

# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

## QUEENSLAND BRANCH

June 2011 Newsletter



Where has the year gone???

### ***Annual Dinner***

We had a great time at our Annual Clan Dinner back in March. We have to thank Bev Kerkin for a great job as MC on the night and Beth Forsyth for filling in at the last minute with the address to the Haggis as Trevor Campbell called in ill three hours before the dinner. We would also like to thank all the committee who pitched in with the organising of the night. We had fabulous music presented by Bruce and Baden Mitchell and we all ate, drank, chatted and danced the night away.

### ***Activities Day***

At the end of May we had our activities day at Ashton Hall Amberley. The sun shone brilliantly, the jumping castle bounced kids around, the noise of a fierce game of 500 competed with the noise of a group playing bush rummy at the other end of the hall. We had a great talent quest with the kids singing, dancing, hoola hooping, tap dancing & skipping and gymnastic hip hop. The disc bowls was a lot of fun as usual with Brendon & Jacinta Ashton winning the junior competition and Heather & Ian Forsyth winning the adults.



Bev organising the kids in a game



What fun in the jumping castle!!

### ***Annual Picnic & AGM***

Our next activity is the Annual Picnic and AGM at the park in Peak Crossing on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Mark the date down on your calendar. We will have the usual Bring & Buy stall, Clan Shop, Disc Bowls and Genealogy.

### ***In Memory of Joy Farrell***



Joy was born on Boxing Day 1932, 1st born to Allan & Mona Forsyth, the eldest of four children, with Allan (Curley), Anne and Pauline. Joy was born in Ipswich and grew up in Peak Crossing. She attended Peak Crossing State School and then moved on to Boarding School at St Mary's in Ipswich.

Joy had a beautiful voice and sang in the choirs of St Joseph's Church, Moorooka and was a choir member at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. She was sought after to sing solo at many weddings.

Joy met Martin Farrell, her future husband, when she started working at Western Transport in the early 1950's and they were married in 1958. They had three boys, Martin, Michael & Stuart. They lived at a farm in Tallebudgera Valley and at Arncliffe in Sydney before moving to Brisbane where they lived happily at Holland Park for many years, till 1979 when Joy's husband Martin passed away whilst overseas in Fiji.

During the '80's Joy became self employed at Summit Transport where she worked until she sold the business and retired at the age of 58.

In her retirement she divided her time between caring for her grandchildren, Gregory, Christopher and Brittany; her three sons; her sisters and her close friends. Joy was an integral part of the Clan Forsyth in Queensland where she was a founding member and Secretary for many, many years. Joy was also on the Scottish Clans Congress in Brisbane, where she was also secretary for many, many years.

Joy loved going out for lunches and sitting on her veranda watching the view from her little white house on the hill at Woodridge. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends and particularly at the Clan Forsyth Society (Queensland Branch)

### ***In Sympathy***

We also had the very sad news in March that Bob Guymer, husband of committee member Claire, lost his long fought battle with cancer. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our sympathy goes out to Claire and her family. His memory will live on.



### ***Get Well Wishes***

Our very heartfelt get well wishes go out to Australian Commissioner Jim Forsyth. We are hoping to hear good news from you soon.

We are glad to hear that Collette Forsyth is on the mend. She has had a few health issues in the last couple of years.

### ***Dates to Remember***

- June 11 Ipswich, QLD - The Queensland Pipe Band Championships  
At Limestone Park, Lion St. includes solo events. Info: 0414 776 361.
- June 25 Bannockburn Dinner at the Irish Club, \$75 per head. Info ph M Hutton - 33599052
- June 26 Brisbane, QLD - Scottish Clans Congress of Qld. 2011 Kirkin o the Tartan  
The annual Kirkin o the Tartan for 2011 at St Pauls Presbyterian Church Spring Hill. Morning tea after the service. Seating requested by 9:15am Info: Chairman of Kirkin committee Mob: 0403144882
- July 3 Brisbane, QLD - International Tartan Day  
Presented by Australian Scottish Community at Southbank. Great free day of Scottish fun. Info 07 3359 8195 or [www.aussie-scots.org.au](http://www.aussie-scots.org.au).
- July 30 Brisbane, QLD - Grand Highland Charity Ball  
Endeavour Foundation presents another fantastic evening of fine dining and world class entertainment with Queensland Police Pipes and Drums, Artillery Band, Brisbane Celtic Fiddles, Highland and Country dancing. A Taste of haggis and a wee dram with plenty of fun dancing. Info: [www.grandhighlandball.com.au](http://www.grandhighlandball.com.au).

And most importantly

August 28 Annual Picnic & AGM at Peak Crossing.

### ***DVD's***

Yes, finally Glenys has been able to access the photos from her old hard drive and the DVD's will be available at the Picnic if not before. So the long wait is almost over for those who have them on order.

### ***Cemetery Working Bee***

31<sup>st</sup> July we will be having a working bee at the Harrisville cemetery. If interested bring whipper snipper, pressure washers, etc. As the saying goes, many hands make light work.