

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY — AUSTRALIA

Queensland Branch:

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Hello Everyone,

Thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting and Dinner on 21st March last and Thank you to our Commissioner Allen Forsyth, Sydney, for joining us on this most successful evening.

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Welcome to all members of the Committee and a big welcome to Keith and Des doing a second round of duty.

The Presidents' report for the last year is on the following page. Please turn over.

The President's Report. I quote:-

"It gives me much pleasure to make my report to the 18th A.G.M. of the Queensland Branch of the Clan Forsyth Society of Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Allen Forsyth, Commissioner of Australia, and thank him for coming to our A.G.M. and Dinner.

We have had a very active year and some of the activities I will mention in this report.

Forsyth Street, Yeronga, was the beginning of an enjoyable day filled with ideas and views of Brisbane. Heather has excelled herself again for the car activity day held on 25th May, 1997, after driving around gathering answers to a questionnaire we arrived and enjoyed a B.B.Q. at Oyster Point. Carol, Russell and Les Forsyth won the event with the most points. This event has been set for the last Sunday in May of each year. So please make a note in your diary and come along and have a great time.

The Annual picnic at Peak Crossing was blessed with a wonderful clear day for the last Sunday in August. We welcomed Commissioner of Clan Forsyth in Australia, Allen Forsyth and his wife Elizabeth, to our meeting. After lunch Allen addressed the members of our gathering.

Over the last few years we had committed ourselves to upgrading the picnic area around the shed at Peak Crossing, to this end the area around the seating and shed is now paved. Thanks go to Loch and the Ipswich City Council for the way this was organised. We supplied the pavers and Ipswich City Council laid them for us. This has made a vast improvement to our little area.

The 'Bring and Buy' was once more a wonderful success, as was the shop, the cricket match and the youth activities, all were well patronized. Thanks to all who participated to make these activities a success. A special Thanks to Kath Forsyth for the donation of the raffle.

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Outside activities the Clan members have attended have been The Bannock Burn Dinner., Clans Ceilidh and Kirkin of the Tartan.

A matter of concern is that there is still two unmarked graves in the area where Clan members are resting at the Harrisville Cemetery. If anyone knows of or could identify these graves it would be greatly appreciated. Please talk to any member of the Committee if you can help us.

1999 will be the 20th Anniversary for the Clan in Scotland, to celebrate this milestone the Clan Society of Australia is planning a trip to Scotland, if anyone is interested or wishes to have more information on this please see Don or Joy.

We have tried to bring some new items into the shop, we hope they will meet with your approval, if you have any suggestions to help with the shop, please feel free to tell us.

Thanks go to our Committee for the way the team has supported me over the last 12 months, and I wish the new Committee all the best in the coming year.

We are always looking for new ideas. Come and talk about them to your Committee.

I take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed being President and thank you all for your support!

Present President of Queensland Branch.
Don Forsyth.

Newsletter cont'd:

Thank you to Graham and Helen Sykes, who have asked for time-out from the Committee for awhile. They both worked hard for the Committee and the Society as a whole and we hope they will enjoy their spare time.

If you have any problems or wish to extend new ideas, please contact the Committee as everything, no matter how small, helps to make our Society more workable and enjoyable.

The next outing is the Forsyth Observation Tour to be held on Sunday, 31st May, 1998, from Fehlberg Park, Yeronga. Forsyth Street runs off Venner Road and borders the Park in Yeronga. Meeting time is 9.00am where Heather will hand out the questionnaires and where we are to meet for breaks and lunch. The Tour start will be staggered and it is BYO food and drinks and the odd chair might be handy. \$5.00 per car and the first pass the post with the highest number of points gets the prize. The last in or with the lowest points also gets a mention. Commissioner Allen from Sydney is very interested in our Tour and has passed the remark he would like to see something like this happening down South.

The trip to Scotland in 1999. We are still getting figures to-gether here in Queensland. Don has spoken to July, who is looking at figures for Sydney Branch and at this point in time, we have not had much luck in getting some costs to-gether, but they will be here in plenty of time. So far Queensland has 4 sure starters and a couple of hopefuls. Will keep you posted.

The Bannock Burn Dinner is on Saturday, 20th June, 1998, at the Irish Club in Elizabeth Street, City. Hosted by Clans Donald and Campbell, this is an enjoyable night with Dinner and Entertainment. All Clans and friends are welcome. The cost is \$50.00 per person and is a 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start to the evening. Tables can be booked if you want to bring a party. R.S.V.P. is 12th June, 1998.

Tartan Day is on 1st July, 1998. The Australian Scottish Community Inc. will be found in Anzac Square or on the Mall. Join them.

Kirkin of the Tartan. To be held this year on Sunday, ⁵th July, 1998, to beat the November heat, at St. Brigid's, Musgrave Rd., Red Hill. Time to be advised after the Scottish Clans Congress meeting on the 17th May, 1998.

The Scottish Clans Congress Ceilidh will be held in October, 1998 at the Irish Club and I will have more information on date and time after the meeting on the 17th May, 1998. Will keep you posted.

The Picnic: Our picnic this year is on Sunday, 30th August, 1998. It will be to your benefit to turn up early as possible for a good parking spot. The 'Bring and Buy' will be there so all good cooks will soon be working hard making jams, pickles, chutney, cakes, biscuits, etc. and some sewing items anything that is car transportable and is for sale we would like to see, please. I would ask that you give the ladies on the stall time to set up and price everything before buying, approx. 10.30am. There will also be a raffle and I hope your response will be as good this year as it was last year, which was very remarkable. A cricket game is on the Agenda with a trophy for the best and fairest player and a kite flying contest with home made kites, weather permitting and games for all children young and old. See you at the Peak.

Newsletter cont'd:

We have contacted the Ipswich City Council about getting better wheel-chair access to the toilets at the park and they have promised to put the matter to the next budget session. The park is very much public property and more people than the Forsyths make use of the park so I feel we may get something done about our request.

On a sad Note I mention the passing on 1st April, 1993 of Stewart Wheeler Forsyth, the seventh son and second youngest of Sam and Isobella Forsyths children of Ashwood Grove, Peak Crossing. Uncle Stew. had a very adventurous and fulfilling life being in the RAAF during world war 2 and now, where there are many homes, large and small, in and around the Gold Coast and some Brisbane suburbs, Uncle Stew. cleared that land. He leaves his widow, Rosa, and six of seven children born to them. Our prayers are with Auntie Rosa and family.

President Don and Beth have also had a sadness in the death of Beth's brother, Ted, from cancer.. Jim Tinney, Beth's father, has had over the last month or so, had two major operations from which he seems to be recovering fairly well. He is still in hospital at this time of writing. Our prayers to Beth, Don Jim and families over their loss and Jim, get well soon.

As everyone knows, Ipswich, was hit by a very severe storm last month with fatalities, but, maybe not generally known a member of Les and Joyce Forsyths' family was injured whiling clearing debris, a tree branch fell hitting downed electric wires and Russell was badly burned on his hands. I hope things are getting better for you and that your hands are improving. Get well soon, Russell.

The shop has some new items and they need to be seen to appreciate the work and time put into them. Have a look and if you have some new ideas please tell some one on the Committee or better still, while looking at the shop items tell Rhonda or whoever is behind the counter, Thank you.

One more point, please can we have some relief people, either Male or female, for the 'Bring and Buy' stall. Joyce and her helpers do a wonderful job, but they also need a breather. If you can help, please see Joyce and organise a time between you. Thank you. See you at the picnic.

See you at the Forsyth Car Observation Tour on May 31st and at Peak Crossing on 30th August, 1993.

Now, before closing and on a happier note, I would like to mention, that Don and Beth Forsyth were awarded, by the Governor of Queensland, a Silver Koala Badge, for 25 years distinguished Service to the Scouting movement. Congratulations to you both.

Your Secretary.

