



FORSYTH CLAN SOCIETY (QUEENSLAND)

NEWS LETTER

(No. 1)

The day set aside for the forming of the CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY (QUEENSLAND) was Sunday, March 16th, 1980, and some fifty members of Forsyth families gathered together to attend a Church Service at Knox Uniting Church, Moorooka. Some members took part in the Service, which was followed by lunch, and a meeting at which election of officers took place and a Constitution adopted.

It was a most happy occasion for those who attended, and there were some people of the name of Forsyth who had never met before.

There were many apologies, and as we know there are some 300 to 400 Forsyths and their descendants around, it is hoped that the group will grow larger each time we meet.

The Steering Committee which had arranged the function retired, but offered themselves for nomination.

The meeting elected the following office bearers:-

PRESIDENT	Mr. Ross FORSYTH 2/15 Erskine Street, KEDRON Q 4031	Phone: 572-538
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. John FORSYTH 52 Newman Avenue, CAMP HILL Q 4152	Phone: 398-2848
SECRETARY TREASURER	Mrs. Gwen GARTSHORE 113 Delville Avenue, MOOROOKA Q 4105	Phone: 483-180
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TREASURER	Mr. Gordon PERRY TARAMPA via LOWOOD Q 4311	Phone: (073) 861-208
COMMITTEE	Mr. Des PHILLIPS 25 McAllister Street, IPSWICH Q 4305	Phone: 281-3383 Work : 225-4293
	Mr. Don FORSYTH 23 George Street, NEWTOWN Q 4305	Phone: 281-0574
	Mr. Keith FORSYTH 50 Blackstone Street, INDOOROPILLY Q 4068	Phone: 782-772
	Mr. George FORSYTH P.S. 1406 CABOOLTURE Q 4510	Phone: (071) 195-2058
	Dr. Robin FORSYTH 1191 Mt Gravatt/Capalaba Rd., BURBANK Q 4123	Phone: 343-1776

The Constitution that was circulated was adopted with amendments:-

- (1) That the Branch mentioned on the Constitution should be changed to "Queensland";
- (2) Committee size should be a maximum of nine (9) instead of fourteen (14);
- (3) Quorum for Committee and other meetings to be in line with size of Committee;
- (4) Positions of Secretary and Treasurer to be combined.

It is suggested that those of you who received a copy of the suggested Constitution should change these relevant sections.

At the moment, the Committee wishes to consolidate itself, and believes that there are many things that can be done in the future to have a useful function to all Forsyths and their descendants.

It should be noted that no matter what your name is, or how many generations you may be away from an original Forsyth, you are a descendant and therefore a welcome member of the Society.

It is noted also that as the Queensland Forsyths have been meeting together since 1974, and approximately 140 gathered together to welcome Chief Alistair of that ilk from Scotland in November last, members are becoming better acquainted, and there is a definitely friendly atmosphere about - so come along and join in!

A telex message was received from Chief Alistair and read at the meeting, wishing all Forsyths a happy day and best wishes for the future of the Forsyth Clan Society in Queensland.

The next reunion is to be in Queens Park, Ipswich, on Sunday, September 7th, 1980, from 11.00a.m. - BRING A PICNIC LUNCH.

The Committee expects to arrange a function in March, 1981 - date to be advised.

The Inauguration of the Chief in Scotland took place in March, so it would be fitting to have an Annual function at this time.

We will keep away from the function Sydney Branch has so that visits can be made by one Branch to another. As Arthur Forsyth (Chief's Commissioner in Australia) is part of the Sydney Branch, he would like to visit other Branches if possible.

A function nearer Christmas to include the children has been suggested - please let us know your feelings.

The Branch invites all persons bearing the name Forsyth - whatever the spelling - their descendants and spouses to join the Society. The membership can be individual persons or Family Membership, consisting of one household. The Membership Fee, to cover operating costs, printing and mailing etc., is from \$2-00 to \$20-00 as you wish.

Mailing will be to members who are financial, but this does not exclude anyone from joining in the functions and reunions.

There is to be a Gathering of the Clans in Scotland - May, 1981 - Anyone interested? Please contact the Secretary for any information.

If you need to know anything, feel free to contact any member of the Committee.

The Chairman suggests that members generally could compile a History of the Forsyths in Queensland, and that anecdotes etc. be recorded and forwarded to the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to join the CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY (QUEENSLAND)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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.....Post Code

PHONE:

Family Members' Names

Enclosed is membership fee payment \$

Please mail to Secretary:

Mrs. G. Gartshore
113 Delville Avenue,
MOOROOKA Q 4105

Phone: 48-3180



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It was good to see many of you at Ipswich on 7th September. This was the first Ipswich gathering since the formation of the official Clan Association. It was at last year's gathering at Ipswich that the initial movement began which has resulted in the formation of the Clan Association.

Next year, it has been decided to have the Forsyth Gathering back at Peak Crossing. Planning for this has already commenced, so mark off the last Sunday in August, 1981 in your diary, (30th August)

Our next big function is on 7th March 1981. Its a Saturday and we are having a banquet at the Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Those of you who were at the banquet in November, 1979 and have been asking for another one - THIS IS IT! Those of you who missed last year's banquet - THIS IS YOUR NOTICE! don't miss the one in March. Just yesterday, I had a letter from our Clan Commissioner in Sydney, Arthur Forsyth, and he is going to be there.

The very next thing on our programme is only a few weeks away. On Sunday, 30th November, we want you all to pack a picnic lunch and come and have a picnic at the Apex Park on the Southern outskirts of Caboolture. We realize that there are a lot of commitments for people as Christmas approaches, but if you are not busy on that day, come up to Caboolture and we will have our own Christmas "do".

Finally, we are no longer sending Newsletters to people who are not Financial members of the Association, so if some of your family or relatives are not receiving newsletters, tell them to send us some money and we will do the rest. Better still, bring them to the next Clan Function. We would love to meet them.

Until I see you all again,

Ross Forsyth
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Ross Forsyth (President)

Enclosed is a copy of part of the latest Newsletter of Sydney Branch. It makes interesting reading and some of you may be interested to visit with them sometime.

Remember, make a date for Saturday, 7th March, 1981. Invite your friends and any old Friends of the Forsyths.

Also, the Picnic at Apex Park, Caboolture, 30th November.

George & Merle Forsyth of Caboolture have joined the Clan and have suggested this - Do come along!

See you Anon,

Gwen (Gartshore)

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