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Brisbane



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Gold Coast



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Our newest Clan member



Dylan James Saron
13.02.09



Gaeilge

The Ancient language of Ireland

has been the spoken language of Ireland for over two thousand years, and has an extensive literature stretching back to the seventh century. It is a Celtic language spoken in a number of small communities, mostly in the west of Ireland, and by larger numbers of people scattered across the country.



A Magazine devoted solely to the interests of the Great Ryan Family, and the providing of information to them on a diversity of subjects. It also provides a Forum for the expression of the Opinions, the Hopes, Ideas, and the Ideals and Aspirations of this large Family.

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Wishing you & Yours
A Very Happy, Safe, &
Holy Easter Season

Invitation to members

Any member who would like to submit an item introducing themselves, their new additions, any item of news, stories, poems, recipes or item of interest to our readers, can submit an article (maximum 250 words), by 16th February, 2009, for inclusion in the March Issue. Any late receipts, can be held over for a following edition. Electronic photographs are easy to utilize, but old photographs can be scanned for use. A picture's worth a thousand words!

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'LUCKY DRAW'

Michael Flatley - 'Lord Of The Dance' showcases an amazing dancer doing exactly what he does best. It's an amazing show and Flatley delivers a graceful and energetic performance. It provides a wonderful example of the art and beauty of Irish dancing.



Michael Flatley "Lord of the Dance"

DVD WINNER
Membership No. 161

REV. BRIAN SPARKSMAN - TOOWOOMBA

Go maire tu'
congratulations!



**Can anyone
Translate this sign
into English?**



a Clan Ryan Qld Lapel Badge.

Send in your translations.
All correct translations will be put in to a draw and the winner will be announced in the June issue.

The Irish Radio Program

Every Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM on Radio 4EB, 98.1 FM.

- Up to the hour News Items from Ireland
- A rich variety of good Irish Music.
- local S E Queensland doings,
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The Bodhran Song

Author: Brian O'Rourke Copyright: MOC Music

Oh I am a year old kid
I'm worth scarcely fifteen quid.
I'm the kind of beast you might well look
down on
But my value will increase
At the time of my decease
For when I grow up I want to be a bodhrán.

If you kill me for my meat
You won't find me very sweet.
Your palate I'm afraid I'll soon turn sour on.
Ah but if you do me in
For the sake of my thick skin
You'll find I make a tasty little bodhrán.

Now my parents Bill and Nan,
They do not approve my plan
To become a yoke for every yob to pound on
Ah but I would sooner scamper
With a bang than with a whimper
And achieve reincarnation as a bodhrán.

I look forward to the day
When I leave off eating hay
And become a drum to entertain a crowd on
And I'll make my presence felt
With each well-delivered belt
As a fully qualified and licensed bodhrán.

And 'tis when I'm killed and cured
My career will be assured
I'll be a skin you'll see no scum nor scour on
But with studs around my rim
I'll be sound in wind and limb
And I'll make a dandy, handy little bodhrán.

Oh my heart with joy expands
When I dream of far-off lands
And consider all the streets that I will sound
on
And I pity my poor ma
Who has never seen a Fleadh
Or indulged in foreign travel as a bodhrán.

For a hornpipe or a reel

A dead donkey has no feel
Or a horse or cow or sheep that has its
shroud on
And you can't join in a jig
If you're a former grade A pig
But you can wallop out the lot if you're a
bodhrán.

So if e'er you're feeling low
To a session you should go
And bring me there to exercise an hour
on.
You can strike a mighty thump
On my belly, back or rump
But I thank you if you'd wait till I'm a bo-
dhrán.

When I dedicate my hide,
I'll enhance the family pride
And tradition is a thing I won't fall down
on
For I'll bear a few young bucks
Who'll inherit my good looks
And be proud to know their old one is a
bodhrán.

And I don't think I'll much mind
When I've left himself behind
For the critter can no longer turn the
power on
For with a celtic ink design
Tattooed on my behind
I can be a very sexy little bodhrán

Now I think you've had enough
Of this rubbishy old guff
So I'll put a sudden end to my wee am-
hrán
And quite soon my bloody bleat
Will become a steady beat
When I start my new existence as a bo-
dhrán.

For Donna
By request.



A Note from Secretary/Treasurer Gil Neilan

Membership Drive

Included in this magazine is an application for membership.

What about distributing to one of your Ryan relatives and invite them to join our
clan?

Or give a membership to one of your children and get them interested in our clan.
More forms available from Sec/Treas.

Financial members

Many thanks to the majority of our members who have renewed before due date
31Dec 2008 for 2009 or beyond. Please check your magazine envelope which
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NEW MEMBERS

People will not look forward
to posterity who never look back
ward to their ancestors.
—Edmund Burke

"Ceàd mìle failte romhat!"
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

253F FITZGERALD
CORY & EMILY

254 PATRICK MICHAEL RYAN

Please recruit new members!
Invite your friends and
family and any Ryan you know
or meet, to join us.

Queensland Branch
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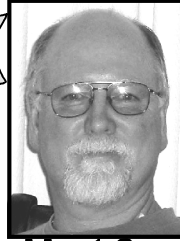
Clan Ryan (Q'land) Lapel Badges

We now have for distribution, to any Members who wish to purchase them, supplies of the above-
mentioned badges.

They are a quality production in Green with a gold edging and are inscribed around the edge
with the words "Clan Ryan (Queensland)."

The cost is \$5.50 each including postage, such cost to accompany your request, and may be
obtained by contacting:—Mr. Gil Neilan, Secretary/Treasurer, Clan Ryan (Queensland)

From the Presidents Desk



President Greg

Hello to you all, I trust this edition finds you all well. I certainly hope you have all had an enjoyable festive season and have not suffered to much from over indulgence or expenditure I can vouch only for myself that at least on one occasion I had an extra wine or two, but I justify it by the fact it was an extremely nice drop and I needed to ensure I got the taste right so I could advise others on its merits. A nice bit of blarney I hear you say (not at all).

Since my last communication we have had some very sad and serious occurrences not least the flooding in our own home state up north but the tragedy of the bush fires unfolding in Victoria. Our southern Sept Clan Ryan Victoria is supporting a fund raising effort sponsored by the **Kilmore Celtic Festival**, the executive is currently reviewing our financial status to see if and to what extent we can help. So in line with this effort, could I ask that if you have overlooked your membership payment please get it in ASAP so we can make our contribution as meaningful as possible without stretching our limited resources. I am sure you will no doubt agree that it is an extremely worth while cause.

Our first meeting of the executive for the New Year will be held on March 1st at which time we will hopefully get back into full swing and get the priority tasks underway again after our festive season hiatus. The issues which will no doubt be canvassed again will be the picnic in the park (alternatives), the AGM time place and alternatives, as well as the continued production and circulation of the RAG. I would appeal to all members to please send anything that is of interest to you and your family such as births, deaths and marriages to the Editor. Any family member achievements or celebrations happening in your neck of the woods, nothing is insignificant.

The Rag is the voice of the mighty CLAN RYAN and keeps us connected. I for one find it heart warming and very interesting to read about what relatives both near and far, close and not so close are doing. It boils down to the fact that if you have any Ryan blood in your veins we are interested in you, how much of your story you wish, if any, to share is entirely up to you, but , don't assume no one is interested. The editor would rather have too much to include and have to space it out over a few issues, than too little.

One issue I would like to make a point of in this address is the position of our hard working Secretary/Treasurer Gil Neiland. Gil has selflessly done a sterling job both for out late president Ted Ryan and me. However his kind filling, of the role needs to be reviewed as Gil has now some important personal issues on which he needs to focus. I am therefore appealing to our membership for nominations or simply put your hand up and get involved in moving the Clan forward. Gil has kindly offered to work with any successful nominee for as long as they feel they need to ensure they have a handle on the position. Gil will tell you I am sure that the role is not an onerous one, but requires just a little bit of commitment and communication with the other committee members. So come on join our little group, give something back lets hear from you. We are very accommodating and the committee will travel to ensure no one is put out too much, as a Kennedy once said *"Ask not what your Clan can do for you, but what you can do for your CLAN"* or words to that effect.

I do sincerely hope that I will be deluged with offers, so until next edition.
Slán agus beannacht leat
(Goodbye and blessings on you) Greg



Kids Kubby

For the Kids

How many SHAMROCKS do you see?

Count the number of ways to trace the word SHAMROCKS in the picture. You may only move to the two letters below the letter you are currently on.

Work It out or have a guess.

The Competition is divided into 3 age groups
0-5yrs(with family help)
5-10yrs
10-16years
The person in each group, on the number or closest to it will be declared the winner. **A book prize will be won.**

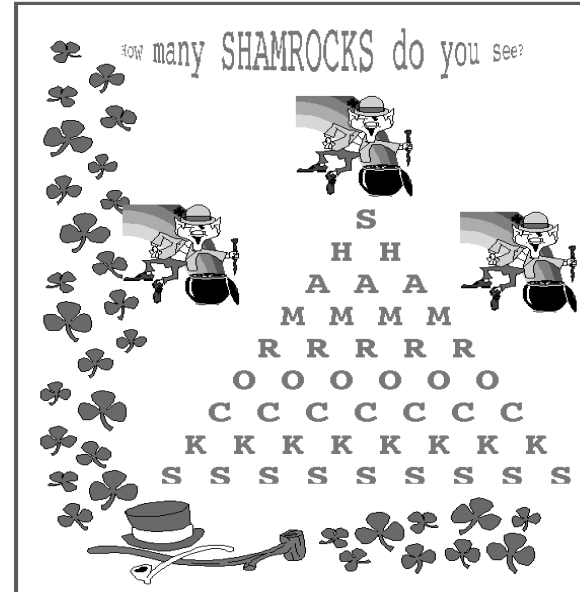
Send your entry Name & membership no. to the Editor:

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Subject: How many Shamrocks?

Or post to: Editor RR
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Word Search

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- PATRICK
- GAEILGE
- TIPPERARY
- SEAMUS
- STEW
- GUINNESS
- POT'O'GOLD
- DUBLIN

Find the words

Please Help Make the 'Ryan Rag' your own!

Calling all Interstate Overseas & Qld members

Distance does not equal Disinterest

Our Clan has a good number of interstate and also overseas members who are in receipt of the 'Rag'. However due to distance alone, they are unable to attend any meetings or gatherings which we may hold. This does not preclude them from participation in the quarterly magazine, and we would be very pleased and happy to receive news from them. This is also true of our Queensland members who are in various distant and isolated regions of the State.

Important family events are important to us

As family members we are eager to hear from you in any matters, great and small. It is most desirable to hear of any new additions to the clan and a birth announcement, is a wonderful piece of news and a cause for celebration. It does not matter if the baby is a grandchild a great-grandchild or your own pride and joy.

Marriages are also very important to us all and again a cause for celebration, and I might also add that we can celebrate the lives of those who have left us, and have a Mass said for the repose of their souls. We have our own Priests among our membership.

Other snippets of news, such as a holiday

Make the 'Ryan Rag' an interesting Publication.

undertaken; achievements of our children; a hobby to tell of; a passion you follow; information you may like to share; items you may come across which you feel would be of interest to our readers are all things which will make the 'Rag' a mean-

ingful and more representative publication.

Increasing number of contributors

I recognize here, the increasing number of members who have sent in just such items for publication and thank them sincerely for their participation. They have given fresh life to our pages.

If the fear of writing is a drawback to you, you can just do a dot point précis and it can be put together for printing. Do not let it get in your way.

Even simply a photograph with a note is a good way to become involved.

Our Children have been responding to their page and it was a joy to receive their entries

Get our children involved and proud to be a Ryan

for the promotions. Some took the 'RR' to school for 'show and tell' It is important for our children to know where they came from and an interest in ancestry and their ancestral culture is not a burden to carry. It can enrich their lives, give them a sense of identity and give a gift for them to bestow upon their descendants. I think we do not apprehend what family history and information, we fail pass on, and I also think it is a responsibility for us as guardians, to do so.

Lets make the 'Ryan Rag' the best 'Read', read!

Our clan is but small, yet 'from little things big things grow!' Please send your news by email or snailmail to:

The Editor 'Ryan Rag' ;

50 Stewart Tce.,

Gympie 4570 or

sarbear 22@spiderweb.com.au

A trip to Africa and Europe

By Darryl Ryan (Toowoomba)



On 23 September last year we set out on our trip to the Africa and Europe destinations. Flew from Sydney to Johannesburg and then out to a Safari Park "Makutsi" They took us on a site seeing Safari every day, each morning and afternoon to have close encounters with lion, elephant cheetah, giraffe, wart hogs, hippo, giraffe and crocs. An experience not to be missed.



At reception were told not to leave pm and before 6am. The lesson was guttural growl was heard outside our and in the morning, there were re-killed, just yards from our village



our village type accommodation after 5 soon learned as on the 2nd day a low window, a lion had entered the camp ports that several impala had been type hut.

From Africa we flew to Paris, train to Caen, and taxi to Dives Su Mer, on the north coast of France. Our accommodation was a rented apartment about 1/km from the English Channel which was viewable from the front porch.

Day trips took us to the "D-Day" beaches, on an overcast, misty, rainy day which added to the



sadness and atmosphere of visiting the American War Memorial Cemetery. Our guide pointed out that the film "Saving Private Ryan" used the name Ryan, because the most prolific in number on the grave stones, was the name Ryan. Photo of me standing on Ohama beach pointing at gun emplacements which would have fired on Allied troops all along the beaches.

On one trip we took a bus to see a German Battery, artillery gun, in an area, 15 km from the beach, which was used to bomb the soldiers coming ashore.

We alighted from the bus only to find we were lost. We approached building-construction workers, (none could speak english), they stayed with us for 1/2 hour explaining how to get there. All went well and eventually we arrived there by foot, to a very eye opening experience. A visit to Mont St Michel by bus was had, but I found the place too commercialized, better visiting other sites in France. We flew from Paris to Vancouver for a week (beautiful city) and then home.

Darryl Ryan

Congratulations

Graduation Class '08



Best wishes for success in their future careers.

Terri Waller BA/Bed - Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education (Teacher Blackall Range Independent School)

Cassandra Shuttlewood LLB - Bachelor of Law (Trainee Solicitor)

“New Members from America”

A special welcome to our latest New Member Cory Fitzgerald and Wife Emily. Cory is an American Born resident Member of the Ryan Clan Qld/Australia and joins ranks with another American born member Vesna Tratensek-Contor.

His parents are Greg and Carol (nee Gough)

Greg also happens to be a cousin of Terry Emerson, our last Secretary. They are cousins who met on the internet searching for Irish Ancestors. Their Grand Fathers appear to be brothers.

Of Interest, Greg's Grandmother, Anna Loby Ryan's brother, was Mons. John August Ryan, the Catholic Social reformer and leader of the Catholic Union Movement in the USA in early 1900's.

He was also a member of Pres. Roosevelt's Kitchen Cabinet and helped draft the Social Security Legislation.

A CHALLENGE TO OUR MEMBERS!

P.S. Can any current member top that? Any relatives of John Kennedy or Barrack Obama? The best I can do is my Great Great Grandfather, Richard Wynne, convict for some minor theft and who became the milkman of Brisbane, but didn't leave me any cows or Basket Ball Teams.

Gil Neilan Sec/Treas.

“The Ryan Family links of Corey Fitzgerald” by Greg Fitzgerald

My name is Greg Fitzgerald. I am a cousin of Terry Emerson, and the grandson of Anna Luby Ryan Fitzgerald. My youngest son, Cory, is registered as a new member of Clan Ryan (Queensland).

I recently spent the day with my 95 year-old aunt, Sr. Mary Constance (Monica) Fitzgerald in Los Angeles. Her youngest living brother, Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, has been a Redemptorist missionary in Brazil for 41 years, having gone there in early 1968.

I found this article about him in a Re-

demptorist publication from a couple years ago, and thought it might be interesting for the Ryan Rag, especially the part about the Escola Solidaria Anna Ryan school that has been started there in rural Brazil.

Fr. Bill is currently here in California for three months R&R, and to celebrate his 91st birthday. He will return to Brazil and his missionary work in early May. He has been a living example of justice and courage for me over the years. I thought his story would be inspiring for Clan Ryan members.

As an aside, my Aunt recently had her driver license renewed until 2013 (when she will be 100 years old), having passed the vision, written, and driving tests. What genes we Ryans seem to have!!

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‘4 Things about your Mobile’

Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone Your service provider and give them this code, they will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, But at least you know that whoever stole it Can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

ATM - PIN Number Reversal - Good to Know

If you should ever be forced by a robber to Withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse. For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321.

Gaeilge Language

The language spoken by the Celts in Ireland was Celtic, a variant of the Celtic languages which were used across Europe. In the British Isles, there were at least two dialects in use: *Brittonic* (P-Celtic) which was spoken in southern Britain and France, and *Goidelic* (Q-Celtic) which was spoken in Ireland and northern Britain. Brittonic is the root of modern Welsh, Cornish and Breton. Goidelic is the root of modern Irish and Scots-Gaelic. Brittonic and Goidelic must have been heavily influenced by the Bronze Age languages of Ireland. The first written Irish appeared in the fifth century, around the same time as the initial Christianisation of Ireland. Called Ogham script, it consists of a series of grooves on the corner of a stone. Each combination of grooves represents a different letter of the Latin alphabet, and a number of Ogham stones have been found in Ireland and in Wales. Those in Ireland are mostly along the south coast. Usually they give the name of a person or ancestor and were probably commemorative. The picture on the left shows the Ogham stone at Coolma-



The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine.

The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location.

This information was recently broadcast on CTV by Crime Stoppers, however it is seldom used because people just don't know about it.

Please pass this along to everyone.

This is the kind of information people don't mind receiving, so pass it on to your family and friends.

Keep On Smiling!

A farmer named Seamus From Pat & Jill Dinneen

A farmer named Seamus had a car accident. In court, the lorry company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Seamus.

'Didn't you say to the Police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the solicitor.

Seamus responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow, Bessie, into the...'

I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just Answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?'

Seamus said, 'Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road....'

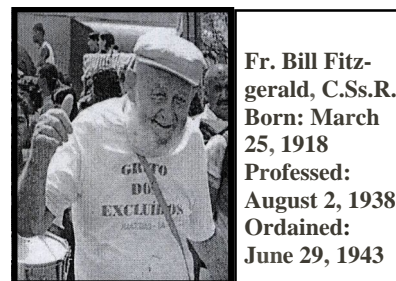
The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Seamus's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.

Seamus thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the road when this huge lorry and trailer came through a stop sign and hit my trailer right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then the policeman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feeling?'

Now what the F*ck would you say?'



Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, C.Ss.R.
Born: March 25, 1918
Professed: August 2, 1938
Ordained: June 29, 1943

Fr Bill's vocation with the 'Invasion People' and 'The Excludeds' of Brazil

For most of his 40 years in Brazil, Fr. Bill, now 89 years old, has lived and traveled with a group of people known as the "invasion people," squatters who construct "homes" wherever they can and from whatever materials they can find, only to have them demolished and the people forced from their shelters once they are discovered by the authorities. Fr. Bill has also been living with and helping a group of people known as the "excludeds," trash pickers who live in mud huts and try to make their "living" by digging through garbage looking for recyclable materials to sell.

Fr. Bill has started a small school for these folks; the children of the trash pickers come in the mornings and the adults in the afternoons. To show their gratitude, the people wanted to name the school after Fr. Bill; he refused. He suggested instead the school be named after his mother. And so it is named, "The Escola Solidaria Anna Ryan School." (Sent to us courtesy of Sr. Anne Fitzgerald, Fr. Bill's sister)

Despite being incredibly busy and with only infrequent access to email. Fr. Bill was good enough to answer a few questions for us...

"When did you realize you wanted to become a priest?"

My taking up and following the path to the priesthood was really a matter of taking the path of least resistance. Since Adam and Eve, practically, my entire family had been monsignors and priests and seminarians and religious. I entered the minor seminary in Oakland, California, in 1932, at the advanced age of 14. What had gone on before that? Only God knows. It depends on with whom you are talking. Really, I should just refer you to God. Only He knows.

"Why a Redemptorist?"

San Bernardino, California (where I was brought up) at that time was the Siberia of the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Redemptorist fire-and-brimstone missionaries never gave up on this bottomless font of every kind of sinner. Also, one of the first pieces of mail I ever received was a Redemptorist publication.

After 40 years, how would you describe the faith of your "excludeds?"

It took me a God-awful long time to get the message that I was the first in line of those whom I was to change. By the grace of God, I have come full circle. I still do the customary service of sacraments and ritual and liturgy for those who need and want that. But I find myself more and more in a pre-Christian ambience.

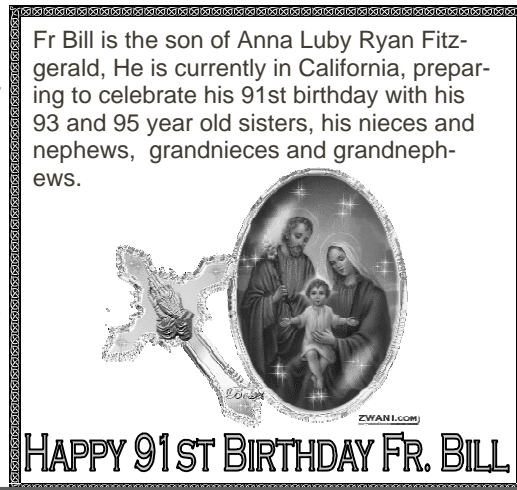
I hesitate to try to change the religion of the excludeds, those with whom I live and have my being, those excluded by government, society and the Christian churches. Their 'religion' is not mine - a magic religion, miraculous combinations of prayers and rituals and promises and penitences.

Yet if it works, don't fix it. It's that "religion" that makes it possible for these people to be 'somebodies', makes it possible for them to live in an ambience of death, to hope in an ambience of despair, to be hospitable when there's nothing to share except their goodness

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and love and playful readiness to celebrate at any time and without the necessity of having an occasion for it; to be tranquil in an ambience of stress.

These people have no need of psychologists; don't have high blood pressure, don't suffer strokes; those who try to escape this non-life whether by outright suicide or by its other forms of despair, like drugs or sex or capitalism, are those who have given up on this type of 'religion.'



Mariposa lives with her parents Malcolm and Vesna and little brother Che. They live near the Buddhist community in the mountains and enjoy snow sports in winter. They learn to speak Tibetan.

Happy 12th Birthday
Mariposa Tratensek-Contor
Oregon USA

Welcome Paddy Ryan North Budrim

It is a pleasure to we welcome Paddy to our Clan.

Paddy works with the Suncoast Community care, caring for the elderly, in their homes, many of whom are Veterans.

The family was originally from NSW. Paddy's grandfather's property "Ryansvilla" was at Boorowa, NSW 2586.

His Father gave him two publications by Father Max Barrett "The King of Galong Castle" (concerning second fleet convict Edward 'Ned' Ryan) and "A Riot of Ryans" concerning the direct descendants that followed from him - Paddy's immediate family is listed).

Paddy's Father was a veteran of the Pacific Campaign as an RAAF Airman (Ground Crew)

"Ceàd mille failte romhat Paddy!"

Paddy is planning to meet in Gympie, with the Ryan's of Gympie, to take part in the Anzac Day March to honour our Fathers ,Grandfathers ,Great Grandfathers and cousins who defended our country.

COLCANNON WITH GUINNESS STEW

Preparation Time: 30mins: Cook Time 150 mins

- 50g (1/3 cup) plain flour
- 1kg gravy beef, cut into 3cm pieces
- 60ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 3 carrots, peeled, coarsely chopped
- 1 brown onion, halved, coarsely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tbs tomato paste
- 250ml (1 cup) Guinness beer
- 250ml (1 cup) beef stock
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 dried bay leaves
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh continental parsley
- 2 tsp finely grated lemon rind

COLCANNON

- 1kg sebago potatoes, peeled, chopped
- 40g butter, chopped
- 1/4 (about 500g) savoy cabbage, hard core removed, coarsely chopped
- 4 green shallots, ends trimmed, thinly sliced
- 125ml (1/2 cup) milk

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Place the flour in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Add beef and turn to coat.
2. Heat half the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add half the beef and cook for 2-5 minutes each side or until browned. Transfer to a 2.5L (10-cup) capacity ovenproof dish. Repeat with the remaining beef, reheating pan between batches.
3. Heat the remaining oil in the pan over medium-high heat. Add the carrot, onion and garlic and cook for 5 minutes or until the onion is soft. Add the tomato paste and cook for 1 minute. Add the Guinness, stock, thyme and bay leaves and bring to the boil. Transfer to the ovenproof dish. Bake, covered, for 2 hours or until meat is tender. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Meanwhile, to make the colcannon, cook the potato in a saucepan of boiling water for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain and return to pan. Use a potato masher to mash until smooth. Heat butter in a frying pan over medium heat until foaming. Add the cabbage and shallot and cook for 3-4 minutes or until tender (do not brown). Add the cabbage mixture and milk to the potato and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Divide the colcannon among serving plates. Top with the stew and sprinkle with parsley and lemon rind to serve.



Happy St Patrick's Day



Culinary Corner

IRISH SODA BREAD

Prep Time; 25mins
Cook Time; 10 mins

Ingredients:

- ½cup sugar
- 4cups flour
- 2tsp baking powder
- 1tsp baking soda
- ¾tsp salt
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 cups raisins
- 1 tbsp caraway seeds
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 ¼cups buttermilk

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9" round cake pan with solid shortening and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour (reserving 1 tablespoon), sugar, baking powder, baking soda. Salt, raisins and caraway seeds. In a small bowl, combine eggs, buttermilk and sour cream and beat until smooth. Stir the liquid mixture into flour mixture just until flour is moistened. Knead dough in bowl about 10-12 times. The dough will be stick. Place the dough in the prepared pan and pat down. Cut a 4 x ¾" deep slash in the top of the bread and dust with reserved flour. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 65 - 75 mins: remove from pan and place on wire rack to cool.

Everyone's a little bit Irish on St Patrick's Day,

So, why not mix and match a few favourite Irish recipes and raise your Guinness to all things green.



CROCKPOT IRISH LAMB STEW

Prep Time: 25minutes
Cook Time: 10 hours

Ingredients:

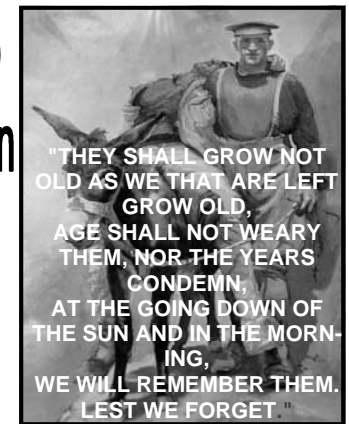
- 1lb boneless lean lamb
- 2tsp salt
- 2 onions, sliced
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 carrots, cut into 1inch chunks
- 4 potatoes, peeled and quartered
- ¼ cup quick cooking tapioca
- 3 cups water

250grams frozen peas, thawed

Preparation: Cut lamb into 1 ½inch cubes and season with salt and pepper. Place vegetables, except peas, in bottom of crockpot. Sprinkle with tapioca and place lamb on top. Pour water over all; add bay leaf. Cover and cook on low for 10-12 hours. Add peas last 30 mins of cooking. Serves 8-10



**The Spirit of Mateship
forged our Great Nation
Through the Hell Fires
Of Gallipoli to the
Victorian Inferno
That Spirit will prevail.**



It was with a deep sense of shock and horror that we learned of the devastating Firestorm which engulfed and destroyed such a large portion of Victoria. Our Sympathy and Support goes to the victims. Many amazing stories of survival are emerging, whilst the tragic loss of life has climbed to an unprecedented 208 persons.

Whilst we recognize all people affected, we make special mention of the Ryan's.

The President of our Victorian Sept, Ryan Clan Vic, John Ryan and wife Julie, who live in Kilmore, were fortunate to have escaped unscathed.

Not so lucky was another John Ryan, a Glenburn resident whose home and property was left a burnt out shell but was fortunate to be able to offer shelter to his neighbours. Also affected were Mark and Helen Ryan, from Healsville.

Alan Ryan, was a survivor of the inferno that wiped Marysville off the map. He evacuated with about two minutes to spare and watched from the Buxton-Marysville Road as the town was swallowed by the flames. He described it as a big cauldron that was boiling and running over the lip, a cloud which was the fire front and the wind could be seen sort of rolling with alarming speed.

Vet nurse Fiona Ryan from Currumbin Sanctuary, originally from Victoria, is assisting with veterinary care, at Healsville

Sanctuary in the Yarra Valley. More than a million animals are thought to have died. The Healsville wildlife team has been working day and night taking care of animals with third degree burns and severe injuries.

The wonderful Celtic artists featuring in the Celtic Bushfire Appeal Concert, have given their time and talents to raise funds for the victims of the fires. The Kilmore Celtic Festival Committee are working hard to make it a success and the concert, with a few items to raffle is hoped to raise about \$10,000. They can only seat approx. 300.

As many members are unable to attend the concert, perhaps we could each send a \$30 dollar donation in lieu of a ticket and our presence, thereby assisting in that way. It would give potential to raise \$3,000. Clan Ryan Qld is sending a donation commensurate with our finances.

I URGE ALL WHO HAVE THE MEANS AND THE DESIRE, - TO DONATE. PLEASE KEEP THE SPIRIT OF KINSHIP AND MATESHIP ALIVE IN AUSTRALIA. AND HELP OUR FELLOW RYANS.

Sadly the State of Victoria continues to burn to the present day, and Kilmore is still under threat. Our prayers and thoughts are with our Victorian family, may God keep them safe from further harm.

**Nobody make a greater mistake
than he who did nothing
because he could do only a little.
Edmund Bourke**

Lest we Forget

The ANZAC spirit

The legend of ANZAC was born on 25 April 1915, and was reaffirmed in eight months' fighting on Gallipoli. Although there was no military victory, the Australians displayed great courage, endurance, initiative, discipline, and mateship. Such qualities came to be seen as the ANZAC spirit.

Many saw the ANZAC spirit as having been

born of egalitarianism and mutual support. According to the stereotype, the ANZAC rejected unnecessary restrictions, possessed a sardonic sense of humour, was contemptuous of danger, and proved himself the equal of anyone on the battlefield.

Australians still invoke the ANZAC spirit in times of conflict, danger and hardship.

The name Ryan is prominent in Australian Decorations

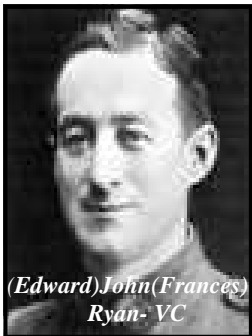


WW1

Victoria Cross: The Victoria Cross is the highest award for acts of bravery in wartime. It was instituted in 1856 by Queen Victoria and made retrospective to 1854 to cover the period of the Crimean War. It is possible for any serviceman to obtain this award.

Private (Edward) John (Frances) Ryan - Victoria Cross

Unit	55th Battalion
Born	February 1890 at Tumut, New South Wales
Date of action	30 September 1918
Place	Near Bellicourt, France



In the initial assault Ryan was one of the first to reach the enemy's defences and his actions inspired others to overcome the garrison. When the Germans launched a strong and determined counter attack Ryan organized and led a party of men in a bomb and bayonet charge against a party of enemy bombers who had infiltrated the rear of the position. Ryan's small party succeeded in killing the first three Germans encountered and then Ryan rushed the remainder with bombs and drove them back across No Man's Land. His action enabled the attack to be broken and the trench was retaken. In this action Ryan was wounded in the shoulder.

Died	3 June 1941
Buried or Commemorated	Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne
Current location of the VC	Australian War Memorial © Australian War Memorial

Annual Picnic in the Park



The Annual Gathering of the Ryan Clan Qld. will be held once more in the Pan Pacific Peace Park at Redbank, on Sunday 17th May commencing at 11.30am. BYO Picnic Hamper and beverages.



an alternate venue is being sought for our function, however the logistics of parking in the inner city area has been cited as too difficult, and so the old arrangements are still holding. Please try to attend and **bring your family along.** Bring any memorabilia or items of interest or entertainment ideas along. Please wear name badges.

"Date set for The AGM"

This is early notification of the date set for the Annual General Meeting It is to be held on Sunday 18th October 2009 At OLMM Hall IPSWICH.

Donations of any kind for the in-house raffle are needed and gratefully received. The proceeds go towards the cost of the Hall Hire.

Bring a Plate to share, - tea and coffee provided.

Please come along it is an opportunity for you to meet other clan members and to voice any suggestions you may have to strengthen and grow our Clan.

Your Presence is IMPORTANT



SEE YOU IN THE SPRING!

4 THINGS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW YOUR MOBILE PHONE COULD DO

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE IN TIMES OF GRAVE EMERGENCIES. YOUR MOBILE PHONE CAN ACTUALLY BE A LIFE SAVER OR AN EMERGENCY TOOL FOR SURVIVAL.

Contributed from John Ryan (Pres Clan Ryan Vic.)

Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST

Emergency
The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112.

If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, Dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your Keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end.

Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you.

Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk). Try it out

THIRD

Hidden Battery Power imagine your mobile battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370# Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the Instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?
To check your Mobile phone's serial number,
Key in the following digits on your phone: *#06#
A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. this number is unique to your handset.

Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone get stolen, you can phone Your service provider and give them this code, they will then be able to block your handset
So even if the thief changes the SIM card, Your phone will be totally

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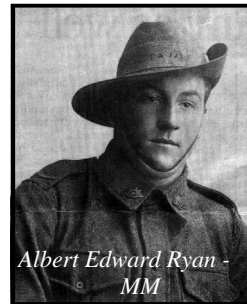


The **Military Medal** (until 1993) was awarded to NCO personnel of British Army and other services, also to personnel of Commonwealth countries, for bravery in battle on land. Established on 25th March 1916, it was the OR's equivalent to the Military Cross, awarded to commissioned officers and WOs (although WOs could be awarded the MM), although it took precedence below that decoration as well as the Distinguished Conduct Medal, also awarded to non-commissioned members of the Army. Recipients of the Military Medal are entitled to use the post-nominal letters "MM". In 1993, the Military Medal was discontinued, and since then the Military Cross has been awarded to personnel of all ranks

Private Albert Edward Ryan - Military Medal

WW1

Service Number: 524
Unit: 5th MG Bn
Born: Tasmania
Date of action: 24th - 25th April 1918
Place: Villers-Bretonneux France
Detail:



Died: 18th September 1924
Buried or Cremated:
Current location of the MM: Family

During the first advance of the 60th Battalion at Villers-Bretonneux France, on the 24th April, the NCO in charge of the guns became a casualty. Ryan took control of the situation and under heavy shelling and machine gun fire commanded his team, leading them forward and into position.

On the morning of the 25th April, Ryan again took command and successfully advanced his team. On arrival at their new position, Ryan collected some captured German machine guns and brought them into action.

Later when the enemy counter-attacked and the Anzac's own guns were blown out by shell fire, Albert went forward and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy with the captured guns.

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THE SYMBOL OF THE RSL



This badge is a symbol of a readiness at all times to render service to Queen and Country, and to former comrades. It is a time-honoured emblem – one that has been worn with a deep sense of pride by the most revered in our land, and one that glorifies the coats of all privileged

to wear it.

Neither wealth, nor influence, nor social standing can purchase the badge, which may be worn in honour only by those who have rendered service in Her Majesty's armed forces.

'A & NZAC'

Two Australian Sergeants, Little and Millington had cut a rubber stamp with the initials 'A & NZAC' for the purpose of registering papers at the Corps headquarters, situated in Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo. When a code name was requested for the Corps, a British officer, a Lt. White, suggested ANZAC. Little later claimed that he made the original suggestion to White. It was in general use by January 1915

75 Ryans in Military Honour & Awards throughout all conflicts.

Alan Howard Ryan WW11 (DFC)
 Albert Edward Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Albert James Ryan NYH (OBE)
 Allan Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Archibald Michael Joseph Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Barry John Ryan VIETNAM (MID)
 Boyd Harold Ryan WW11 (MM)
 Charles Snodgrass Ryan WW1 (Member OBE : Comp of the Bath: MID: Comp Order of St M and St G: Knight Commander of OBE)
 Charles Stephen Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Colin Stephen Ryan QBH (Q Commendation VSA)
 Cornelius John Ryan WW11 (Member OBE)
 Cyril Housden Ryan WW1 (MC)
 Edward Donough Mulyihill Ryan WW11 (MID)
 Edward Joseph Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Eric William Ryan QBH (BEM)
 Errol Peter Ryan NYH (BEM)
 Fredrick Ryan WW1 (MM)
 George Claude Ryan WW1 (MM)
 George Michael Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Herbert Ernest Ryan WW1 (MID)
 James Ryan WW1 (MM)
 James Aloysuis Ryan WW1 (MM)
 James Bernard Ryan South Africa (MID)
 James Joseph Ryan WW11 (MC)
 James Lawrence Ryan WW1 (MM)
 James Michael Ryan WW11 (MM)
 James Michael Ryan WW1 (MM)
 James Patrick Ryan WW11 (K Commendation VSA)
 James Walter Ryan VIETNAM (MID)
 John Ryan WW1 (DCM)
 John Ryan WW1 (VC)
 John Andrew Ryan WW1 (MSM)
 John Daniel Ryan WW1 (MID)
 John Francis Ryan WW1 (MM)
 John Grafton Ryan WW11 (US DFC)
 John Michael Ryan WW1 (MM)
 John Steadman Ryan WW11 (MID)

John Terrence Ryan WW11 (MID)
 John William Ryan WW11 (MID)
 Leo Michael Ryan WW11 (MM)
 Martin John Ryan WW11 (DFC)
 Michael Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Patrick Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Patrick Francis Ryan WW1 (DCM: MID)
 Patrick John Ryan WW11 (MID)
 Patrick Mathew Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Percival Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Peter Allen Ryan WW11 (MM: MID)
 Raymond Francis Ryan VIETNAM (MM)
 Redvers Lenard Ryan WW11 (MID)
 Robert Ryan WW11 (MID)
 Robert William Ryan WW11 (DCM)
 Ronald Patrick Ryan WW11 (MID)
 Sylvester John Ryan WW1 (DCM)
 Thomas Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Thomas Ryan WW1 (DCM)
 Thomas Ryan WW1 (DCM)
 Thomas Francis Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Thomas Henry Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Thomas Lloyd Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Thomas Pearce Ryan WW1 (MM)
 Timothy Joseph Ryan WW11 (MM)
 Victor James Ryan WW11 (MM)
 William Ryan WW11 (MID)
 William Ryan WW1 (MM)
 William Ryan WW1 (DCM)
 William Albert George Ryan WW11 (MM)
 William Francis Ryan WW1 (DCM)
 William James Ryan WW1 (MM)
 William James Ryan KBH (Member OBE)
 William Patrick Ryan WW11 (MID)
 William Patrick Ryan WW11 (MID)
 William Patrick Ryan WW11 (DFC)
 William Patrick Ryan KOREA (AFC)
 William Patrick Ryan WW1 (MM)

Are any of these brave men in your family tree?

Another Notable Ryan

Meet Stephen Ryan, horticulturalist, author and broadcaster. He is the new host of **Gardening Australia**.



Go to : <http://www.net.au/gardening/>

Stephen Ryan, horticulturalist, author and broadcaster is the host of Gardening Australia.

Stephen developed an interest in horticulture at the ripe old age of ten when he started working in his father's nursery.

After completing a Gardening and Turf Management apprenticeship, and achieving an Award of Merit as the top Victorian apprentice, Stephen was awarded two scholarships, one in the UK and the other in New Zealand. When he returned to Australia, he ran his family's nursery until he started his own in 1980. He has been a passionate plant collector ever since.

In 2002 Stephen was awarded a Radio Laurel by the Horticultural Media Association for his segments on ABC Radio 774. He is a much sought after speaker for horticultural events nationwide, is the author of three books on rare plants and contributed to the two large tomes produced in Australia Botanica and more recently Flora. In 2001, the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria recognised Stephen with a John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for Distinguished Service to Horticulture.

Viewers of Gardening Australia will recognise Stephen from his many appearances on the program featuring his stunning cool climate garden 'Tugurium' in Macedon, Victoria.

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Another Birthday

Lucky for some! Friday 13th February saw the safe arrival of Dylan James Saron at the Logan Hospital. He weighed in at 6lb Third son of Cameron and Kate Saron and a new brother for Mathew and Hayden. Grand-Son for Toni Ryan, (Tasmania) and nephew for Kelli, Travis and Peta.

Congratulations

A New Baby



Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.