



Clan Journal – August 2016

A message from Val Ashton – President Clan Forsyth Qld

Hello everyone

How quickly the year rolls around.

The Clan has filled in the time most energetically and fully since the last edition.

The **Activities Day** was held again at Ashton Hall, Southern Amberley Rd, on Sunday 29th May. There was a gathering of members and their family who all enjoyed the variety of outdoor disc bowls and indoor board games and cards which entertained all ages. Much fun was had by all. We hope to see you there next year.

Then it was a great roll up to the **Boonah Clydesdale spectacular** at the Boonah Showgrounds on Saturday 11th June. **What a great day for the Clan** when we were awarded second place in the Parade at Calling the Clans, with our young ladies Monique and Jacinta Ashton carrying the banner and leading us out on to the ring. We were piped on to the grounds by the very friendly Sergeant from the RAAF Pipe Band. Next year, bigger and better numbers in our group would be great, and we hope to have a display with Fassifern Forsyth histories for people to share. It was lovely to meet up with Vivienne, Kath and Alex Forsyth's daughter.

Last weekend, on Sunday 17 July was the annual **Bowls Day at the Harrisville Bowls Club**. Thanks goes to Rhonda and Keith Noe for their reliable organization. Many ends of bowls were played and for the non-bowler, friendly games of cards showed the true champions. Winners on the day were Keith Noe and Mervyn Welk, Jack Brain and Heather McMahon and Marlene Welk and Ashleigh Wraight. Congratulations on such a friendly day of fun – even the rain held off for us!

Soon we will be holding the **AGM and Picnic at Peak Crossing Park** (opposite the Peak Crossing State School) and I warmly invite you all to come along and share a day of family fun, catching up and finding new connections. This is a good opportunity to meet the hard working committee members and show your support at the Bring and Buy stall or the Clan Shop. Gather all your family together and come along on Sunday 28th August from 10am, bring a picnic lunch, buy a soft drink from the shop, settle in for a game of disc bowls, chat with friends and relatives, or learn more about your family tree or check your details. There's something for everyone!

Sadly some of our membership have experienced ill health recently and on 21st June 2016 Keith Forsyth aged 93 years son of Cyril and Elsie Forsyth passed away. Victor and I attended the funeral and our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to Keith Forsyth's family at this difficult time.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible on Sunday 28th August.

Best wishes

Val Ashton
President



Important – Membership is due NOW

Please check Treasurer Rhonda's details below and send your membership renewal or joining fee now – Only financial members are able to vote at the AGM in August, so don't miss out.

Activities Day – testing the mind with Pictionary, Cards and Board Games are members of the Ashton family at Ashton Hall. Thanks to Val and Glenys (seated in the foreground) for the organization and the young boys who prepared the grounds for disc bowls.





You're invited!

. Scots in the Bush – Boondooma Station – August 19, 20 and 21st August 2016

– book it in to your calendar now

Gathering Event Outline

- Pipe Bands; Performers Parade + Calling of the Clans
- Piping & Highland Dancing
- Scottish Cuisine & Workshops
- Highland Games
- Boondooma Station tours
- Displays and stalls
- Ceilidh - Scottish Dinner & Dance
- Over 300 motorhomes, campers and caravans joined in the fun in this lovely peaceful location

This will be an excellent opportunity for Forsyths from all over to gather and share with other clans in a beautiful part of the country near Preston/Murgon/Kingaroy/Monto. This could be your chance to visit this bit of Queensland. Accommodation for huge numbers of motor homes, caravans and campers is available at Boondooma Station itself, or Boondooma Lake a few kilometres down the road has some cabin accommodation as well as camping spots.

Boondooma Station hosts this event and there are loads of activities to do and friends to be made. **Let's make it a big Clan gathering** – especially for those living closer to that area who can't make it to Harrisville for the Clan Dinner, or the Annual Picnic/AGM. Check out the websites at www.boondoomahomestead.com.au or www.lakeboondooma.com.au for more information and for bookings. We already have a few people going along.

. Picnic – AGM – Along with the fun and friendship all our activities give to so many, is the chance for you to become a helper to keep the Clan alive and thriving! Please come along to the Annual Picnic on **Sunday 28th August at Peak Crossing Park. Bring and Buy Stall** – we would love donations of produce, plants (check for fire ant prohibited areas), preserves and crafts all welcome. And those of us who are not as crafty can bring along our coin to buy the goods. Soft drinks will be on sale. **BYO picnic lunch**, Disk Bowls, Displays, *Your Family History and Tree*....something for everyone to enjoy!

. AGM - Thanks to **Rhonda Noe** for her diligence and efforts as Treasurer over the past years and **Lyndall Hill** for accepting the 2015-16 role as Acting Secretary. However, neither will be continuing in these roles in 2016-17. All committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations called from the floor.

If you would like to nominate for any Committee positions, please do! Proxy nominations and proxy votes can be made on your behalf if you are unable to attend. Please contact Glenys Ashton (details below) for more information on how to do this. We need more members to attend and more to take on roles to keep the Society flourishing. Without members to fill the necessary roles the Clan cannot continue to full capacity and it would be unfair to those that continue year to year in positions to take on the workload. Please consider taking on a position to assist with the future of the Clan.

. DATE Claimer – Sat 1st October – DONNYBROOK DINNER – for a fun-filled night of Scottish dancing, meal and entertainment for those living closer to the north coast, or for those who would like to make a weekend of it, there will be a great night coming up. Pencil it in and *more details are to follow*.



Rhonda Noe and President Val Ashton proudly displaying the Clan Forsyth banner, and the RAAF Pipe Band at the recent Boonah Clydesdale Spectacular. Once again the horses stole the show!





Historian/Genealogist

- We have added a [Clan Forsyth Qld FaceBook](#) page recently, and are now ready to open this to public access to join with Forsyths across the globe. Please join in and share some good photos, old yarns or comments. Items such as this newspaper article about a young Vic Ashton was submitted by Dawn Mullholland from Aratula. Thanks Dawn.

<h1>Boy with broken wrist best rider</h1>	
<p>With a broken wrist encased in plaster, 15-year-old Victor Ashton, of Amberley, today was named the best boy rider at the 1953 Royal Show.</p>	
<p>Young Ashton gave a superb display of horsemanship, although handicapped by a fortnight-old broken wrist.</p> <p>He beat 12 other boys aged between 13 and 16.</p> <p>In his summing up of the boys' riding, the judge (Mr. C. A. Rogers, of Warnambool, Vic.) faulted Victor on one point only, a slight stiffness in the hands—but he had no knowledge of the broken wrist.</p> <p>There were spills among the thrills that entertained the big ring-side gallery.</p> <p>Miss Margo Wall (Clermont) fell heavily, but escaped with a shaking when her horse, "Buttons and Bows," slipped on the edge of the turf and crashed on the trotting track.</p> <h3>Ring hiatus</h3> <p>At one point a hurried reshuffle of the ring programme today saved the</p>	<p>programme today saved the 10,000 ring-side crowd from at least one hour of resentful inactivity.</p> <p>Ringmaster Dick Hill re-arranged the programme when the Pike Bros. and Bennet Chains sheep dog trial failed to go on as scheduled at noon.</p> <p>Mr. Hill said the trials were run by an independent body. The R.N.A. just allotted them a time from noon till 1 p.m.</p> <p>Mr. Hill said he understood that the dogs were ready for the trial, but there were no sheep.</p> <p>Trick riders Dan and Buddy Crotty were brought forward from 1 p.m. and J. Wilton from 3.20 p.m. to fill the "dead hour."</p> <p>The midday upset followed a delayed start of the 1953 ring events.</p> <p>The first event.</p>



- . We welcome a new Clan member – **Congratulations** to Lucia McKee on the birth of her granddaughter Mia Joy



- . If you come along to this year's picnic we are offering a chance for a family tree session with Lyndall to create your own tree in a hard copy book form for yourself and family. Come and have a chat on the day or contact Lyndall on the details below. What a great opportunity.



Young Members Profiles:

If there is a special young person that you'd like to let us know about, please drop us a line with their details, so that we can not only share our past but also being to celebrate our future generations. Please email – youthnews@clanforysythqueensland.com

Big Congratulations go to the following Young Achievers – :

Jujitsu – a family affair



Grandparents Ken and Anne Gamlen are very proud of granddaughter Hayley on achieving her blue belt in Jujitsu. Great effort Hayley! Congratulations from the Clan!



Jacinta Ashton – Boonah Show prizes for her chooks – and her eggs are much sought after!



Stacey Ashton – 21st photos – where has the time gone?



Jack Brain, Stacey, Glenys, Brendan and Garry Ashton
Celebrate Stacey's 21st in the theme of the decades.



Stacey & partner Jack dressed in the 20's theme
To celebrate Stacey's 21st birthday.

Keep your fellow Clan members informed of the events that matter to you...

Life Events ...

If you have news to share with your fellow Clan and family members of any of life events (i.e. births, sporting, scholastic or community achievement awards, graduations, marriages and anniversaries etc.) please forward details and photographs (if possible) for future publications to:

- By post: C\ - Acting Secretary Clan Forsyth Qld, 643 Mt Tully Rd, Stanthorpe, 4380
- By Phone: Lyndall Hill – 07 **46837283**
- By email: news@clanforsythqueensland.com



A happy crowd sharing lunch, lawn bowls and cards at Harrisville Bowls Club



Winners are gridders – Well done Marlene Welk

Membership: Anyone considering membership to our fold. Please check out the website and the archived journals to get a feel for your place in the Clan. Please share with other members of your family as well. Check with Rhonda below for your Membership type and very small annual fee of \$10 single or \$20 family.

- <http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/wp-content/uploads/2015-Renewal-Form.pdf>



Payment: Either by Direct Debit or Cheque

Direct Deposit Details:

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 064-117 Account No: 00905178
Account Name: Clan Forsyth Society (Qld Branch)

Please add reference: e.g. your name (*Fred Forsyth*)

Please email the above Booking Form Details to:
treasurer@clanforythqueensland.com

Alternate payment arrangements may be made, if required by contacting either:

-**Rhonda Noe** (*Treasurer*) on **07 5467 2200**
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Together with the attached membership Form

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