

# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY — AUSTRALIA

Queensland Branch:

Newsletter:



20th February, 1995.

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone had enjoyable Christmas and New Year and the rain has been a great start to the New Year for you.

We start a new year for the Clan and our first consideration will be the Annual General Meeting and Dinner to be held on Saturday, 25th March, 1995, at the Function Room of the Ipswich Turf Club, Ipswich Road, Bundamba.

The doors will be open at 5.00pm for savouries and drinks and the General Meeting will commence at approx. 5.30pm to allow us to select a new committee and get the general business part of the evening out of the way of dinner and entertainment.

The address to the Haggis will be at approx. 7.00pm and dinner will follow. This year, as a small change, we have changed to a cold smorgasbord for the main meal so I hope we don't have a cold change, weatherwise, on the 25th March. The cost per person is \$28.00 per person and children, between 4 and 12 years, \$14.00 each. The cost of a smorgasbord is higher than a sit down meal hence the increase to you. WE did have a few complaints with last years' meal, so I hope the change will be acceptable.

I hope as many as possible can come and have an enjoyable out with family and friends. We have to have a roll up of 65 to get the venue free, any number less than 65, we have to pay out \$200.00 for the evening, so come along and bring your friends.

R.S.V.P. is Friday, 18th March, 1995, but, I will accept acceptances up till the following Tuesday, the Turf Club like to have a fair idea of numbers by the Wednesday prior to the Dinner. Please, when sending in numbers, if I could have names so I can make out the name tags prior to the day and also the number of children and names coming to the dinner. Thank you, that will be a great help.

An acceptance form is attached for your convenience.

Entertainment available will be Scottish and Country dancing and I hope we will take advantage of their presence to get up and dance and hopefully a Piper to liven up the sound waves. A guest speaker has been invited to give a small address.

For those of you who will not be at the Dinner, the "Shed" account is now standing at \$1,200.00. Slowly but surely we are getting closer to the shed for the picnic grounds at Peak Crossing. Thank you for your generosity.

Our sympathy and prayers go to Perla Forsyth and family. Perla is an original member and Don, one of her sons, is our Vice-President. While Bevan is no longer with us, I know he will be remembered.

Our Commissioner, Gwen, will not be with us this year for the dinner. One of our sister Societies down south, who only meet once every two years, are having their meeting at the same time as ours and as Commissioner, Gwen likes to visit as much as possible... ~~Queensland sends the very best of good wishes~~ to all down south and would like Gwen to pass on these wishes when she goes visiting.

Picnic Day, Sunday, 27th August, 1995, as early as possible. Bring and Buy will be one of the features of the day, so put on thinking caps and come up with some novel ideas for our stall. Like last year, cakes, plants, novelities and anything else you may come up with, all the more the merrier. The children will have the usual games with kit flying, which is always a lot of fun.

I would like to welcome Jim Forsyth, his wife and children, back to Toowoomba. Jim has spent a few years in Japan so Jim, we hope to see you at the picnic or the dinner, but I know, having small children can be a problem for night functions. See you.

I would like to hear from any one who has news of family happenings so I can pass on to other members. In other words, I'm looking for interesting items to put in the Newsletter, family news, recipes, which you think other members like to hear about, please put pen to paper and let me know. Thank You.

The Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc., a new group formed to help Scottish and Australian people to a better understanding of all things Scottish, in conjunction with Somerville House as host, will be presenting the 1995 Grand Highland Ball at the new Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Bank, Brisbane, on Saturday, 1st July, 1995. If any Clan Forsyth members are interested there will be more information in the next Newsletter.

In closing, I would like to once again, remind you of the dinner and hope we see you all there.

Your Secretary,

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# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY — AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND BRANCH:

September, 1995.



Hello Everyone,

The picnic was a splendid success as all of you who attended will know. The weather was on our side too, sorry, no rain but the sun was very good for our picnic. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. It was very good to see new faces and faces we have not seen for a picnic or two. I must make a special note here on how lovely it was to see Auntie Marj. McDougall and Uncle Stewart Forsyth at the picnic. For those of us not in the know, Marj. and Stewart are the last surviving children of a family of eleven of Grandfather "Black" Sam and Grandmother Isabella Forsyth of Ashwood Grove, Peak Crossing. I know time may not be on our side but I hope we will see them again next year..

The 'Bring and Buy' was very successful again, \$254.50 was taken and a very heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to that success.. A special 'thank you' to Rhonda Noe, Joyce Forsyth and Beth Forsyth for their big effort on the 'Bring and Buy' and Rhonda still found time to manage the 'Shop'. I hope we can organise some relief workers for them next year as I know they did not have time to be at the picnic. Thank you, Ladies, and your men off-siders.

Thank you to Loch Forsyth. he did a sterling job of keeping the younger generation under control. I hope I'm not imagining it, but there appeared to be more children this year which to my mind means more families are attending, I hope I'm right and that it keeps happening..

The oldest person at the picnic was Mrs. Perla Forsyth, widow of Basil Forsyth and Mother of two of our committee members, Don Forsyth and Rhonda Noe and the youngest at two years was Samuel Forsyth, I'm not sure if he belongs to the Black or Red factions but it is good to see that Samuel is being kept alive in the Forsyth family. Hope we see you both at the next picnic.

As a result of the meeting at the picnic and some work by committee members, we have a new venue for our Annual General Meeting and Dinner next year. We have yet to work out a new format for the function and the menu is still to be organised as it stands, we have the option of a 'sit down dinner' or buffet, with 'seconds' guaranteed and a bigger choice of meats for the Buffet.

The price will also be more to your liking and we will have more on the price and the menu and format in the next Newsletter. We have booked the function room at the North Ipswich R.S.L. Club Cnr. Downs & Lowry Sts., North Ipswich, for Saturday, 16th March, 1996. The time is to be organised, watch for the next Newsletter.

The Scottish Clans' Congress of Queensland Annual Combined Ceilidh is to be held at the Irish Club, 179 Elizabeth St., Brisbane on Saturday, 14th October, 1995, commencing at 7.00pm. Cost of supper and entertainment is Adults: \$18.00 per head and Children: \$10.00 per head. There is to be Music, Dancing, Singing Raffle and Lucky Door Prize. Everyone welcome, whatever nationality, get some friends to-gether and book a Clan Forsyth table.

This year the hosts are Clans Fergus(s)on, Gordon and Macfie. It was our turn last year. To book your seats you can contact either Ross on mobile 018 786-189 or myself on (07) 3299-1709 or direct to Bob McPhee on (Work) 3363-2353 Home (074) 66-5269, Malcolm Ferguson 3289-1697.

Post payments and booking to: The Secretary,  
Scottish Clans' Congress of Qld.,  
P.O. Box 363,  
Spring Hill. Q. 4004.

R S.V.P. Tuesday, 10th October, 1995.

The Kirkin' of the Tartan Church service will be held on 26th November, 1995, at the 9.30am service at the Uniting Church, Cnr. Creek and Ann Sts, City. History tells us it will be the 250th anniversary of the Independence from England so will be a very significant day in Scottish history and Scottish hearts. I hope we will see as many of our members as possible at the service.

It is with sadness that I tell you of the passing of one of our older members, Gordon Perry. Gordon served his time as Secretary and Committee Member of Clan Forsyth Society. Gordon was not well for some time but he will be sadly missed by all members. Our thoughts and prayers to his widow, Alice and family, in this sad time..

I have some family tree forms to send to Judith in Sydney so if you have not filled yours in yet, please do so and return to me as soon as you can.

I still have some Scottish Newsletters left so if you would like a copy, please let me know and I will post one out to you.

Do not forget our Clan Shop, Rhonda has some new ideas and merchandise on hand and our support will help keep this project in operation. I am sure she would be pleased to hear from you if you have some ideas you feel would be an asset to the shop. Rhonda's phone no. is (07) 282-5761..

We would like to hear any ideas or comments you would like to make on the AGM next year. Please let us know how you feel.

Will close now and get your thinking caps on and hope we hear some feed back from you. God bless and keep well.

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Your Secretary,

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