



21 Congratulations Sarah



**15 Clan Ryan
members plus 10
clan family
members
At Sarah Ryan-
Charles' 21st**

**'Ryan's in
Wonderland!'**

What an amazing 21st
Birthday party it was. After
months of planning, my
'Disney in Wonderland'
party went down perfectly.

The weather cleared up
after days of rain, and there
wasn't a cloud to be seen.

Everybody came in costume and so far all the
reviews have been great.

Just want to say a big thanks to some of the
wonderful Ryan Clan members who made my



special day what it was.

To my mum, Berniece Ryan-Charles and my aunty Alexis Ryan, thank you so much, couldn't have pulled it off without you both. Thanks goes to Naomi Granger, 'CR member' who made the 'Cakes of all Cakes'!

We had everything from the rabbit hole to the mad hatter's tea party. There were games, quizzes, puzzles and a wonderful feast which was taken care of by Steve.
Thanks ubung!



**Hope you all enjoy the photos as much
as we enjoyed the day!**

Sarah Ryan-Charles

*You'd have to be Irish
& a Ryan!*



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Clan
Ryan
(Victoria)

Gerry Ryan takes the Melbourne Cup

Smooch ... strapper Stephanie Nigge with Melbourne Cup hero American

AMERICAN



WORLDSTOPSTAYER

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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CLAN RYAN QLD OBJECTIVES

In the constitution, the objects for which the "Clan" is established are:-

- *To bring all the descendants of the Clan Ryan together in friendship and foster good relations and fellowship among Members
- *To create and maintain a comprehensive Register of all Clan Descendants, and make information available to Members on request.
- *To seek affiliation with and maintain links with the Clan Headquarters in Tipperary, Ireland, and any other Organisation which fosters the Clan System of Ireland.
- *To seek information both general and specific relative to the Ryan family and the Clan as a whole, and to make such information available to Members on request.
- *To assist Members in every way possible in their search for information relative to their Family
- *To establish a Family Data-base for the RYAN Family, and provide a State-wide information centre for the distribution of family information to Members of the Clan.
- *To foster closer ties between Members of the Ryan Clan, and imbue the Members with a pride in the Family, by a greater appreciation and wider knowledge of the Family Name and the History of the Clan.
- *To establish contacts with the other States of Australia, and encourage and assist in the establishment of Branches of the Clan Ryan in those States.

Please note your name and membership number with deposit. New members will be given a membership number which appears on Ryan Rag envelope.

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- Make sure your mixing bowl, beater and machine are clean and ready for use.
- Add the butter & sugars(and treacle) to the mixing bowl.
- Cream the butter & sugars(and treacle) together, using the beater, on a high speed until light.
- Stop the machine & give the beater & bowl a scrape down using a plastic scraper.
- Add the eggs slowly on a medium speed so as not to curdle the mixture.
- Sieve the flour (and spices together).
- Add the flour (and spices) gradually on a low speed.
- Stop the machine and scrape down the beater & bowl once more.
- Add the fruit gradually on a low speed (if you like you can leave the dried fruit to soak a few days before with a little sherry or brandy etc).
- Turn off the machine.
- Give the mixture a final turn with your clean hands or a wooden spoon to make sure it's properly mixed through.
 - Add the mixture to the tin, leveling & smoothing the top with the back of a spoon or wet closed fingers.
- Place into the middle of the oven at 150°C / 300°F / Gas mark 2 for the time given above for your tin size.
- Check the cake after the allotted time using a skewer...place the skewer into the middle of the cake if it comes out clean then the cake is done. If it needs a little more time pop it back in for another ten or fifteen minutes...if it starts burning then it's overdone or your oven is too hot!!
- Remove from the oven ...leave the cake in the tin on the top of the oven or on the side on a cooling rack to cool down.
- When cold tip the cake out of the tin and remove the first layer of paper leaving the greaseproof on the cake...you may add your brandy or sherry or rum to the cake and then wrap up in more greaseproof paper and then a sheet of aluminium foil.
- Store in a cool dry place for a while to mature until needed for decoration.





Rich Fruit Cake Recipe

Christmas Cake

The Christmas cake is the cake most people want to have a go at
Here is a recipe for a traditional RICH fruit cake if you haven't got one already....

Square Tin	15cm (6in)	20cm (8in)	25cm (10in)	30cm (12in)
Round Tin	18cm (7in)	23cm (9in)	28cm (11in)	
Currants	225g (8oz)	450g (1lb)	775g (1lb 11oz)	1.4kg (3lb)
Sultanas	90g (3.5oz)	200g (7oz)	375g (13oz)	500g (1lb 2oz)
Raisins	90g (3.5oz)	200g (7oz)	375g (13oz)	500g (1lb 2oz)
Glaze Cherries (chopped)	65g (2.5oz)	125g (4oz)	225g (8oz)	350g (12oz)
Mixed Peel (chopped)	50g (2oz)	75g (3oz)	150g (5oz)	250g (9oz)
Blanched Almonds (chopped)	50g (2oz)	75g (3oz)	150g (5oz)	250g (9oz)
Lemon Rind (grated)	Half a lemon	A whole	A whole lemon	Two lemons
Plain Flour	175g (6oz)	350g (12oz)	600g (1lb 5oz)	825g (1lb 13oz)
Ground Cinnamon (optional)	2.5ml (Half)	5ml (1 tea-	10ml (2 tea-	15ml (3 teaspoons)
Ground Mixed Spice (optional)	1.5ml	5ml (1 tea-	7.5ml (1.5 tea-	7.5ml (1.5 teaspoons)
Butter	150g (5oz)	275g (10oz)	500g (1lb 2oz)	800g (1lb 12oz)
Light Soft Brown Sugar	150g (5oz)	275g (10oz)	500g (1lb 2oz)	800g (1lb 12oz)
Eggs (size 2)	2.5	5	9	14
Black Treacle (optional)	5ml (1 tea-	15ml (1	30ml (2 table-	30ml (2 tablespoons)
Approx Cooking Time at 150C /300F /Gas Mark 2	2 hours 30 mins	3 hours 15 mins	4 hours 15 mins	6 hours
Approx Cooked Weight	1.25kg	2kg (4.5lbs)	4kg (9lbs)	6.5kg (14lbs)
Brandy (added after cooking)	45ml (3	60ml	90ml (6 table-	120ml (8 tablespoons)

Method

- Weigh out all the ingredients into suitable containers so they are to hand when needed.
- Before starting mixing make sure you have lined the correct tin and turned on the oven. 150°C / 300°F / Gas mark 2
- Make sure the butter is left out of the fridge for a while before use, this will help stop the mixture from curdling later when adding the eggs. The eggs should also be at room temperature before using them and not taken straight from the fridge.

CLAN RYAN AUSTRALIA

Formed in late 1998 Clan Ryan Australia provides automatic membership to all members of a branch clan at no extra membership fee.

With the advent of our national website it was resolved to promote this Clan in the future. The Qld executive will manage this development pending growth of other State branches.

The Rag will become Ryan Rag Australia, and be our National Newsletter. It will continue to be run in its present form but will be developed to accommodate content from all current and future State Septs.

Membership Fee \$15

Due to increasing running costs it was voted at the AGM to increase the Membership Fee to \$15. as of 2010.

Any prepayments paid before end of October 2009 will not increase until due again.

Printing Deadlines

1. All Copy to Editor by 8th of month prior to publication
2. Editor sends final format to Printer by 22nd of that month.
3. Printer sends magazines to editor by 8th of next month for post by 15th month of issue.

PLEASE NOTE: It is important to advise the Sec/Treas of any changes in Contact Details

♦ Residential Address

♦ Email address

♦ Telephone Numbers

♦ New family members

Clan Ryan (Q'land) Lapel Badges

We now have for distribution, to any Members who wish to purchase them, supplies of the abovementioned 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, Sec/Tres, ClanRyan (Queensland)

"To think, when one is no longer young, when one is not yet old, that one is no longer young, that one is not yet old, that is perhaps something."

~ Samuel Beckett

The Newly Elected Committee 2010-2013

All positions on the committee were up for election at the 2010 AGM. Greg Ryan, Gil Neilan, Kerrienne Brown and Brendan Palmer were re-nominated for their current positions and Neil Ryan was elected as Vice President. Fay Ryan and Shane Ryan did not seek re-election. Berniece Ryan-Charles will take up her position on the executive and continue as Editor of the Ryan Rag.

President: Greg Ryan

Greg was born in Ipswich Qld. He holds a degree in Soc. Sc. and post grad. Public admin. He has worked for over 30 years with Qld Disability Services. Greg is Married to Madonna (nee Ryan) and has three children. He is active in various community organizations.

Committee Member: Brendan Palmer

Brendan was born 8.11. 1951 in Brisbane. He has worked for Telstra as a Supervisor/Manager in Finance and Admin Dpt. for 35yrs, and is now retired. His hobbies include Genealogy, Art, Antique Furniture restoration, bushwalking and a 'Friend of Toowoong Cemetery'

Vice President: Neil Ryan

Neil was born in Cork, Ireland 21/11/1973 (Emigrated to Australia December 1978) He is married to Narrell Ryan (nee Kirwan). He is a chef by trade, and enjoys Reading, History & Archaeology, Travel & Culture.

Committee Member: Kerrienne Brown

Kerrienne was born in Ipswich, daughter of Fay and Bernie Ryan, who were founding members of the Clan. She is a primary school teacher, is married to Paul, has four children and lives in Karalee. She has her own internet home business and helps out with their Electrical and Earthmoving business. All these, keeping her a very busy lady.

Secretary/Treasurer: Gil Neilan MSc./B.Com.

Gil was born in Ipswich in 1931. His maternal grandmother Margaret Ryan of Cappa White, Tipperary. Gil held senior management roles in brewing, Management Consulting, Timber Industry Building and Insurance. Gil is married to Marie and they have retired in Brisbane. They have interests in the racing industry. His hobbies are ancestry, Clan Ryan and walking their dog Harley.

Committee Member/Editor: Berniece Ryan-Charles.

Berniece was born in Gympie in 1945 and is the daughter of Ted Ryan, founder of the Clan. She has qualifications in Community Welfare, Art and Horticulture. She is interested in Travel, Art and Craft, Gardening, reading and current affairs. Berniece is the mother of six. She is the editor of the 'Ryan Rag'.

We would like to thank our outgoing Committee Members:

Vice President: Shane Ryan

Shane is dealing with the demands of his wife's illness and other commitments. Thank you for your term Shane and best wishes to yourself and Jennifer for the future. May God bless you.

Committee Member: Fay Ryan

Wife of our founding Vice President Bernie Ryan. Fay has been a staunch and productive member of the clan since its inception and has served in some position on the Committee since then. Her membership number is 2, and that says it all. She can retire and rest on the fabulous contribution she has made to our organization. A heartfelt thankyou to you Fay. We know that you will continue to participate in and to support the Clan into the future.



◀ COMMITTEE 2010-2013

L-R Gil: Neil: Kerrienne: Greg: Brendan: Berniece

RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ▶

L-R Fay: Shane



Consumer Warning Cont..... "After careful consideration we decided to issue an early warning and we hope that prevented people losing money on airline tickets or even worse ending up in a predicament where they were stranded abroad without a return flight seat."

In addition to cheaper-flights.com.au Queensland Police this week outed three other dodgy flight websites: cheapflight-only.net, onlycheapflights.net and flisave.com.

The Commissioner is also recommending that consumers avoid these sites.

"Do not make bookings with flisave.com which immediately rings alarm bells be-

cause it only accepts wire transfer payments which are not traceable. The cheap-flightonly.net and onlycheapflights.net accounts appear to have been suspended but should also be avoided," she said.

"In general when making travel bookings online, be alert to unusually cheap fares or offers to give you airline tickets before you have to pay. If it seems too good to be true it usually is.

"Consumers in any doubt about a travel booking can contact us to check on the details of the agent they're dealing with. Remember if you deal with a licensed travel agent in Australia you have a higher level of protection, through the Travel Compensation Fund."

The Baby who stole a march

This year has brought a great deal of excitement. My only son has been working abroad for several years now. His profession as an Air Traffic Controller has brought many opportunities his way. He worked in United Arab Emirates, came home for a short time then applied for a position in Edmonton, Canada. Jeremy was beginning to seem a confirmed bachelor, but a lovely lady directing air traffic stole his heart away early this year. It was a whirlwind romance which was not under control and had them married by January, with a baby following so quickly that my head was spinning.

Plans were made so that Philip and I could travel to Canada to be there to greet him when he made his entrance into the world. I was looking forward with excitement and apprehension. I had never been to Canada before, my only tour overseas was in New Guinea when Philip was in the Army. I went shopping for Aussie designs for

the baby, things like bonds jumpsuits and even a little pair of Uggies, Tasmanian made, to keep his tiny feet from the snow, and an Aussie coin struck in the year of his birth. I shopped for clothes, light and warm for ourselves as we were warned of below zero temperatures. What fun!

We departed on Wednesday, the 6th October and while we were waiting at Launceston airport to board the plane the message came through that little Drew had been born. We arrived in Edmonton on Friday 11.45am to be greeted by our new baby. No mistake he is a Farry. What a turn of events, he greeted us at the airport for our arrival instead of us being there to greet him on his. Donna Farry



DREW PHILIP FARRY

10.10pm
06.10. 2010
5lb 11oz
Edmonton
Alberta
Canada

WELCOME TO OUR
WORLD



Telephone scam warning

Police wish to advise the community to be extremely cautious when taking telephone calls from people claiming to be from consumer and government offices.

A number of incidents have been reported to police recently where scammers are calling residential addresses identifying themselves as a representative of a genuine banking institution or representatives of 'bank reclaim expert' companies.

According to Detective Superintendent Brian Hay, the scammers call the victim and get them to recite their personal details including, full name, date of birth, address, telephone number and the banking institution they are with to give the impression they are from a genuine institution.

"These scams relate to the overpayment of tax and/or bank fees and offer a refund of these overpayments if the victim pays a fee, normally between \$200 and \$400," said Detective Superintendent Brian Hay.

"The caller often asks the victim to attend a post office where the fee can be paid, usually via a money transfer service."

"We have also seen similar scams relating to carbon offsets and want to remind the community to be extremely cautious if contacted by a person purporting to represent any bank or government organisation."

Members of the community should not rely on the contact details provided by the caller and are instead encouraged to always conduct their own research and personally initiate contact directly with the institution or company.

"The public is reminded to not confirm personal identification details with the caller but to report this type of scam to the appropriate authorities," said Detective Superintendent Brian Hay. Scams can be reported via the 'report a scam' page on SCAMwatch or by calling 1300 795 995. **Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via 1800 333 000 or crimestoppers.com.au 24hrs a day. Crime Stoppers is a charitable community volunteer organisation working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service.**

Media and Public Affairs Branch 07 3015 2444

WA consumer warning backed by QLD Police.

An early warning from WA's consumer watchdog last month about a bogus airfare website has led Queensland Police to issue a similar caution today.

Consumer Protection warned Western Australians to cease using the website cheaper-flights.com.au on October 29 and Queensland Police has now followed suit, naming the site as a scam.

The agency previously advised that cheaper-flights.com.au was wrongly claiming to be based in Australia, falsely using an ABN number belonging to a WA travel company and selling tickets for an airline it was not authorised to represent.

Commissioner Anne Driscoll believes issu-

ing an interim warning before investigations had concluded has prevented many people falling victim.

"We were hearing from WA consumers who were concerned about the credentials of the site after seeing adverts for it through social media and obtaining quotes for up to 50 per cent lower than market rate prices," she said.

"All the leads our WA ScamNet branch followed up suggested that it was scam, particularly the fact that cheaper-flights.com.au was wrongly quoting the ABN of a legitimate WA company, had no physical address in Australia and was operating from overseas.

AGM 2010 Report

Our AGM at the Irish Club was very well attended by 25 members and 7 guests, far exceeding attendances in recent years.

Numerous topics were discussed including::

1. Resurgence of closer contact with clans in USA and Ireland.
2. Moves to restore original Ryan castle/Waller castle in Ireland.
3. 3Premier Ryan artifacts for sale.
4. Availability of extra copies of our magazine for distribution to Member's children.
5. Email of magazine to members.
6. Membership Growth through exchange of ancestry records with members.

These Items will be discussed by executive members at our meeting in December 2010 and reported back to you in March 2011.

TREASURER REPORT

Only routine expenses involving magazine printing and postage and envelopes.. Statement tabled.

Balance \$1560

Note only three magazines printed during year 2010, and balance includes prepaid membership fees.

No change in current fee of \$15 per year is proposed at this stage.

Gil Neilan



AGM 23rd October 2010 at Irish Club.



Sheilah Lynch (91) and Gabriel Granger (3mths)
Oldest and Youngest members at the Meeting

Wealthy entrepreneur Gerry Ryan's five-year plan



lands Melbourne Cup win



The Australian Wednesday, 03 November 2010 09:17

James Thomson

Another Melbourne Cup, another wealthy winner. Gerry Ryan, who was valued at \$180 million earlier this year and owns one of Australia's biggest caravan businesses, yesterday fulfilled a lifelong dream by winning the Melbourne Cup with French horse Americain.

Ryan, who owns the Melbourne-based caravan giant Jayco, just missed the cut-off for this year's BRW Rich 200 list, and was listed as a contender with a \$180 million fortune.

Ryan is perhaps best known as one of the biggest individual supporters of sport in Australia. Jayco has been at various times a sponsor of Australian cycling events and teams, basketball teams (particularly women's), St Kilda Football Club and the Melbourne Storm rugby league team, where Ryan was a director.

But horse racing has always been a passion for the businessman. Five years ago, he and

fellow entrepreneur Kevin Bamford – who owns Melbourne company Labelmakers – decided they would try to get a runner in the Melbourne Cup.

"We are mates from the Carbine Club and five years ago Kevin and I sat down and he told me how he experienced a runner in the Cup," Ryan said yesterday.

Their first two attempts went awry – a colt died in a paddock accident and a mare wasn't up to Melbourne Cup grade.

Ryan, who has raced horses in France, then hit upon a plan to import a French stayer who was pre-qualified for the Melbourne Cup and which they knew could run the distance.

They found Americain and bought him for \$225,000. The horse had performed well in France before racing in America without success, but Ryan and Bamford saw an opportunity.

"He'd shown bad form in America but if you discounted that form he had excellent form," Ryan said.

"It's qualified for the Melbourne Cup and

Keep on Smiling!

A FARMER'S REMEDY

Paddy is passing by Mick's hay shed one day when through a gap in the door he sees Mick doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of his old red Massey Ferguson.

Buttocks clenched, he performs a slow pirouette and gently slides off first to the right, then to the left.

He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, lets his braces fall down from his shoulders to dangle by his hips over his corduroy trousers.

Grabbing both sides of his checked shirt, he rips it apart to reveal his tea stained vest underneath and with a final flourish he hurls his cap on to a pile of hay.

"What on earth are you doing, Mick?" says Paddy.

"Jeez Paddy, ye frightened the livin bejasus out of me!" says an obviously embarrassed Mick. "But me and the Missus been having some trouble lately in the bedroom department and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor! "

Contributed by Paddy Ryan (Budrim)

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRANDMOTHERS AND GRANDFATHERS

A friend, who worked away from home all week, always made a special effort with his family on the weekends. Every Sunday morning he would take his 7-year old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some bonding time -- just him and his granddaughter.

One particular Sunday however, he had a bad cold and really didn't feel like being up at all. Luckily, his wife came to the rescue and said that she would take their granddaughter out.

When they returned, the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see her Grandfather.

'Well, did you enjoy your ride with grandma?'

'Oh yes, Granddad' the girl replied, 'and do you know what? We didn't see a single arsehole, blind bastard, dip stick or wanker anywhere we went today!'

Contributed by Colleen Ryan (Gaythorne)

NEWS FROM VICTORIA

No news is good news is an old adage.

I am trusting that this is true for our Victorian Clan. Of course the big News Item out of Victoria for this issue is the results of the Melbourne Cup. Not only the race itself but that the owner, in partnership with Kevin Bamford, was Gerry Ryan, a lad who has come from 'Rags to Riches' and bears the name Ryan. Gerry hails from Bendigo and is one of nine children of Jack and Madge Ryan. Gerry is community spirited and supports many and varied Sporting genera.

We hope that John and Julie had a tremendous time on their trip to Asia and hope to bring you a report on that in the next issue. We look forward to more input from our Victorian Sept.

Best wishes for the Season and may God Bless. Berniece- Editor

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,
- Become a member for \$25 per year and keep the Irish Group 'on the air'.

NEW MEMBERS

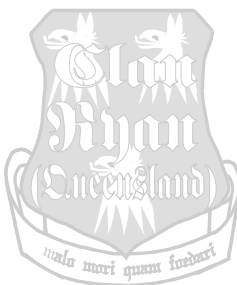
"Ce ad mile failte romhat!"
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

258 Lorraine & Stewart BOYD of Brighton

Lorraine & Stewart Boyd

Please recruit new members!

Invite your friends and family and any Ryan you know or meet, to join us.



Queensland Branch
AsLogo

the first criterion to buy a horse is to buy a horse that's qualified.

"Every race it won after we bought it was a bonus. We bought it to run in the Melbourne Cup – not to win the Melbourne Cup – to run in the Melbourne Cup."

On the way to the Melbourne Cup, Americain

scored an impressive win in the Geelong Cup lead-up event, before careering away in the big race to beat Maluckyday and So You Think.

Ryan and Bamford are now planning a new Melbourne Cup assault. As Bamford says, they still need a cup for each trophy cabinet.

What's the Future?



For Americain!

THE Melbourne Cup is in the kitbag but it could be just the start for French stayer Americain. Next stop will be next month's Hong Kong Vase, and once he returns home to France a decision will be made whether to chase the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe or another Melbourne Cup. Maybe even both.

"It is amazing how creative you become around midnight," owner Gerry Ryan said.

"The trainer [Alain de Royer-Dupre] was very noncommittal but even he was talking about the Arc [de Triomphe]. He is a very cautious man by nature, only after he won the group 2 at Deauville he said, 'We are coming here [to the Melbourne Cup].'"

Royer-Dupre has won the Arc with Dalakhani in 2003 and Zarkava in 2008. It would fit his pattern of giving stayers three or four weeks between runs. Americain would have to enter quarantine the day after the Arc if he were to defend his Melbourne Cup crown, but that is a decision for next year.

"I would personally like to come back here, but to have an Arc runner would be something else

again," Ryan said. "We need a fair handicapper to come back here. The problem would be quarantine. We would have one day's grace to get into it if he was to run in the Arc but that decision can wait."

Ryan was just happy to soaking up the Melbourne Cup success yesterday but confirmed there would be a stopover on the way back to Royer-Dupre's Chantilly stables. "Hong Kong here we come," he said. "Alain and Gerald [Mosse] won the Vase last year, and it is a very nice race."

The Vase is a race the French have dominated at Hong Kong's international race day. Mosse rode the Aga Khan's Daryakana, a three-year-old filly, to victory last year.

"I was just lucky Americain wasn't there," Mosse said yesterday. "I'm looking forward to international day with this horse [Americain] and hopefully some others."

Mosse was presented with his Wirth whip by Billy Smith, who won the 100th Cup on Hi Jinx. It was first presented to the Melbourne Cup-winning jockey in 1888

The Melbourne Cup

The race that stops the Nation

Survey claims Melbourne Cup costs \$1 billion in lost productivity – but it's all worth it for employers The Melbourne Cup might be known as the race that stops the nation, but it's also the race that stops Australian workers.

While Melbourne workers enjoy a public holiday on Cup Day, a survey of 889 workers around the country found employees take an average of 3.5 hours off work to enjoy the race and associated festivities. According to recruitment and HR consultancy Randstad, the cost of that lost productivity is around \$1 billion, based on ABS statistics that indicate there are approximately 11, 276, 100 full-time employees in Australia, earning an average wage of \$31.40 per hour.

The survey showed 12.1% of workers choose to take the entire day off, while about 47% take part in some form of office-organised event, such as sweepstakes (something 38% of workers get involved in) or an office function (25% of workers). Just 15% only stop long enough to watch the race before returning to work.



However, employers who might be throwing their hands up in disgust at the thought of all this lost productivity should consider using the event to their advantage.

At a time when employers want to improve staff retention, some Cup Day fun could be the perfect way of getting the team together – particularly if your staff are going to be distracted anyway.

Randstad CEO Deb Loveridge agrees.

“While employers should be aware of the Cup’s overall effect on their businesses’ bottom line, the long-term benefits outweigh the short-term costs,” she says.

“In fact, employers may damage their company culture, reputation and retention if they don’t get involved, such is the passion, excitement and anticipation around the Cup.”

Oh, and if you’re organising the Melbourne Cup sweep this year, keep in mind that torrential rain is forecast for Melbourne over the weekend.

If you can “organise” things so you can get a mudlark such as Descarado in the office sweep, you could recoup the costs of any lost productivity pretty quickly!

By James Thompson

Help bring back the Richmond birdwing butterfly by planting the Richmond birdwing vine!

Pararistolochia praevenosa

The Richmond birdwing butterfly

The Richmond birdwing was once abundant near Brisbane and is the largest and most beautiful butterfly in Southeastern Queensland. Today it is rarely seen in urban southeastern Queensland where it has suffered from a decline in abundance of its only caterpillar food, the Richmond birdwing vine.

Ecology

This vine grows particularly well after rain and during autumn and winter when there are few or no caterpillars to feed on them. Only midges pollinate the flowers (even some midges have their purpose!). The capsules begin to form in spring, slowly expand to ripen over summer and turn golden orange in autumn then fall unopened from the vine. Australian brush turkeys help germination by burying the seeds with their claws as they feed on the fruit. The vines have become rare and there is a need to plant this vine in gardens and reserves to provide sufficient food for caterpillars of the Birdwing butterfly.

Major threats

- ☐ Land clearing/urbanisation.
- ☐ Prolonged drought
- ☐ **Dutchman’s pipe** – *A Fatal Attraction*. Birdwing eggs are also laid on the exotic Dutchman’s pipe vine (*Aristolochia elegans*) but the leaves are toxic and kill the larvae. This introduced pest is also common in gardens and as a weed in bushland, creating a ‘death trap’ for any larvae that hatch out to feed on the plants.

Planting Instructions. The vine -

- ☐ Grows throughout the year but is rarely fast-growing.
- ☐ Flowers Sept-Nov.
- ☐ Needs semi-shade. Feed with Osmocote © and occasionally Aquasol ©.
- ☐ Needs water frequently when first planted & keep the soil moist thereafter.
- ☐ Plant 1 m from host tree or trellis. Don’t handle roots; plant with pot soil.
- ☐ Tie a string to the stake to help the plant climb.
- ☐ Take care not to break off fragile climbing leaders.
- ☐ Grows to a height of approximately 5 m.
- ☐ Does not like fresh eucalypt



◀ BIRDWING VINE

DUTCHMAN’S PIPE VINE ▶
DEADLY TO THE BIRDWING
CATERPILLAR



mulch as it can burn

Compilation of Various Internet sources

RICHMOND BIRDWING BUTTERFLY and ITS VINE

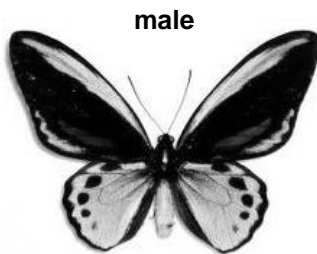
The Richmond Birdwing butterfly is one of the largest butterflies found in South East Queensland and Northern New South Wales. The female has a wingspan of 6ins and the male one of 5ins.

This beautiful butterfly, the male of which has brilliant green and black wings and bright red splash on its thorax, was once found in great numbers from the Mary River Heads in Queensland to the Clarence River in New South Wales and west to the Great Dividing Range.

Since the early 1900s, the range of the butterfly has become severely restricted. By the beginning of the 21st century, its distribution was reduced to two distinct populations, one on the Sunshine Coast and one stretching from the Gold Coast and its hinterland to the more northern parts of Northern New South Wales.

Brisbane and its environs no longer has a stable and viable Richmond Birdwing Population, although sightings are more frequent in wet weather. The population has begun to increase in recent years encouraged by a frenzy of planting activities in the Brisbane suburbs over the last two decades.

The butterfly lays its eggs exclusively on the endangered Richmond Birdwing Vine, although the introduced species Dutchman's Pipe vine, a distant relative of the



male

Richmond Birdwing butterfly's native larval

food plant, emits a substance that tricks the female butterflies into laying their eggs on this vine. It was a very popular introduced vine, planted in gardens. It is now a bushland weed.. a fatal attraction.

She lays only three yellow eggs and the emerging caterpillars fight to the death with only one surviving to mature and start the cycle once again.



female



Caterpillar

A timely and significant reminder of the environmental values that are under threat and must be protected was the discovery of a thriving Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Vine (*Pararistolochia praevenosa*), estimated to be at least 200 years old! It is imperative the vines are protected and vegetation communities containing these special floral characters are rehabilitated to support the recovery of the butterfly.

Indeed, establishing a 'wildlife garden' on your property, be it large or small serves in providing a 'corridor' together with important habitat and food trees for wildlife.

It has been estimated that a planting of 30 vines would support a viable butterfly population. You and /or, you and your neighbours could band together in this endeavour and help to save our beautiful butterfly.



Greg Ryan

From the President's Desk

I will not take too much space in this column in this edition as we have only just had our AGM and much was covered during the course of the meeting which I will include in future issues.

Suffice to say we had a tremendous turnout for the occasion, best for some years, filling the room which had a capacity of 30 and then some. If all who attended signed the register then we had 32 in attendance 27 members + 5 Guests. As this was the end of the three year term for our executive all the positions were declared vacant and new officers were elected. The new elected committee is Greg Ryan (President), Neil Ryan (Vice President) and understudy to Gil, Gil Nieland (Secretary/ Treasurer) and Committee members Kerriane Brown and Brendan Palmer.

It was very comforting to see the turn out and some new faces along as well. One of the main topics of discussion and I would like to focus on this here now as well, was membership. As it was pointed out we sadly had lost a number of our dearly beloved members over the previous year. This natural attrition coupled with the dropping of unfinancial members (as we cannot afford to send the Ryan Rag to unfinancial persons) has meant we are getting very close to a point where we will not be able to continue to produce our Rag and maintain a website, due to lack of finances. We put it to the membership that every member should be on the look out for new possibilities to join our thinning ranks.

I am hopeful with the enthusiasm shown with attendance at the AGM and the level of conversation around the topic, that this is an issue for all the members to take on board. Members only need to get a name and address or phone number then pass it on to Gil or any executive member (we are all listed inside the front cover of the rag) and an executive member will follow up.

To those that could not attend the AGM, look out in coming issues for an abridged version of the Presidents Report to the membership and also the minutes of the meeting. God Bless and keep you all.

Greg Ryan

President Ryan Clan Qld (T) President Clan Ryan Australia



*We wish all of our members
A very Happy and Safe
Holiday Season
Merry Christmas &
A Prosperous New year
Clan Ryan Qld/Australia Committee*

In Memorium

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Carol Miller

Clan Ryan extends our heartfelt condolences to **James Miller** of Echuca Vic, on the passing of his wife Carol, earlier this year. Our sincere sympathy goes to her family.

'May God hold her in the palm of His Hand.'

Mary Jendra (nee Griffiths) 12.7.29. - 31.7.10

We were pleased to enter the St Theresa Church at Glenore Grove. Father Kevin Ryan said it was a long time since the church was so full. Then to St Michael's Cemetery at Tarampa and finally to the Tarampa Hotel to end what started to be a sad time to an enjoyable one. Terry Griffiths

A tribute to his Sister from Terry Griffiths

'EIGHTY YEARS OF LOVE'



**Mary on her
80th Birthday**

Mary was born at home in Silkstone, to her parent's joy
I cannot recall the day, as I was a three old boy
When Mary was born, it was said that Mum was in a whirl
After four boys, she would surely have wished for a girl

She started school at Silkstone State, situated in the next block
Then sent to Booval Convent, where the long walk was a shock
Only six, she found the journey hard, as her strength was not great
Brother Bernie got in trouble, for helping her and being late

Mum was good at making dresses, with colours so gay
With a white for Communion, and a green for St Patrick's Day
She liked singing old Irish songs, she still knows a few
With friend Lorraine Harbort, there was plenty to do

Early in the forties, wars against Germany and Japan had begun
Northern cities were being bombed, so an alert campaign was run
Schools were advised to teach children safety measures to follow
With drill practice in the trenches, until the all-clear would blow
Some schools were closed down as a safety measure
The Japanese were getting closer, so we never felt secure

Next year was Scholarship and it was vital to pass
Extra study each morning was ordered for some of the class
The year passed quickly, in some areas she had some fear
But she passed with the other girls at the end of the year



Kios Kubby



Fair Brown and Trembling - An Irish Fairystory

King Hugh Curucha lived in Tir Conal, and he had three daughters, whose names were Fair, Brown, and Trembling. Fair and Brown had new dresses, and went to church every Sunday. Trembling was kept at home to do the cooking and work. They would not let her go out of the house at all; for she was more beautiful than the other two, and they were in dread she might marry before themselves. They carried on in this way for seven years. At the end of seven years the son of the king of Emania fell in love with the eldest sister.

One Sunday morning, after the other two had gone to church, the old henwife came into the kitchen to Trembling, and said: "It's at church you ought to be this day, instead of working here at home."

"How could I go?" said Trembling. "I have no clothes good enough to wear at church; and if my sisters were to see me there, they'd kill me for going out of the house."

"I'll give you," said the henwife, "a finer dress than either of them has ever seen. And now tell me what dress will you have?" "I'll have," said Trembling, "a dress as white as snow, and green shoes for my feet."

Then the henwife put on the cloak of darkness, clipped a piece from the old clothes the young woman had on, and asked for the whitest robes in the world and the most beautiful that could be found, and a pair of green shoes.

That moment she had the robe and the shoes, and she brought them to Trembling, who put them on. When Trembling was dressed and ready, the henwife said: "I have a honey-bird here to sit on your right shoulder, and a honey-finger to put on your left. At the door stands a milk-white mare, with a golden saddle for you to sit on, and a golden bridle to hold in your hand."

Trembling sat on the golden saddle; and when she was ready to start, the henwife said: "You must not go inside the door of the church, and the minute the people rise up at the end of Mass, do you make off, and ride home as fast as the mare will carry you."

When Trembling came to the door of the church there was no one inside who could get a glimpse of her but was striving to know who she was; and when they saw her hurrying away at the end of Mass, they ran out to overtake her. But no use in their running; she was away before any man could come near her. From the minute she left the church till she got home, she overtook the wind before her, and outstripped the wind behind.

She came down at the door, went in, and found the henwife had dinner ready. She put off the white robes, and had on her old dress in a twinkling.

.....Continued next issue

I received no contributions from the children this issue so we have a fairy story. It is quaintly Irish the way that it is expressed, nice for adults too. Don't forget Kids send me something for your page. I felt quite lonely not hearing a peep from any of you.

- Editor

**Ryan Rag will pay
\$5 incentive for any published
Art works, poems or stories
sent by our children.**

Gerry Ryan Cont.....
before the Cup.

He claimed he wasn't nervous.
"Whatever will be," he said.
It helped that he had been able
to secure \$101 the win and \$41
the place some time ago, which
might well have covered his
share of the bargain price
\$225,000 he and Bamford paid
for Americain.

A great many people in the
broader sporting community
were just as excited for him as
he gets when a young cyclist
claims a gold medal.



Great Grandmother Toni
Ryan sent us this picture of
the latest addition to her
Clan Ryan.

Vincent Joshua Moore
Born in Brisbane

Grandson to Kelli Saron
Son to Josh & Amanda
Moore
Brother for Aylee Rose

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The next two years was her Junior Exam period at St Mary's High
She found it very hard going as time went by
During this time her mother became ill, spending a year in hospital
But Mary passed her Junior exam becoming a very happy gal

After her mother died, Mary had a few jobs, but were not what she sought
She taught for a while at "Star of the Sea" convent at Southport
She decided to return home, finding a job in an office
Then she met Matt Jendra, she thought he was so nice
From the very first dance, she said Matt was the one for her
She said he comes from Coolana, and we all said, "from where?"
Some nights outside our house, they probably planned their next date
When Dad appeared on the verandah, Matt knew it was late

Even with quiet manners, Mary would stress her view
Especially if someone dared to call her a name or two
Married in Forty Nine, she raised Peter, Rosemary, Gregory and Bruce
On leaving school, their lifestyle was there to choose
Farm work of all kinds, was hard, in all sorts of weather
But we loved the struggle so much, it kept us together

Over the years, health problems may have left her flat
Especially with the loss of beloved Bruce and Matt
She now has nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren
With such a family she can continue, to be mother hen

Her faith told her to look ahead, with the family they made
With hard work and determination, her spirit has never strayed
To this point she has lived her life to the letter
As a mother, housewife and nanny, who could have done any better.

Terry Griffiths 27.06.09

Mary Jendra 28 years

'I believe that mum was a member of the
Ryan committee for many years.'

.....Peter Jendra



Gerry Ryan

The Man behind the Melbourne Cup Winner

'Gerry Ryan triumphs in the Tour de Flemington'

Ron Reed From: *Herald Sun*
November 02, 2010 11:49PM

'MAYBE there's something especially alluring about the bright lights of Paris when you've grown up selling newspapers on street corners in a country town to help keep food on a big family table..

Certainly, Gerry Ryan's sporting odyssey had a strong French flavour long before his horse Americain won the Melbourne Cup yesterday.

He has been trying for years to enable an Australian cyclist to win that country's biggest sporting event, the Tour de France, by financially helping young riders such as Cadel Evans -- who has twice gone within seconds of pulling it off - get their careers started.

At Flemington yesterday, it became a matter of "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" when the great race got its first French connection, thanks to trainer Alain de Royer Dupre and jockey Gerald Mosse.

Needless to say, the French fizz was flow-



ing at Ryan's up-market inner-suburban pub not much later, and not just because of the \$3.6 million prizemoney he and his mate and co-owner, Kevin Bamford, had pocketed.

It was Ryan's wife Val's 60th birthday and would have been his late father Jack's 100th, and nothing could be more appropriate than that.

Jack was a battler from Bendigo who loved the

Melbourne Cup and made sure Gerry and his eight siblings gathered around the radio, and later the TV, every first Tuesday in November.

His mum Madge was a tiny punter who

rang the TAB when they put up the minimum bet and told them she was a pensioner and couldn't afford a dollar each way - so they let her continue to bet 50 cents. Val's father Benny was an SP bookie in a local pub and used to keep sweet with the cops by shouting them an annual barrel of beer.

To say Ryan has come a long way since is a huge understatement - it is the classic tale of a smart kid from a struggling background making good in a huge way. Many sports have benefited.

Ryan founded a caravan manufacturing business called Jayco, which now employs 850 people and turns over about \$250 million, while a stud farm near Nagambie is the centrepiece of a racing operation that boasts 15 broodmares and 30 horses in training, including many untested two-year-olds.

Ryan makes his presence felt at every race meeting because all jockeys have Jayco embroidered on their britches. It is just one of countless generous sponsorships and other forms of financial support he has tipped into sport over about 20 years.

As well as racing and cycling, football, rugby league, basketball, cricket, motocross and lawn bowls have all been on the receiving end.

Women's cycling pioneer Kathy Watt won an Olympic gold medal as far back as Barcelona in 1992 -- thanks to Ryan making it possible for her to train in Europe. Cycling has become a passion and he attends the Tour de France every year, where nothing excites him more than seeing one

of "his" boys, such as Melbourne rider Simon Gerrans, win a stage.

The emphasis is always on youth, and he has tipped in multiple millions to the Jayco AIS track cycling team, which he hopes will lead to young guns such as Jack Bobridge, Leigh Howard and Travis and Cameron Meyer dominating at the London Olympics.

His son Andrew, 33, Jayco's marketing director, admits he sometimes wonders about the amount that flows into sport.

"But we like to sponsor events that interest the people who work for us and when things are tough we try to help," he said. "He (Gerry) likes seeing sportsmen do well, and Australia do well at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, that sort of thing.

"It might not be the

right way to invest, but if you've got the money, why not? He does it for the athletes and the fans and he gets genuinely excited when they win."

Still, it's been a tough year.

One of Ryan's most enthusiastic involvements is St Kilda, which he has helped keep afloat - and he has had to watch them not win two AFL Grand Finals.

Worse, he was on the board of the Melbourne Storm rugby league team, stripped of two premierships when the salary cap drama exploded.

The national women's basketball team, the Jayco Opals, had their worst world championship for years and the Jayco Herald Sun bike tour didn't take place, making way for the world championship road race.

"You just have to move on," Ryan said



Kevin Bamford and Gerry Ryan