

# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

## QUEENSLAND BRANCH

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What a lovely day we had for our picnic this year. The sun shone on the last Sunday in August at the Peak Crossing Park. The early birds certainly got the worm. The bring and buy stall was all hustle and bustle with every one getting great bargains and stocking up on biscuits and slices, jams, relishes, plants and crafts. (Sorry Peg that you missed out on the 'Lemon Butter'. It went like hot cakes.)

It was lovely to see Loch Forsyth arrive after all the health problems he has had this last year. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you Loch for a full recovery.

We had great participation in the Disc Bowls again this year with Beth Forsyth & Heather Forsyth coming out the victors. They were excited after all the intense competition. Well done to everyone who competed. Hope you all enjoyed it.



At our A.G.M. in the afternoon Queensland President, Val Ashton, presented Past President, Don Forsyth, and Past Secretary, Joy Farrell, with Life Member Certificates for all the hard work they have done over their many years on the committee. Congratulations to you both. Very well deserved. As always at the A.G.M. we elect a new committee for the coming year. This year the same committee was put back in.



President – Val Ashton; Vice President – Geoff Forsyth; Secretary - Heather Forsyth; Treasurer – Glenys Ashton; Committee Members – Claire Guymer, Jill Soppa, Don Forsyth, Rhonda Noe, Lucia Forsyth-McKee. We are all looking forward to another year of working together.

The oldest member at the picnic was Bethel Gordon at a very young 93 and the youngest was little Mitchell Stewart at 11 months. The person who travelled the greatest distance to be at the picnic was Collette Forsyth, all the way from Darwin.

Our raffle this year was a lovely crochet rug donated by Laura Hodder, daughter of Keith & Peg Forsyth. Peg presented the rug to winner Glenys Brown seen in picture on right. Other winners of



fruit or vegie trays were Rhonda Noe, Kath Pitman, Jill Soppa, Don Forsyth and Michelle Forsyth.

We would like to thank everyone who lent a helping hand on the day. It was much appreciated.

The following is the Presidents Report that was presented at the A.G.M.

## 2010 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To fellow Clan members and friends.

It gives me great pleasure to present my first president's report celebrating 30 years at our annual general meeting at Peak Crossing. I thank-you for your faith in me as president and I have enjoyed the past year immensely. Our first function was the family camp but unfortunately was not well supported; however, it was enjoyed by those who attended. Our committee Christmas breakup was at Jet's Leagues club, beginning a well earned rest before preparation begins again in January for our 30 year Annual Dinner in March. With our newest committee member Jill Soppa coming up with the idea of placemats of our ancestors for the dinner to celebrate a heritage ancestry theme. Thanks to the members supplying us with photos to help make the placemats a success and to Rhonda Noe for collecting them.

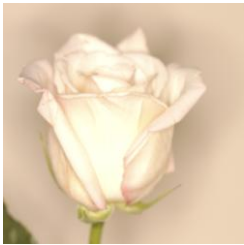
A big thank-you also must go to the Highland Scottish Dancers from Heritage City School of Dance, Esther Keddy and Belinda & Alarna Leonard for their continued support at our dinner. Also our won Scottish country dancers including the younger generation dancers which belong to our members. Thanks to Glenys who helps to work with our dancers and prepare them for this occasion. We were very appreciative of the help we received from those who attended the dinner with clearing off tables etc. This is a great help as our committee members have a long day beginning very early in the morning till the finish of the evening.

With our activity day as always was an enjoyable day with the jumping castle, disc bowls, talent quest and a variety of card and board games to keep everyone occupied. A very big thank-you to Stacey Ashton with her help on this occasion and all clan functions where she contributes. Victor & I attended the Brannock Burn dinner held at Gaythorne RSL club on 19 June 2010, it was an enjoyable evening. The next day Victor & I attended the Kirkin of the tartan at St Paul's church. Thanks to Geoff Forsyth who carried our banner in front of me as I presented our tartan. Nice to see as always Des & Dot Phillips as familiar faces also, To end on a sad note I acknowledge the passing of Enid Waters of Southport. Victor & I attended the funeral. I would like to say a very big thank-you to our wonderful committee members and their partners and families who work so tirelessly and without their continued commitment to our clan our events would not be so successful.

Kindest Regards,  
Val Ashton  
President  
Clan Forsyth of Australia  
Qld Branch

## ***FAMILY CAMP CANCELLED***

At the picnic Geoff Forsyth (our vice president) explained a little about the old family farm, *Ashwood Grove*, which he has purchased at Peak Crossing. He has found where the old homestead once stood even though there is not much left of it now. It was thought to be a great idea to have the annual family camp there and do a bit of an archaeological dig as Geoff has found a few bits and pieces already. Unfortunately because his new house has not been finished, there is a bit of a snag concerning insurance etc. we have had to cancel the camp for this year. We still hope to get there at a later date.



## ***WITH SYMPATHY***

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July we sadly lost one of our long time members, Enid Waters. Enid was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1926 and lived at Peak Crossing til she was about 16, when she moved down to the Gold Coast where she remained for the rest of her life. She is survived by her sisters Doris Mathison, Bethel Gordon, Joan Bradshaw and her baby brother Max Forsyth.

## ***GENEALOGY***

Beth is about to start compiling all the information she has gathered about the Forsyth's at War. If anyone has any further information that they wish to include, please get it to Beth as soon as possible. Beth Forsyth, 37 McInnes Road  
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## ***About Scotland: St Andrew's Day November 30th***

St Andrew is Scotland's patron saint, shared with Greece and Russia. He was one of the original Twelve Apostles and a brother to St. Peter, both former fishermen called to follow Jesus. St Andrew never actually set foot in Scotland, while he was alive.

**According to a Latin history of Scotland** written in the 1440's, around 750 a Pictish warrior-king named Unust (729-61) was having the worst of a battle against the Northumbrians, when St Andrew appeared to him in a dream and promised him victory; this boost to Pictish morale apparently did the trick, assisted by another supernatural omen – a huge cloud-formation against the blue sky in the shape of a saltire (a diagonal cross, the *crux decussata*, on which Andrew was said to have been crucified at Patras in Achaia). Hence the adoption of St Andrew as Scotland's patron saint, and the blue-and-white saltire banner as the symbol of Scotland's nationhood. Legend has it that this battle took place at Athelstaneford near Haddington, in East Lothian and it is traditionally believed to have provided Scotland with its patron saint, the apostle Andrew, and its banner, the saltire. Information taken from--Magnus Magnusson – **Scotland The Story of a Nation** p30/31

## ***PLACEMATS & DVD'S***

Just a note to advise those people who ordered placemats and DVD's that due to computer problems they have been delayed. But never fear you will get them.

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## ***ANNUAL FEES***

If you have not paid your fees for this year please forward membership payment to the Treasurer. Glenys Ashton Lot 5 Southern Amberley Road, Willowbank Q 4306. Single membership is \$10.00 per person 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

