



Clan Forsyth

SYDNEY BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA – SYDNEY BRANCH
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March 2009

NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PRECEDED BY A CHURCH SERVICE
LUNCH AFTERWARDS!

Sunday 19th April 2009

The Church service starts at **10.30am** at **Scots Church**, corner of Margaret & York Streets in Sydney. Close to buses and Wynyard Station. All are welcome!

The Clan's Annual General Meeting will then be held in a room at Scots Church from about 11.30am. You may wish to come just for the meeting.

Then enjoy lunch at **THE LORD NELSON BREWERY HOTEL FROM ABOUT 1PM** with other clan members. Sydney's oldest hotel is located at 19 Kent Street in The Rocks, about a kilometre walk north from Scots Church. Alternatively there will be a number of cars available to transport people. Just let us know at the church if you need a lift. The Lord Nelson has a wonderful luncheon menu and a selection of very fine beers brewed at the hotel.

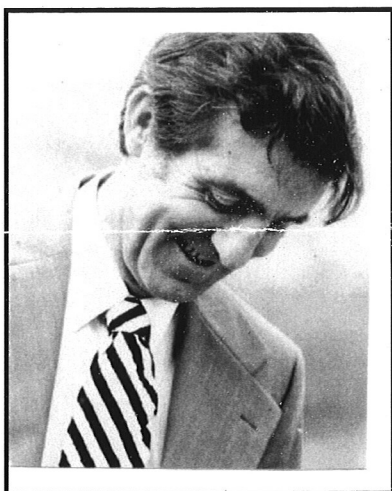




A New "Forsyth"

Isabella Clare Daisy Snodgrass was born on 23rd June 2008 to Julie and David Snodgrass. Isabella is the grand daughter of Margaret Snodgrass (nee Forsyth) who is a clan committee member and also a director of Forsyth Real Estate. *(Send in photos and details of other new "Forsyths")*.

SAD PASSINGS



Gordon Raymond Forsyth was born 2nd Sept 1934 on the kitchen table at No 29 Cambridge Street Willoughby. Gordon was the seventh son for Percy Willoughby Forsyth. Gordon had fond memories of fishing with his father and brothers at Sugar Loaf Bay (under the Roseville Bridge). Gordon shared a love of sport, especially cricket, with his siblings. As family legend has it Gordon and his brothers would play cricket on the road at Cambridge Street.

On one particular day, a neighbour complained and Percy Willoughby was sent to resolve the matter. From that day the kids would always be able to play cricket on the street. Growing up in Willoughby and attending Willoughby Public school in 1942 Gordon and his siblings

would walk to school down High street. Gordon enjoyed having so many Aunts and Uncles to visit along the way. Gordon tells a story about one relative that would put on show for the kids pretending to loose a finger that he actually did loose. Being a descendant of James Forsyth was something Gordon was very proud of, during the 1970's Gordon would attend clan events and never missed a newsletter. Gordon passed away peacefully in the presence of family on 13th November 2008. Gordon is survived by his wife Jackie and children Garry, Jenny and Julie and grand children Ben, Lauren, Naomi and Lachlan. We are working on a **Gordon Forsyth Most Improved Poet Award** for Willoughby Public School, Gordon had a passion for literature. Many friends and relatives have expressed their memories of Gordon unique sense of humour which carried him throughout his life. A memorial plaque is being placed at the Forsyth Family Plot at Ryde with special thanks to Tracey Forsyth for her help. **By Lauren Forsyth.** *(Gordon was from the Thomas Todd side of the clan).*



Photo from the 1970's, wearing their Forsyth T-Shirts.

Back: Jackie and Gordon.
Front: Jenny, Garry and Julie.

Reginald Charles Conway, on 3rd January 2009 aged 84 and late of Northbridge. He is survived by his wife Betty and Roderick and Julie. Reginald was a foundation member of the clan. Also from the Thomas Todd side.

Alice May Graham (known as Lal) on 19th September 2007 aged 94 years (a belated notification). Lal was the wife of the late Stewart Alfred Graham and the mother of the late Robert Graham, a past president of the Sydney branch of the clan. Lal is survived by her other children, Helen and William. Her parents were Albert Ernest and Flora Madeline Forsyth.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to these new members who have joined the clan:

Denise & Nola Forsythe of Marks Point near Newcastle.

Marcelle Lawrence of Paddington in Sydney.

Lauren Forsyth Smith of Forestville in Sydney.

Clan Forsyth on Facebook

In keeping with the 21st Century's ways of communicating, our Clan Treasurer, Tim Crossley, has placed the Sydney branch clan details on Facebook. The link is:

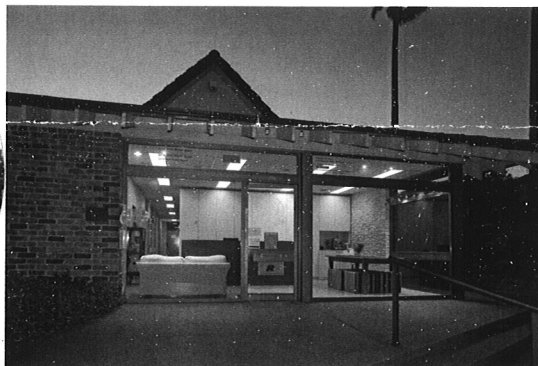
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....or just go to **www.facebook.com** and type in a search for "Clan Forsyth Australia - Sydney Branch."

We hope to encourage clan members to check Facebook regularly for clan details, member updates, coming events etc. Hopefully soon we will have a clan website with the Newsletter and other details on line. Meanwhile Clan Forsyth - Sydney information will be on Facebook. Over this year we will move to distributing the Forsyth Clan Newsletter by email in order to save printing and postage costs and keep membership fees low. Please include your email address on you annual membership form if you wish to receive the newsletter by email. For those who do not have a computer we will continue deliver the Newsletter by post.

Scotsman named Forsyth was shipwrecked and finally washed ashore on a small island. As he regains consciousness on the beach, he sees a beautiful unclad woman standing over him. She asks, "Would you like some food?" Forsyth hoarsely croaks, "Yes, please! I haven't eaten a bite of food for a week and I am very hungry!" She disappears into the woods and quickly comes back with a basket of food. When he has swallowed it down, she asks, "Would you like something to drink?" "Oh, yes! That food has made me very thirsty and I would very much like a drink!" She goes off into the woods again and returns with a bottle of 75-year-old single-malt Scotch whisky. Forsyth is beginning to think that he's in heaven when the unclad woman leans closer and says, "Would you like to play around?" " Oh you beautiful woman! Don't tell me you've got a golf course here too?"

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A selection of photos from the inauguration of Jim Forsyth as the Clan Forsyth Commissioner for Australia.

The ceremony was held on Sunday 21st September, 2008 at the Roseville RSL Club in Sydney. Many members attended this enjoyable occasion to inaugurate Jim as our Australian Commissioner. To the sound of a bagpipe Jim and his entourage were piped into the room. The handing over of the Pinsel and the Commissioner's Seal to Jim was by Elizabeth, wife of the late Allan Forsyth, previous Clan Forsyth Commissioner for Australia.



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