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CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
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Clan Journal – September 2015

*A message from David Forsyth –
Commissioner Clan Forsyth Australia to
Coralie Schoenknecht*

(Message read by Val Ashton, President 2015 at Clan Forsyth Picnic to all Members and Guests)

Congratulations on Being Made a Life Member of Clan Forsyth

Dear Coralie

Congratulations on being made a life member of Clan Forsyth. It is a fitting award for someone with your long standing membership and support of the Clan.

I am pleased to hear that a number of Queensland Clan Forsyth members like yourself are living well in to their 90s. It surely demonstrates how good life is in Queensland and how robust Forsyths are!

The world has changed amazingly over the last century, with major advances such as penicillin, aircraft, computers and telecommunications, which have changed our lives forever. Young people today have little comprehension of the basics of life in the early 20th century. I do hope your memories and reminiscences are being recorded and kept for future generations.

Again please accept my congratulations.

David Forsyth
Commissioner Clan Forsyth Australia





President, Val Ashton, presents the posthumous Lifetime Award for Coralie Schoenknecht to her son, Leon,

HIGHLIGHTS - 2015 Clan Picnic – August 30th, 2015

On Sunday, August 30th 2015 at the Peak Crossing Park more than 30 of your fellow clansmen and women along with their invited guests enjoyed each other's' company and fellowship at the Annual Clan Picnic.

As this year saw the incorporation of the Association, there was no AGM and the volunteer committee members continue in their positions until the next AGM which will be at next year's picnic on 28th August, 2016.

The President's Special Message from Val is shared here with you all:



A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

It was only a few very short 12 months ago, that I had the opportunity to again serve my fellow clan members as their Queensland President. Since that time the management committee and I have dedicated ourselves to building upon our long traditions while at the same time embracing the changes we all face in our modern lives.

Proudly in the last 12 months not only have we as a group have completed several long standing projects but we have also completed the following:

- Created and launched a new look Clan Journal as a primary communication device.
- Completion and opening of the toilet facility and water bubbler at the Harrisville cemetery and the water bubbler at the Peak crossing park. Thanks go to Geoff Forsyth, the Clan sub-committee Rob Kerkin, Gordon & Carol Forsyth and Beth Forsyth as well as other sponsors for their great efforts to complete these projects. Please show our appreciation with a round of applause.
- Held a very successful dinner enjoyed by over 110 attendees.
- Created and Launched our Clan Web Site (<http://www.clanforythqueensland.com/>)
- Re-engaged with our memberships and held several successful social functions.
- Re-Established close ties with other branches both here in Australia and overseas.
- As any organisation who is constrained to being only able to conduct two events per annum will surely wither and perish, we have renegotiated our Insurances with our provider to be able to recommence a broader and more numerous range of events and activities for our members throughout the year.
- We have reviewed our set objectives and modernized and streamlined these so that they are more closely aligned to what we can achieve with our given resources and time constraints.
- Re-examined our fundamental structure of our association and have become an incorporated body for the benefit of members both now and in the future.

None of this would have been possible without the combined efforts of a small and focused group of individuals who served as the Clan Committee. I would like to formally thank each and every one of them for their support over the past 12 months in setting and achieving our mission.

Sadly we have lost some very valued members over the past 12 months, Edna Weber and Coralie Schoenknecht. We have also recently celebrated Doris Mathieson's 100th birthday where Victor and I attended a lovely party at Bribie Island. Life memberships have been awarded this year under special circumstances to Doris Mathieson, Joan Bradshaw and posthumously to Coralie Schoenknecht due to her passing.

With such an impressive body of work already completed it may be hard for some to imagine what else may need to be complete in the coming year. However, unfortunately there is still much to be accomplished in order that we can best serve our members. In order to achieve much of this we need more than anything else, to receive your input, opinion and advice. After all listening to our members and fulfilling their wishes, should be the primary goal of any associations executive. I will look forward to catching with you all again soon, by either phone, post or in in person, so that I can better understand how to be of assistance to you.

Please know that you are ALL once again, in our thoughts and prayers and that we will look forward to catching up with you again shortly.

Minutes of the General meeting on the day can be found at the link on the website at www.clanforythqueensland.com.au

The annual disc bowls competition, as always, was a hit with young and old, while many of the older folk spent time adding to the map of the original and current property owners and locations. The Bring and Buy stall raised \$223 and the raffles were won by Val Ashton and Bev Kerkin. Thanks for all the donations from everyone!

Bev Kerkin found time to check out the maps as well as win the Disc Bowls Competition along with partner Vic Ashton



The Bring and Buy stall as popular as ever with great produce and gifts to suit all tastes

Rosie Stokan and Ian Cowan share stories and information together and Val Ashton, Anne Gamlen and Lucia McKee catch up



Max and Jean Forsyth have been ever present members of Clan Forsyth Queensland extending back since its earliest days. They recall that they joined back when the annual picnic was first held in Queens Park Ipswich in

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about 1980. They provided many a story at the Clan Picnic and are looking forward to adding to the oral stories when the Tour Bus sets out on November 1 for the tour of the local residences, properties and stories along the way. Here Max and Dianne Schoenknecht share a yarn.



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You are all most welcome to send your ideas to The Secretary or share in person your ideas or issues at the Committee meetings – 1pm at Ashton Hall, Amberley

- . Sun 17th January – pre Clan Dinner Planning
- . Sun 20th March – final preparations for the Clan Dinner
- . Sun 17 April – post Clan Dinner meeting



Important – next Clan Activity

Sunday 1 November – Clan Bus Tour of the Peak Crossing -Harrisville property locations

In order to preserve the memory of locations and photos of the local families and their properties in and around the Peak Crossing/Harrisville area, everyone is invited to come on tour together. There will be a bus taking the first 24 lucky

people to book, but others can take their own vehicles as well.

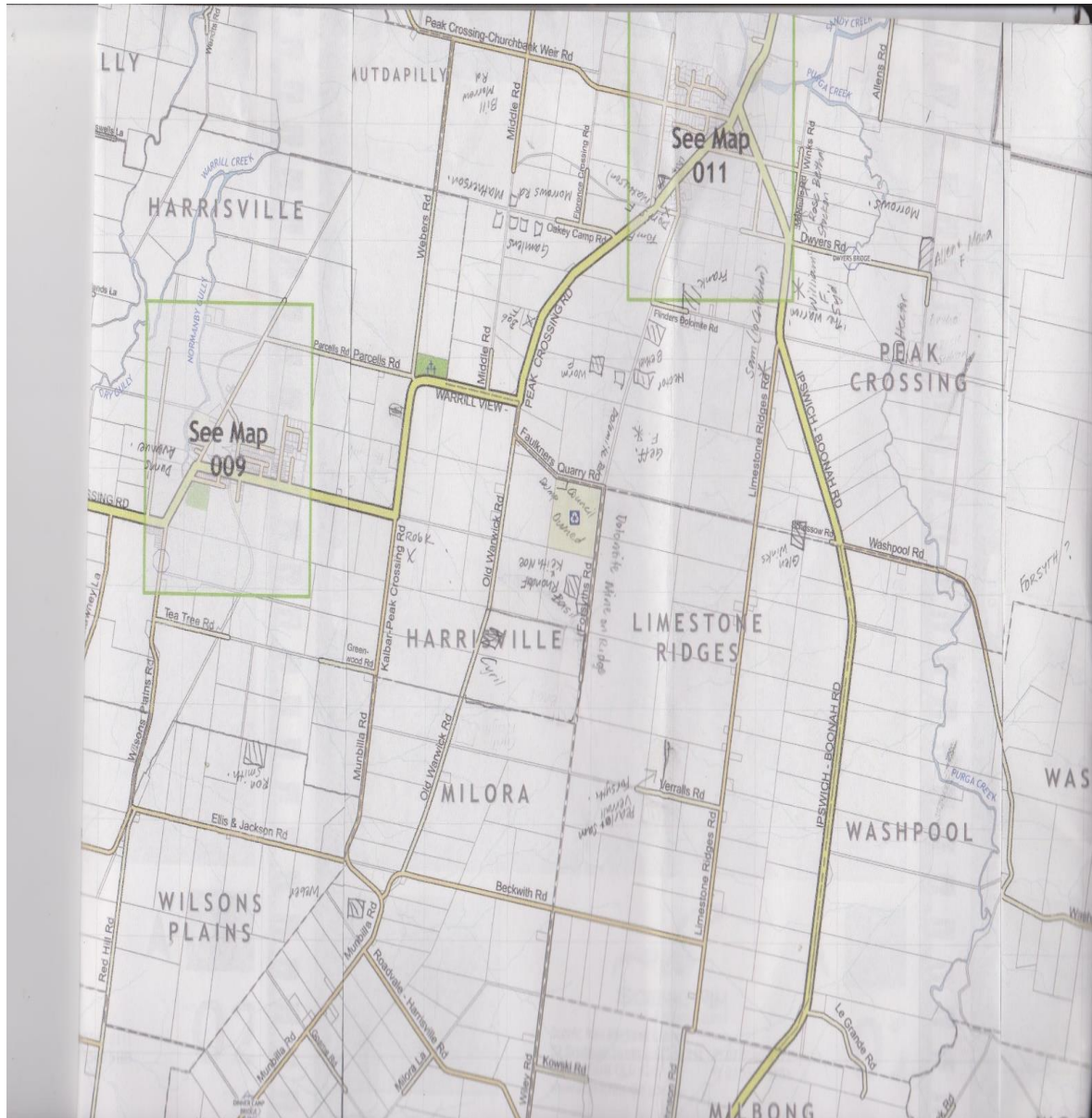
Thanks to the help of Stewart Ashton with the bus and the help of all who contributed to the map locations, this activity will set off from the Peak Crossing Park at 9.30 am.

The bus will follow a route to various properties and stories will be shared. Morning Tea at the Harrisville cemetery will be at 10.30am and after some more touring, stories and photos, the tour will end back at Peak Crossing Park at about 12.30.

Cost of the bus and your map for the morning will be \$20 per person. To secure your seats on the bus **please book NOW with Rhonda** – see Treasurer and payment details below.

If anyone can contribute more details for the draft map below, please get in touch with Lyndall as soon as possible.





If you have some spare time on your hands and can assist with the work of the Secretary in preparing the maps or working online on the next Journal – please contact Lyndall asap...or better still take on the Secretary position?

Other Upcoming Events : Do you have your calendars handy

Clan Dinner 2016 - Sat 9th April – Harrisville Hall – theme for next year will be **Autumn Harvest**. This will flow from the Bus Tour in November and capture photos and stories of the produce and lifestyle on the land for the early pioneer families around this area as well as for ALL Forsyth families who ventured to other parts of Queensland or Australia.

More details will come in the New Year, but keep the date free as you saw how much fun there was in 2015! Start getting your table groups together.



Scots in the Bush – Boondooma Station –

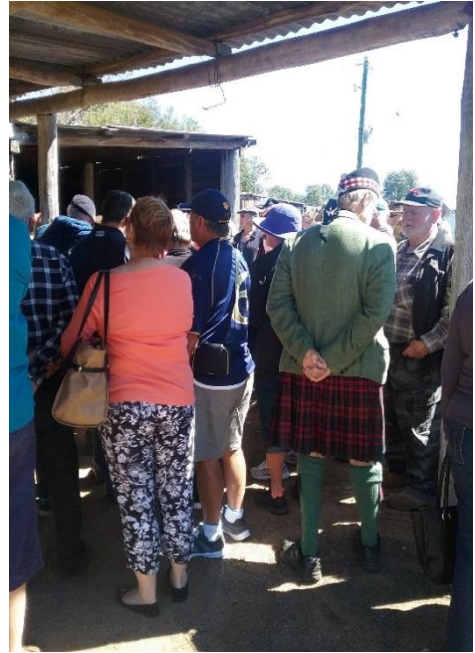
August 19, 20 and 21st August 2016 – book it in to your calendar now

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 Proston/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 Dam 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 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.





Other Upcoming Events

In Her Shoes: Remembering Ipswich Women – Step back in time and celebrate Ipswich women of the past.

Join guest speaker Irma Deas of Ipswich Genealogical Society to learn about dedicated nurse Louisa Linning; Find out about the Ipswich Home front – women's World War 1 activities and Ipswich shops and storefronts for women. Free event but bookings essential – **Tues 27 October – 10am – 11.30 am** Ipswich Central Library Barry Jones Auditorium. Phone 3810 6815 for bookings or visit www.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/events

Donnybrook – February – more details to follow about this Clan Dance Display and calling of the Clan courtesy of Val and Vic Ashton and their community involvement in the Donnybrook Community.

The 2016 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo coming to Melbourne

The Australia/New Zealand 2016 show will feature breath-taking performances from traditional Scottish favourites, precision drill teams, pipers, fiddlers and highland dancers combined with military and cultural groups from around the world. Edinburgh Castle in all its glory will be recreated in a magnificent 1:1 scale façade (a massive 29 metres high and 80 metres across) with the figures of William Wallace and Robert the Bruce standing guard over proceedings. The 1,200 performers will present an original Tattoo event - a truly spectacular and emotive experience.



This will be on Fri 12, Sat 13 and Sun 14 Feb 2016 at Etihad Stadium, Docklands.

Jump online to secure tickets if you are interested.
www.edinburghmilitarytattoo.com.au



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 publication to:

- By post: C\ - Acting Secretary Clan Forsyth Qld, 643 Mt Tully Rd, Stanthorpe, 4380
- By Phone: Lyndall Hill – **Mobile 0481480808** or 07 **46837283**
- By email: news@clanforythqueensland.com



New Members **Welcome**

On behalf of the Clan President Mrs. Val Ashton, and the Clan, we wish to extend a warm welcome to 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.

- <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**

By Cheque:

Please make cheques

payable to ***Clan Forsyth***

Society (Qld) and post to:

Treasurer
Clan Forsyth Society of Australia (Qld)
71 Forsyth's Rd
MS 124, Kalbar 4309

Together with the attached membership Form



Contacting you electronically

A richer multi-media experience

The current Clan Journal has been produced and distributed to all Clan members by a posted and printed copy. However given ever growing

the amount of rich multimedia content available that we can share with our members such as audio interviews with clan members, images and video, historical downloads and genealogical data, it would be great if this information could be passed on to you electronically so that you can access it over your own internet connection.

If you like you can also provide us with your email details by simply emailing us with the word "subscribe" in your subject line and posting it to the following email address:

- subscribe@clanforythqueensland.com

Of course should you either not have access to the internet or just prefer a paper based "Hard" copy, and then one will be provided to you, automatically.



Editor's Note on 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@clanforythqueensland.com

Big Congratulations go to the following young Sporting Achievements:

Budding racers:

Bryn (Year 10) and Tarran (Year 7) Llewellyn, grandsons of Rhonda and Keith Noe, competed in the RACQ Technology Challenge in Maryborough on 12/13 September. This was a 24 hour race of school teams in Human Powered Vehicles around a 1.5 km street track commencing at midday on the Sat and finishing at midday on the Sunday. The vehicles are like a bicycle and the operator is in a lying position.

Bryn competed for his third year, with his team winning overall completing 522 laps – a distance of 783 kms. He is in vehicle 144 below. What a great feat!

Tarran was competing in his first race, and his team of junior boys completed 252 laps a distance of 378 kms. Tarran is in vehicle 125 below.

Congratulations on wonderful sporting prowess to the young Ashtons

Jacinta Ashton – Club Representative for Fassifern Netball grand final winners for SE Qld and Club netball Boonah runners up.

Monique Ashton – Soccer Boonah Grand Final winners, runner-up minor premiers, encouragement medal and trophy

Brendan Ashton: - Soccer Club minor premiers U15s and grand final runners-up





Young Achiever Profile – Ms Kaitlyn Moore



Kaitlyn is Lyndall Hill's daughter. Kait is the single mum of Lucio, Lorenzo and Estella who all enjoyed kicking up their heels at the Clan Dinner. Kaitlyn moved her Formwork Specialist business, O'Connell Agencies, to Mary St, Blackstone a year ago, and has made a significant input to the local community in that short time. Upon learning that Harold Blair, the first Indigenous tenor, had worked at the site under its previous business of General Fertilizer Ltd, and had sought leave to attend his audition with Marjorie Lawrence, Kait was keen to acknowledge the connection and recognize this talented son of Purga and Ipswich. She hosted a wonderful program of sharing Harold Blair's life story and association with the factory, in the presence of his widow, Dorothy Blair who flew from Sydney to represent the family.

An historic plaque was unveiled and will serve as part of the Ipswich Historic Trail for the future.

Our Clan representative on the day was Claire Guymer, also representing the Ipswich Historical Society. Thanks Claire.

Kait has also won the prestigious **Award for Diversity in the Construction Industry for 2015** from the National Association for Women in Construction (NAWIC) Qld.

This signifies her many contributions to her employees, her community and within the industry itself. She has founded the Farmworker's Association of Australia and is setting her sights on supplying her forward looking column production process on bigger projects around the country.

Congratulations Kaitlyn, and best wishes for the future.

But my ancestors came from Ireland What's an Ulster Scots vs a Scots-Irish?

The Ulster Scots are an ethnic group in Ireland, found mostly in the Ulster region, and to a lesser extent in the rest of Ireland. Their ancestors were mostly Protestant Lowland Scottish people, many being from the Border Reivers culture. These people migrated to Ireland in large numbers both as a result of the government sanctioned **Plantation of Ulster**, a planned process of colonization under the reign of James VI of Scotland/James I of England in the early 1600s, on land confiscated from the Gaelic nobility of Ireland and also as part of a larger migration or unofficial settlement. Ulster Scots migrated in large numbers to all corners of the globe. Scots-Irish is the traditional term for Ulster Scots who later migrated to the USA.

Uncovering the history of The Plantation of Ulster yields a great deal of information to help those tracing ancestors from this historic period. There are many creditable accounts online and in local library collections.

There are many records to help you trace your Ulster Irish ancestors. The General Register Office for Scotland www.nationalrecordsofscotland.gov.uk is trailblazing by offering a fully searchable index of Scottish birth and marriage records from 1553 to 1899, and death records from 1855 to 1924 at Scots Origins – www.findmypast.com.au Though not free, there are millions of records which save considerable effort and expense if you had to chase them all personally yourself.

If you are interested in finding out more of the Scottish history and links, then

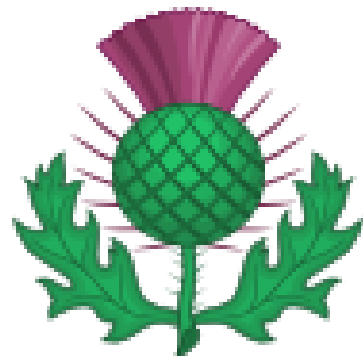
ScotlandsPeople – www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk is very useful. “The great, the good, and the humble of Victorian Scotland have been digitally captured in the latest release of Valuation Rolls on

ScotlandsPeople. Over one million indexed names and addresses from 1855 are now available to search for free as an introductory offer. Until 13 October. Check it out, and find out more about Valuation Rolls at

On the Irish research front, there are some **new resources** to check out as well.

. Ancestry (www.ancestry.com) has added more than 170 million wills and probate records dating from 1668 to 2005 and covering the USA for those whose ancestors took on the migration route.

The Register of Deeds Index Project – www.prai.ie thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers since 2007, now has 200,730 entries digitized on the free website. These entries have been extracted from 23,060 memorials of deeds. The registry is in Dublin.



| Forsyth Family Tree Input Form | |
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| <p>This form is to obtain details of Descendants of Forsyth Families. The information will be entered into the Tree by the Clan Genealogist. Descendant Books will be produced and for sale by Carol Forsyth.</p> <p>Wedding photos, group family or individual photos, together with family stories will bring names, dates and places to life and make family history interesting reading. Please feel free to attach and email or post this form together with anything you would like to share with other members of the Family</p> <p>Instructions for Completing This Form Descendant to fill out details on his/her family on one Input Form. If children are married they then will need to fill out another Input Form with their details of spouse and children and so on. If more than one Marriage/Partnership please separate children and complete details on a new form</p> | |
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| Date of Death: | Place of Death: |
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