## **CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA**

### **QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

## September 2007



At the AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> August a new committee was voted in for 2007/2008. If you have any queries about the Clan these are the people to contact.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT ANNUNAL GENERAL MEETING PEAK CROSSING AUGUST 2007

I present to you the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual report of activities of Clan Forsyth of Australia, Queensland Branch, 2007.

The Clan Family camp was held at Esk on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006, and although poorly attended those few who were there had an enjoyable weekend.

The Harrisville Cemetery – With Clan Forsyth providing the funds, the Harrisville Cemetery Trust and the Lions Club were able to achieve the laying of the cement floor under the shelter shed at the Cemetery. Other work is still to be carried out to achieve our goal with the historical graves within the cemetery, it is hoped that a working bee will be held in the near future.

Annual Dinner at Peak Crossing Hall in March 2007 was very well attended by members and close friends and supporters as 147 attended. Once again the littlies won the day, they are very enjoyable to watch. We also had the support of the Graceville Scottish Country Dancers, I feel we now have a following from this group. However one thing that came out of having so many people, is that we now have to move our Dinner to Harrisville School of Arts in 2008.

The purchase of a Karaoke machine has proved to be of benefit to Forsyth Country Dancers group at practices.

It has become apparent that the Constitution is badly in need of an update, so to this end I suggest that the New Committee and interested members of the Clan should be able to sort out a new constitution adapted to Queensland's needs, and be able to report back to the members within the next 12 months.

In the up coming events we have in place a trip to Monto on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007, Where all are welcomed to join us, we will be meeting the Forsyth's from around Monto and district, this should be a very good weekend so do come along and help make it a memorable occasion.

The date for the annual dinner is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008, and it will be held at Harrisville as previously mentioned.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their help through the year. I would also like to thank you the Clan members for supporting the activities the Committee has provided through out the year.

& B Forsylt

#### 2007 PICNIC

After having such a long dry spell we thought we were going to get rained on for the day, but the Gods smiled on us and the sun shone. We had a great time, specially with the introduction of the Disc Bowl Tournament. Hope everyone enjoyed playing it. The trophy winners were Rob Kerkin, Vic Ashton and Stacey Ashton. Well done team! The winners of the raffle were Ryan Stewart, Mike & Desley Ahern, Peg & Keith Forsyth and Dot Forsyth. Hope you all enjoyed your prizes. The Bring & Buy Stall provided some of us with enough goodies to stock up the pantry. Lots of yummy slices, biscuits and jams. A huge Thank You to all who contributed. The younger ones enjoyed having the jumping castle to bounce around in and keep them occupied. Glenys also organised a disc bowl competition for them, which they had fun doing. At our AGM at the picnic retiring committee member Des Phillips was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for many years hard work. We would also like to thank Joy for sixteen years of dedicated work as our secretary/treasurer. At our meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Joy was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

#### **CLAN FAMILY CAMP**

Don't forget the Clan Camp this year is at Monto on the 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2007, with the idea of catching up with our more northern Forsyth's. There will be a meet and greet on the Saturday and in the evening dinner is being organised at the R.S.L (\$15 for roast and sweets) It should be a good weekend, contact Monto Caravan Park (07) 4166 1492 for bookings of cabins, powered and unpowered sites.

#### **MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

We have membership certificates on sale for \$5 each. If you would like one please contact your Secretary Heather and she will get it organised for you.

#### **OUR CONSTITUTION**

Our Society is run in accordance with a constitution. Over the next year we are going to update this document. So anyone who is interested in having input into it is welcome to come along to our meeting on the  $20^{th}$  January 2008.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Members Les and Joyce Forsyth from Eastern Heights, Ipswich celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Congratulations, hope you have many more.

#### **WORKING BEE**

There is a working bee to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at the Harrisville Cemetery. Willing helpers are required to ease the work load.

#### ANNUAL DINNER

Mark the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008 on your calendar. We are having the Dinner at Harrisville next year. It is only ten minutes further along the track from Peak Crossing and we're sure it will be more comfortable for everyone as it is a larger hall.

We would like to remind members that fees are due on the last Sunday in August each year. If you haven't paid for this year could you please forward payment to the Sec/Treasurer.

Fees are \$10 for single member, \$20 for a family. This helps to cover the cost of printing and posting the newsletter to you. If you would like your newsletter e-mailed to you, contact Heather e-mail address ifo20133@bigpond.net.au