

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY – AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

November 2006



Hello Everyone,

The picnic and A.G.M. held in the park at Peak Crossing on Sunday, 27th August, 2006, was a very successful one financially, but the numbers were down on the previous years. I would make a guess that the drought and the cost of fuel would have been reason enough to account for that as some of our regulars from Toowoomba, Toogoolawah and beyond were not present. Hope to see you next year.

We have a new Committee for 2006/2007. They are as follows:-

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If you have any queries or want more information on Clan business these are the people to contact, or write to the Secretary and we will endeavour to answer your questions, also, any new ideas you may have and want us to work on. Please send them in as new ideas are always handy.

Presidents Report is as follows:-

**CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND BRANCH
26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to Peak Crossing Park Picnic Area, we have been meeting here since August 1973, when approx. 400 people gathered together as a Forsyth Gathering to honour the Brothers who came out to Australia and settled in the Area. In 1980 the Clan Forsyth Society of Australia, Queensland Branch was formed as we know it now.

The Clan has held a number of activities over the past 12 months, we had a Clan Family camp at Donnybrook at the residence of Valma & Victor Ashtons, a wonderful time was had by those who attended, thanks to Val & Vic for opening their residence for an enjoyable weekend.

The Annual dinner at Peak Crossing hall was enjoyed by the 117 people who attended. Some of the highlights of the night were watching some of our very youngest Forsyth's in the company of the Heritage School of Dancing, performing some of the Highland dances they have been learning throughout the year. Some of the more mature members, with the help of the Graceville Scottish Country dancers, once more put on an excellent display and then encouraged everyone else to join in with them.

Other activities attended by members of Clan Forsyth were Toowoomba Scottish Day, Car Observation Rally, Bannock Burn Dinner, Kirkin of the tartan, Brisbane Tartan Day. I would like to thank all members of the Clan who participated in these activities, for keeping the flag flying in the name of Clan Forsyth.

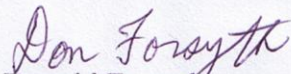
The Clan has a number of projects in the planning stage for the next 12 months, one being a meeting with the Cemetery Trust at Harrisville, re improvement of the area around the historical graves sites of the Forsyth's.

A new Clan Tent was purchased for the Clan's use at activities, I am sure everyone will agree it will be an asset and will be well used in the future.

In May of this year our Australia Commissioner Allan Forsyth passed away. Allan and his wife Elizabeth, had moved from Sydney to Armidale late last year, our best wishes go to Elizabeth and the family. On a much happier note, we welcome James (Jim) Forsyth from Sydney as our new Commissioner, and we wish him all the best for the future.

Up coming activities will be the Clan Family Camp at Esk on 9th & 10th September, 2006.
Annual Dinner March 2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working committee for there support over the last 12 months, and I wish the new committee all the best for the coming year.


Donald Forsyth

President Clan Forsyth Society of Australia
Queensland Branch.

We would like to once again thank Joyce Forsyth and her group of helpers, and everyone who contributed to the 'Bring & Buy' stall. Also 'thank you' to Bev Kerkin, who looks after our Shop, and the raffle helpers. It was a successful day and fine weather to boot.

We thank the Ipswich City Council for the replacement tree for the park. All it took was a phone call and there it was.

We wish Keith Forsyth Happy 80th Birthday for September last. Hope it was a Happy day Keith, and many more to come.

At the meeting following the election of office bearers, member Keith Paton from Maleny put forward a motion that a book about Peak Crossing Forsyths be produced. The motion was carried. This means we will be asking everyone to dig out old photos and family tales to be put in the book. Keith also suggested we ask the school to become involved in some way, as many of us started our school life there. So please help us get the information together. This idea will be discussed at the next meeting and we will let you know what is going to happen in the next newsletter. Thank you, Keith.



Left: Our oldest and youngest members at this years picnic, Doris Matheson and baby Brooke Kerkin.



Right: Our stall, nicely protected by our new Clan Tent.

Condolences

We hear from Scotland that George Hawley has passed on. George was a member of the Clan in Scotland and some of you may have met him on your visits over to Scotland. Rest In Peace, George.

On such a note, I mention the passing of Daphne Higgs, nee Winks. Daphne's mother was Edith Forsyth before her marriage to Glen Winks. Many of us will remember Keith, Darcy & Ken roaring around on their motorbikes or playing football. Rest In Peace, Daphne.

Harrisville Cemetery

There is work going on at Harrisville Cemetery. President, Don met with members of the Cemetery Trust and the Lions Club to see what can be done. The Clan project for the coming year is under way with the concrete slab being laid by the Lions Club on the 11.10.06. Clan Forsyth will be meeting some of the costs of the improvements.

Clan Dinner 2007

The Hall and Caterers have been booked for our Annual Dinner on **24th March, 2007**. More information will be in the next newsletter.

O.B.E. Honours

Congratulations to Keith Forsyth of Aspley who has received an O.B.E. medal in this years New Years Honours List. I will endeavour to find out the story behind this honour. We all wish Keith well. We salute you.

Following is a Traditional Scottish recipe just in time for Christmas. It is often called 'Millionaires' Shortbread – presumably because it is so rich.

CARAMEL SHORTBREAD

Ingredients (Biscuit Base)

200g (8oz) plain flour

150g (6oz) margarine

75g (2oz) caster sugar

Ingredients (Filling)

25g (2oz) margarine

25g (2oz) soft brown sugar

A tin of condensed milk

Ingredients (Topping)

200g (8oz) light brown chocolate

Method

Rub the margarine and flour together in a bowl until you have a mix which is similar to bread crumbs. Stir in the sugar. Spread the mixture evenly into a 23cm (9") square tin which has been lined with baking paper. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 170C/340F (160C/320F if fan forced) for approx. 35 mins. until golden brown. Allow the base to cool.

Heat the filling ingredients together in a pot, making sure that you stir it constantly (otherwise it will stick!) until it begins to simmer. Continue stirring until it thickens (which it should do in a few minutes). Spread the filling evenly over the base and again allow to cool.

Melt the chocolate so that you can spread it over the filling.

When it has cooled and you are ready to eat it, cut up into squares or rectangles with a sharp knife.

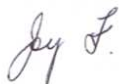
Enjoy.

No date has been set for our Committee Break-up as yet, but will phone around when it is settled.

Well, Christmas is not too far away. It seems as soon as Christmas has passed, the New Year brings in a new set of activities, hence the mention of the 2007 Dinner. I will wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year now as this will be the last newsletter for the year.

Regards

Your Secretary



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