildford.

UP COMING EVENTS

The Clan Family Camp will be held on the 15th – 16th October 2011 at Donnybrook
Sorry for the short notice.

For any information please phone Val Ashton on (07) 54292395

Annual Queensland Branch Dinner

Keep the 24th of March 2012 free. More information at a later date.

If you have any trips around the country planned for the next few months, I have listed a few events that you might like to attend.

6th Nov 2011. Castle Hill, NSW - Castle Hill Highland Gathering

At Castle Hill Showgrounds, one of Sydney's largest Scottish events with pipe bands, Scottish events, heavy events, stalls and more presented by The Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Inc. Info: (02) 9524 4943, (02) 9871 3593 or

www.sydneyhills.com.au.

2nd Jan 2012 Maryborough, VIC - The Maryborough Highland Gathering

The oldest continuous Highland Gathering in Australia-full day of Scottish events, a great way to kick off the year! info: (03) 5461 1480 or www.maryboroughhighlandsociety.com.

21st April 2012 Bundanoon, NSW - Brigadoon-The Bundanoon Highland Gathering

Australia's largest Scottish festivals with all day entertainment and Scottish family fun! Pipe bands, heavy events, Scottish dancing, stalls and much more. Info: Bundanoon Highland Gathering, PO Box 74, Bundanoon, NSW, 2578 or www.brigadoon.net.au.

3-6th May 2012 Glen Innes, NSW - 20th Australian Celtic Festival

Year of Galacia & Brittany-a full weekend of Celtic entertainment and events at the Australian Standing Stones. Info: 02 6730 2400 or www.australiancelticfestival.com.

These are just a few.

BIRTH NOTICE



On the 18th April 2011 we had the arrival of Lawson Greenwood.

He is a brother for Isaac & Louisa, son for Naomi & Greg, grandson of Loch (dec) & Sue Forsyth, great grandson of Peg and Keith Forsyth.

