

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

MAY 2009



“CRIKEY, WHAT A BEAUTY!” To quote a dearly departed Queenslander is how we would describe the Clan Forsyth Annual Dinner on 21 March. If you couldn’t make it then you missed a great night out but don’t worry there’s always next year. We were pleased to have our Australian Commissioner, Jim Forsyth and his wife Judith attend. (*Pictured on the left with Queensland President Don Forsyth and wife Beth*) We have to give a vote of thanks to Glenys Ashton, our Treasurer, who was MC for the night. She did an



outstanding job and kept the evening flowing nicely. We had live music played by Bruce and Baden Mitchell, who did an excellent job in playing the various types of music which was required for the night. A big **‘thank you’** to all who helped set up and decorated the hall. It looked very festive. Beth Forsyth and Bev Kerkin did a wonderful job of decorating the tables with our theme of Queensland’s 150th Anniversary. A **huge** ‘thank you’ to all the many helpers who pitched in at the end of the evening to clean up and put everything away.

Nita Vonziarno who did the lovely flower arrangement centrepiece on the stage for the evening has made a slide show style DVD from the evening if anyone is interested in purchasing at a cost of \$20 each (pre-paid when ordering) with \$5.00 donated to the Clan Forsyth Society of Australia – Qld Branch. Please send payment and order to our Treasurer Glenys Ashton 2461a Cunningham Highway Yamanto Q 4305 or our secretary Heather Forsyth at 18 Luckie Crescent Tivoli 4305. (Email: ifo20133@bigpond.net.au)

Genealogy

As our historian Beth Forsyth is taking a well earned break at present please advise the secretary Heather Forsyth of any births, deaths and marriages involving any of the Forsyth descendants so that we may preserve our heritage and make our historian’s job a little easier. At any time please feel free to forward any information, family trees etc onto our secretary for inclusion in the family history data bank.

Activities Day

The next event we have on the calendar is our Activities Day to be held on the 31st May 2009 at Ashton's Hall, Southern Amberley Road, Amberley. The day begins at 10am and goes till you're exhausted, so why not drop in for a while. Bring your own morning tea, lunch etc. Soft drinks will be on sale for \$1 a can. We have acquired the Jumping Castle for the day; the Disc Bowls Tournament will be on for all you competitive people and of course all manner of Board Games etc. In the afternoon we will be having a talent show for anyone who would like to participate in any way. If you have children, grandchildren or even give it a go yourself and would like to join in the talent show then please just let us know so we can allow time for the event. We look forward to seeing what talent we have in the Clan.

Sad Passing

Gordon Thomas Forsyth of Ipswich passed away. His funeral was held on the 16th April 2009. He was much loved father and father-in-law of Sam and Dianne, Merrin and Russ, and loved grandfather of Caitlyn and great grandfather of Jackson, Tahnia and Lillie. Gordon was 84 years old and lived the last couple of years at Bundaleer Lodge.

Bannockburn Dinner. Saturday June 20, 2009 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Get a kilt aboon yer knees, toast the haggis, drink mull wine and whisky as the Clan Campbell Society host an evening commemorating one of the most important events in Scottish History. Song and dance abound this evening and Kathleen and Murphy's Pigs reckon that you should be part of it. Get a table together and enjoy a great evening out. Bookings essential. \$70 per head (4 Course Meal) Contact Trevor Campbell 07 3359 6662 or email tcam5646@bigpond.net.au

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

The annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan will be held on the 21st June 2009. It is presented by The Scottish Clans' Congress of Queensland Inc, St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Paul's Terrace Spring Hill, 9.30AM service. Enquiries 07 3300 1031 or seeker@powerup.com.au.

Tartan Day

The Australian Scottish Community in Brisbane, Queensland are organising their 13th. Tartan Day Festival on 5th July 2009. There is a full programme of events which includes the massed pipe band at 12.30pm. in the grounds at the Cultural Forecourt, Southbank in Brisbane. Entertainment includes Pipe Bands throughout the day & Highland Dancers, Scottish Country Dancers, Scotch on the Rocks Band, Gaelic Dream Dancers, Highland cattle, Scottie dogs, Celtic display, Scottish genealogy, Scottish cars and a "Find Your Tartan" stall.

Kilt making course - Brisbane, Qld – 25th -30th May 2009

Step by step instructions for making traditional kilts.

This course will be run over a period of one week in which a kilt will be completed by each student. For further information please contact: Gwynn or Roweena on (07) 3369 4014 or 0408694014.

Old Pipe Band & Solo Championships

Qld Pipe Band & Solo Championships hosted by Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band at Limestone Park, Ipswich on the 6th June 2009, includes massed bands, solo displays, stalls and more. Info 0414 776 361 or www.ipswichthistle.com

A Wee Scottish Tale....

A man is cupping his hand to scoop water from a Highland burn.

A Gamekeeper shouts,

'Dinnae drink tha waater! Et's foo ae coo's sheet an pish!'

The man replies,

'My Good fellow, I'm from England. Could you repeat that in English for me?'

The keeper replies,

'I said, use two hands - you spill less that way!!!'

ANNUAL FEES

If you have not paid your fees for this year please forward membership payment to the Treasurer. Glenys Ashton 2461a Cunningham Highway Yamanto Q 4305 Single membership is \$10.00 per person with membership for a couple \$15.00. Payment may be paid at any of our regular events.

If you would like to receive your Newsletter by email, please let the secretary know by emailing to:

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