



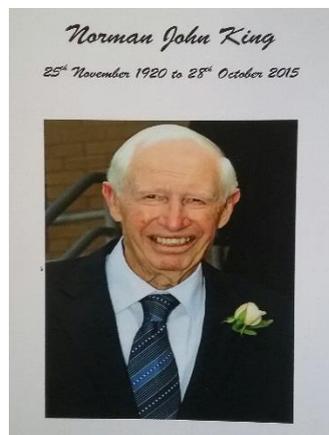
# CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF Queensland Inc.

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## Clan Journal – February 2016

### *A message from Val Ashton – President Clan Forsyth Society of Qld Inc*

I Welcome in the new year hoping it is much better than 2015. Victor and I attended the funerals of 4 of my cousins from Feb to Oct and then Norm King's who was a clan member who attended clan functions and always appeared a very happy individual.



On a happier note a bus trip was held in the region where the Forsyth's first settled in Peak Crossing and Harrisville. Our thanks to Stewart Ashton for giving his time to drive the bus and Glenys Ashton thanked for her preparing of the food and cuppa with help from Shala Ashton. Our thanks to Lyndall Hill and Glenys Ashton for their donation of food and drinks for the day to assist the Clan. Ken Gamlen a local resident who has lived at Flinders all his life did a tremendous job of commentating the trip and all enjoyed his company. We were treated by the wealth of local knowledge and he was thanked heartily by all who attended.

There is a new outdoor setting consisting of a timber table and chairs situated at the cemetery – with thanks to Lyndall Hill arranging with the Brisbane Youth Education and Training Centre's Ivan Sever and the youths at the centre for providing this for the community.

Victor and I have been attending some of the activities the younger generation are participating in at present and Victor showed he still had the skills to "roll the arm over" again in the nets after one of the cricket games.

As we still have not had a member come forward to take on the secretary's role I would like to call on members of Clan Forsyth to consider relieving some of the long term committee member's duties. We ponder the future of the clan if we are unable to fill positions and encourage others to be involved. I call on members to come forward if you feel a contribution can be made in some form. Please contact our acting secretary if you feel you have something to offer, perhaps these may be computer skills, cooking/baking skills, organisational skills or art/craft skills.

Victor and I were fortunate enough thanks to our family to attend the Edenborough military tattoo in Melbourne on Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our daughter Lynette escorted us to Melbourne and organised our accommodation and all arrangements. I wore my Clan Forsyth president's badge with pride and we thoroughly enjoyed the performance. This has been a long term goal to attend this event.

I am looking forward to catching up again with all at the annual dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Kindest Regards,  
VAL

### Our November Bus Trip

As Val mentioned in her message, the Bus Trip was lots of fun. The map of the 38 locations we visited will be on the tables at the Dinner. From old houses, neighbourhood farms and old pioneer legacies, to local farming pursuits and landmarks, Ken Gamlen gave a rousing commentary and the busload of interested Forsyth Clan and friends had a great day revisiting memories and making new ones.

### Photos of the day



***Site of the Original Forsyth Homestead at Limestone Ridges – now on the property of Geoff Forsyth; Ken Gamlen as the tour guide; Val and the Clan enjoying Glenys' morning tea break at the Cemetery; Beth Forsyth and Bev Kerkin enjoying a cuppa; and the Valley vistas***

***Hop on to the website to see an album of all the spots along the tour.***



## **Important – You’re invited! – Clan Dinner** **– don’t miss out on this fun evening**

**Clan Dinner 2016 - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Harrisville Hall – theme for this 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 Forsyth families who ventured to other parts of Queensland or Australia.

Start getting your table groups together, complete the booking form at the bottom of the journal and return to the treasurer.

**For the very reasonable cost of \$25 for adults, \$18 for students over 12 years, \$8 for children 6-12 years and under 5 years old free. Complete the details at the end of the journal and return to our treasurer.**



**Calling all budding MCs, if you would be interested in taking on a shift at the dinner as an MC please contact Glenys Ashton for consideration. We are trying to mix it up a little this year and open up the opportunity to be involved.**

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**Fri May 13 – East Greenmount Cemetery – graveside at 11.00 am followed by lunch at Rudd’s Pub at Nobby – please let Val or Lyndall know if you are able to come along by May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Everyone is invited to the dedication of the plaque to Robert Henry Forsyth, one of the original six Fassifern Brothers who then moved to the Darling Downs to establish a thriving farming life for himself and his family, and bachelor brother Francis Forsyth. He married Mary Ann Cowan, daughter of William Cowan and Margaret Robertson of Croftby near Boonah and neighbours of the Forsyths and Yates families in the area.



**Sat 11 and Sun 12 June – Calling the Clans! Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular. Forsyth Clan stall perhaps. Event Enquiries phone 0407 960 029 or [clydiespectacular@hotmail.com](mailto:clydiespectacular@hotmail.com) More details to come.**

**A Big Clan thanks to BYETC and Ivan Sever for the donation of the table from their workshop; and to Glenys and Garry Ashton and Duncan McInnes on Behalf of the Cemetery Trust and Harrisville Lions for ensuring it made the journey from Wacol and is now well anchored in its new home.**



Keith Noe trying out the new Forsyth Clan addition at Harrisville Cemetery

## **Other Upcoming Events :**

**Scots in the Bush – Boondooma Station – August 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 join 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 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 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](http://www.boondoomahomestead.com.au) or [www.lakeboondooma.com.au](http://www.lakeboondooma.com.au) for more information and for bookings. We already have a few people going.

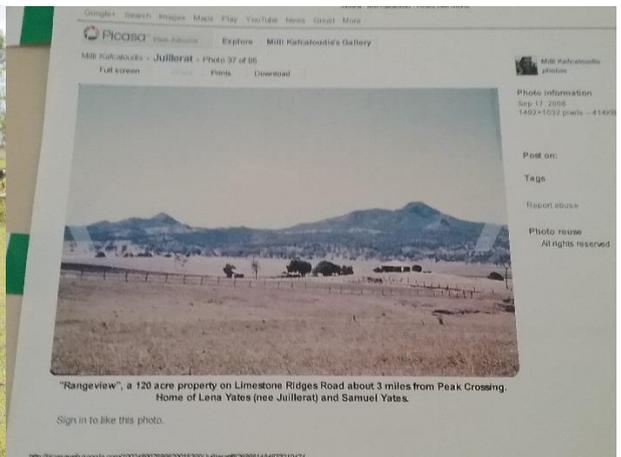
## New Members **Welcomed**

On behalf of the Clan President Mrs Val Ashton, and the Clan, we wish to extend a warm welcome to our new members **Marilyn Woodcock** and **Dawn Mulholland**. **Marilyn** is a direct descendant of Robert Forsyth, one of the six brothers who came from Donegal to the Fassifern in the late 1800s, and who later moved to the Darling Downs. Marilyn was born and raised at Nobby near Greenmount on the Darling Downs south of Toowoomba, and after a life of service to the nursing profession, particularly in midwifery, now resides in Highfields in Toowoomba close to the old Forsyth family district.



*Marg Smyth(Forsyth); Marilyn Woodcock; Lyndall Hill and Ian Fletcher – cousins catching up in Toowoomba recently*

**Dawn** and her family are local Aratula residents and Dawn is a direct descendant of the Yates family at Limestone Ridges, a neighbouring farming family of the Forsyths. It was particularly exciting to have Dawn meet the Clan on the bus trip in November and to have her additional materials provided since. We are grateful for Dawn's permission to use some of her photos and anecdotes in our display at this year's Clan dinner. Dawn contributes to the FaceBook site of *Lost Fassifern Valley and Pioneering Families* where you can catch up with some great historical photos and connections to the Forsyths.



*Les Forsyth and new member Dawn Mulholland and a photo of the Yates property at Limestone Ridges*  
Welcome to you both.

## **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](mailto:youthnews@clanforythqueensland.com)

## **Big Congratulations go to the following Young Achievers:**



***Our younger generation continue to make their mark by supporting the Clan at the various events and in achieving in their different fields.***

***Keen supporters of Clan Forsyth: Monique and Jacinta Ashton and Aaron Jack are pictured with the Clan banner after enjoying morning tea on the recent bus trip.***

No wonder **Bryn Llewellyn** has a grin on his face (pictured above). He was captain of the SE Qld Under 16 cricket team that competed in the State Championships in Redlands in the week before Christmas. The team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. Bryn score a total of 179 runs with a top score of 45. Although hampered by aggravating a recent injury, he was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest run scorer of the 144 competitors. Bryn is in Year 11 at Ipswich Grammar and has been named in the first 11 Cricket team for this school season. Congratulations, Bryn.

### ***Monique Ashton***

For the past 5 years Monique has been playing for Fassifern Netball Association at club level and Representative Level for Fassifern where they came third out of South East Queensland alongside her cousin Tulliah Kirken competing in the Mt Tamborine competition, her team won against the district. Apart from netball, Monique has also played for Boonah Soccer Club in the Under 15/16 Girls where they won the Grand Final and Runners Up Minor Premiers. She also received a Team Encouragement Medallion and Trophy. Monique also plays for Fassifern Vigoro Association (Funtastics) for the past two years where in the first season they were runners up and this season was selected to play in the Under 18 Presidents team. She also received the Encouragement Award for her first season playing vigoro. This year she received an Academic Award for school and past years Industry and Effort.

### ***Jacinta Ashton***

Jacinta has played netball for Fassifern Netball Association at club level and Representative Level for Fassifern. At club level, they were runners up in the local competition and won the grand final for South East Queensland (REP). Jacinta plays Fassifern Vigoro where she was also selected for the Fassifern 'Gold' Team. She also has a keen interest in breeding chickens where she incubates the eggs and sells free range eggs to help fund her hobby. Jacinta is a school leader this year (2016).

## 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 – **Mobile 0481480808** or 07 **46837283**
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**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.

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

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Send in "your story" to Lyndall Hill our hardworking historian/genealogist so that we may capture the generations. Put your hand up or nominate a representative from each family to collect the information about your family and pass it on to Lyndall for inclusion in building our Clan history. Contact Lyndall at [historian@clanforyth.com](mailto:historian@clanforyth.com) or give her a call.

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- . Sun 20<sup>th</sup> March – final preparations for the Clan Dinner if needed
- . Sun 17 April – post Clan Dinner meeting

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