



# **Burnt by Fire, Blown Apart, Washed Away & Under Water - gives new meaning to the 'Aussie Battler'**



An army of volunteers took to the streets of Brisbane yesterday, armed with buckets and mops, to tackle the biggest clean-up the city has seen Picture: AFPSource: The Australian



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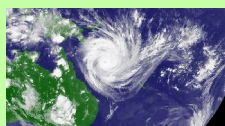
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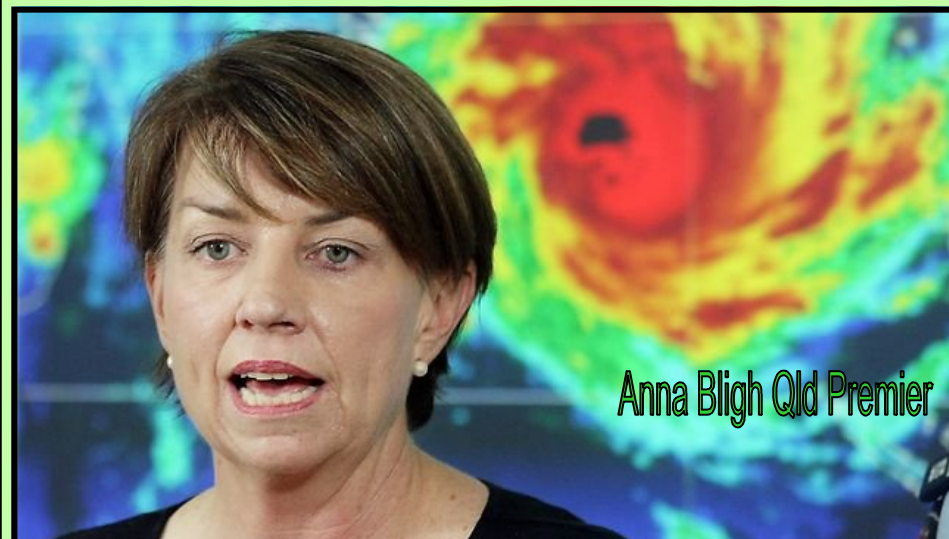


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## **Australia Reeling**

### **Catastrophic Climate Events**



**Anna Bligh Qld Premier**

**•Inland Tsunami •Queensland - Victoria - NSW in Flood  
•Bush Fires in Gippsland and Perth**

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.

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more baking time or bake till tested done.

**WHEAT BREAD:** substitute for the flour: 4 cups bread flour, 2 cups whole wheat  
**SALLY LUNN:** use 1 cup starter, 2 eggs, 3/4 cup warm milk, 1/2 cup melted butter cooled, 1 tsp salt and 4 cups flour. Combine and mix all well. Cover and let rise until double in a warm place. Spoon into a well-greased bundt pan. Cover again and let rise until double. Bake 350F 45 to 55 minutes or until it tests done.

## STEP 4 - STORING THE STARTER

### Instructions for both starters:

If you are using your starter on a regular basis, store it in the refrigerator. It is important to keep the starter lightly covered when refrigerated or at room temperature since a tightly sealed container will cause the yeast to have a feeding frenzy from the sugar and potato flakes and the starter may become weakened. Keep the starter in a non-metallic container. Until the starter is well-established, take it out and feed it every 3 to 5 days whether you are going to bake with it or not. If you are not baking with the starter, discard all but 1 cup of starter and feed the 1 remaining cup with the feeding ingredients as above.

If you are not using your starter regularly, it MIGHT be possible to freeze some of it if you will not be using it for a while. Thaw and feed several times before using for baking. No guarantees that the starter will remain viable through freezing..

## Carla Ryan takes silver

### Australian National Road Championships 2011

Alexis Rhodes (Garmin-Cervelo) finally won her first road championship title in a close sprint ahead of Carla Ryan (Garmin-Cervelo) and Joanne Hogan (Jayco VIS).



Two Years ago:

Wednesday, 7 January 2009

Queensland's Carla Ryan reclaimed her crown when she won the Mars Australia Elite Women's Individual Road Time Trial at the Scody Australian Open Road Championships held in Ballarat today.

The 2007 champion covered the 28km course in 41:21.05, edging out South Australia's Alexis Rhodes (41:21.67) by a mere six tenths of a second, with Barcelona Olympic road race gold medallist Kathy Watt in third place (41:34.19).

"I didn't expect it. I wanted to just go out and enjoy it 'cos' I hadn't had awesome preparation," Ryan said.

A former Victorian who moved from regional Victoria to Queensland in 2003, the diminutive Ryan battled strong winds midway through the race.

## STEP 2 - FEEDING THE STARTER

### Instructions for starter:

Take the starter out of refrigerator and let sit at room temp for 8 hours, then add the Feeding Ingredients and let it sit at room temperature for 8 hours or overnight, then place it all back in the refrigerator or follow instructions below FOR BAKING. It is important to use and feed the starter consistently for bread making or the taste and texture of the bread may change. Many starters mutate over time and bread results may become variable.

## STEP 3 - BAKING WITH THE STARTER

### Instructions for starter:

Measure out one cup or the starter for your recipe and place the remainder in refrigerator, loosely covered, again feeding it every 3 to 5 days until you want to bake with it again. Some recipes say to use one cup for bread, save one cup to refrigerate and feed and throw or give the rest away. After your starter is well established, you will only need to feed it once a week. As with any starter, if it looks moldy or smells off, discard and try again. Both starters will bubble (give off gas) if active but will not rise. Stir any separated liquid back into the starter.

### Ingredients for 2 - 3 loaves of bread:

- 1 c starter (see above)
- 1/2 c sugar (some recipes call for less sugar)
- 1/2 c corn oil
- 1 Tbls salt (some recipes call for less salt, 1 to 2 tsp.)
- 1 1/2 c warm water
- 6 c bread flour OR 4 c bread flour & 2 c whole wheat flour

### Bread Making Instructions:

Combine bread ingredients in large bowl mixing by hand to make a stiff batter or dough. (Depending on which starter you use, humidity etc., the amount of flour required may vary. Many recipes indicate the dough should be pliable and non sticky- and advise being careful about adding too much flour or kneading too much as the bread will be heavy)

Place dough in a greased/oiled large bowl, turning dough over to coat with oil.. Cover lightly with plastic wrap and let rise overnight (at least 8 to 12 hours) on counter at room temperature or in a warm place. In the morning, punch dough down lightly with fist and divide it into two or three parts. (Some recipes indicate to let the dough rest covered 15 minutes before kneading). Knead each piece lightly on floured surface and place in two or three greased loaf pans (quantity depends on pan size). Brush with oil. Cover lightly and let rise for 6 to 12 hours at room temperature or until puffy in pans (no specifics how high in the pan dough should rise- but it probably should come to tops of the pan). (Bread will rise in less time during the summer (perhaps 4 hours or so) and need more time for rising in the winter (8 hours or so).

Bake at 325-350 F degrees for 25 to 35 minutes or until it tests done and is golden. Remove from pans, brush with butter and let cool.

### VARIATIONS:

**CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD:** Roll out dough and brush with melted butter. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, to taste. Add some raisins over dough. Roll dough up, place in pans and let rise as instructed above. When baking, recipe may need 10 to 15 minutes

## 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

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### Clan Ryan (Q'land) Lapel Badges

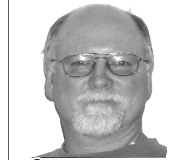
We now have for distribution, to any Members who wish to purchase them, supplies of the abovementioned badges.

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)

"Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible." ~ *Unknown*





Greg Ryan

## From the President's Desk

**Síochán leat** (Peace be with you) and big **Dia dhuit** (hello) to all our clans folk.

I sincerely hope you have avoided and/or survived this most unenviable start to 2011. I am unaware of any of our members being unduly affected by the recent flooding across the states. However, if anyone has been flooded and you wish to, please let the clan know we can at least put out the clarion call to arms to assist in any way we can.

If flooding isn't enough we have one of the biggest cyclones in living memory, as I write, bearing down on our north QLD neighbours. Whatever happens please keep these folk and their families in your prayers and dig as deep as you can if and when you can to help. We can but pray that this period of trial and tribulation will end soon so the good folk of Queensland and other affected areas can get on with things to get their lives back on track.

I believe these events tragic as they may be, provide a unique and timely opportunity to talk to you all (our clan members) about the strength of family and community. I know it made me feel proud to be a Queenslanders when the mud army appeared on the streets to assist people for no other reason than they needed a good old helping hand. No money, no 'what's in it for me' just a quick hello and head down and tail up. Then to realise that people had come from different parts of Australia to do their bit made Australia Day seem all the more real. During the course of the Annual General Meeting some of you may recall me saying one of the things I am working toward is trying to build our clan into a real and supportive organisation to make a difference to our members when we can.

Can I take this opportunity to again ask that we all do our bit toward increasing our membership, for not only will increased membership help to keep us financially viable but it will also increase the skills available within our group, skills which can be utilised by other clans folk. So, can I then appeal to every member to find a potential new member and bring them along to our yearly luncheon get together on the **30<sup>th</sup> April at the Irish Club 10 till 3pm** if only just to say hello. It is a very nice location and one of the few chances to unite with each other to chat and connect so please mark it in your calendar and do your best to come along for a little while if not the whole time.

Till next time **Bail ó Dhia ort**  
(The blessing of God on you)



## Bread from Scratch

*During the recent floods the shortage of supplies became an issue. It was the topic of talk back radio and the lack of available bread was raised. Many callers offered recipes for bread but most required commercial yeast. One caller gave a recipe using room temperature full strength beer. I tried it and it was very edible. This set me to thinking and I remembered that my Da used to tell of his mother making yeast at home with potato skins, so I went on a search. I did not get a recipe using potato skins but came upon some,*

*using potato and even potato flakes. I have started a culture with mashed potato which harvests wild yeast from the atmosphere and it has produced a very nice loaf of bread.*

*I have also started a sourdough culture which provides a very yummy loaf and rolls. The recipe below does use some dried yeast to start but it is a once off requirement.*

*I hope you find this interesting and as much fun as I have.*

**YUMMMMMM! Fresh Bread!-Ed**

## Potato Flake Starter

This one uses yeast, water, sugar and flour to start and feeds with sugar, water and potato flakes.

### Starter Ingredients:

1 to 2 Pkg active dry yeast (recipes vary in amt)

1/2 c warm water

2 Tbs.. sugar ( some recipes call for more sugar )

3 Tbs Flour (not potato flakes)

Mix yeast with the 1/2 cup warm water. Combine remaining starter ingredients and add to yeast mixture.

### Feeding Ingredients:

2/3 cup sugar

3 Tbs. instant potato flakes

1 cup warm water

## STEP 1 - STARTING UP THE STARTER

### Instructions for starter:

After combining the starter ingredients let it stand at room temperature in a lightly-covered glass jar for 3 to 5 days. Refrigerate it and feed every 3 to 5 days. Give it several feedings 3 to 5 days apart to age the starter before baking with it for the first time. (Other instructions say to mix the starter and let it sit overnight, then refrigerate it, covered, for 3 to 5 days before using it to make bread. Let it come to room temperature, feed it and let stand overnight before baking with it. If one way doesn't work for you, try the other way.)

## Out-of-control bushfire in East Gippsland

Wed. 2nd Feb 2011 Megan Neil

Two homes were destroyed by a large, fast-moving and out-of-control bushfire which at one stage threatened a number of small communities in Victoria's southeast.

The fire, burning east of the town of Nowa Nowa near Orbost in East Gippsland, shot up in size to cover an area of 7500 hectares over the course of Tuesday night.

## Hundreds flee raging WA bushfires

(User submitted: Dave Hancock)

Updated Mon Feb 7, 2011 11:47am AEDT

Firefighters in Perth have welcomed daylight as they work to contain a bushfire that has destroyed at least 41 homes.

It was a long night for more than 100 firefighters battling the out-of-control blaze at Roleystone, south-east of Perth, which has burnt through 500 hectares.

- Fire-affected regions in the Perth hills declared **natural disaster areas**
- **59 homes** lost and **28 damaged**



# Australian Swimming Champion Noel Philip Ryan

Born: 1912 in Manly, New South Wales.

Died: November 23, 1969 in Sydney, New South Wales.

Sport: Swimming

Noel Ryan had the following podium finishes at major championships: 1st in the 1930 British Empire Games 400 yards Freestyle, 1st in the 1930 British Empire Games 1500 yards Freestyle, 1st in the 1934 British Empire Games 440 yards Freestyle, 1st in the 1934 British Empire Games 1500 yards Freestyle, 3rd in the 1938 British Empire Games 4x220 yards Freestyle Relay (with the non-Olympians Robert Wilshire, Robin Biddulph, and Bill Fleming).

Ryan also finished fourth in the 1934 British Empire Games 3x110 yards Medley Relay (with the non-Olympians Alan Higginson and Reginald Clark), finished sixth in the 1938 British Empire Games 1650 yards Freestyle, and competed in the 1938 British Empire Games 440 yards Freestyle.



## Toowoomba - Lockyer Valley An inland tsunami - like a fury from hell (The Australian)



**BY the time the main streets of Toowoomba were transformed into a deadly torrent of brown water soon after midday on Monday, it had been hammering down for hours.**

The Garden City, perched 700m above sea level on the Great Dividing Range, about 125km west of Brisbane, had experienced a wet couple of months, with more than 300mm of rain in December and another 250mm falling since a dry New Year's Day. But then what part of Queensland hadn't, with much of the central and southern parts of the state dealing with their worst floods in a generation or more?

This rain, though, was heavier than normal, heavy enough for the weather bureau to warn, of "localised flash flooding", just after 11am. It would prove a terrible understatement. Just after noon, the two creeks running through the centre of Toowoomba - more drains than permanent water courses, say locals - burst their banks, creating a surging city whirlpool that carried off people overwhelmed by waters strong enough to send cars smashing into bridges, tear facades off buildings and knock down brick walls.

Contrary to popular assumption, the downpour in Toowoomba did not flow east down the fertile Lockyer Valley to deliver Brisbane and its satellite city of Ipswich their worst flooding since the 1974 disaster etched deep in Queenslanders' memory. The water headed west of the Great Dividing Range to recharge the floods that had already swamped the rural Darling Downs townships of Chinchilla and Goondiwindi - just two of dozens of towns and cities from Rockhampton on the central coast south to the NSW border to have weathered weeks of inundation.

At the same time, a rainstorm of equal ferocity on the eastern slopes of the range was falling on to already saturated ground. Water from every gully joined up and multiplied in power as it raced down the escarpment.

Quarries filled and burst, sodden hillsides slumped in landslide, rivers formed on railway lines and cascaded down roadways until a wall of death witnesses say was up to 8m high was unleashed upon a string of settlements without warning.

It's estimated that up to 7.5 billion tonnes of water - 15 Sydney Harbours, if that can be imagined - crashed on to southeast Queensland during this week's superstorm. How that water, sucked from the ocean perhaps a week ago, found its way back to the sea - killing up to 30 people and destroying countless lives along the way - is the story of this week's disaster. It will also be the subject of a royal commission almost certain to be called as the state begins the process of rebuilding.....*to be continued*

# NEWS FROM VICTORIA

This poem was sent to me by John Ryan of Victoria: See Letters to the Editor p13.

## My Australian shaped Heart

Out of bed quite early  
When tears filled my eyes  
Here I was Australia Day  
Under another countries skies

A tear drop fell upon my cheek  
As I was about to be on my way  
No Aussie flags were waving  
For my Australia Day

I wouldn't see her beaches  
Covered in golden sands  
I wouldn't hear Cold Chisel  
Or other Aussie bands

My thongs they lay discarded  
To cold to wear outside  
I think I will chance frost bite  
To wear them with Aussie Pride

No aroma of meat on the Barbie  
No prawns, no esky, no beer  
Was this to be Australia Day?  
Without any Aussie cheer?

I have watched from afar  
As mother nature has her way  
My Aussies are much stronger  
They will fight another day  
In the midst of all disaster  
Standing in the rubble of their fate  
My Aussies they will tell you  
"She'll be right Mate"

Like my Aussie family  
I wont wallow in despair  
I will find a happy place  
And sing Advance Australia Fair

I make this solemn promise  
To all of you in my heart  
I will find a place to celebrate  
Here is what I will do to start-  
I will call everyone Mate  
A few will be cobber and blue  
I will make sure I annunciate  
My accent will be true

I will find a meat pie  
And some lamingtons as well  
I will scoff them down with pride  
With each bite my heart will swell

I will wave my Aussie flag  
With all my might  
And hope if I wave hard enough  
My Aussie spirit will take flight

I will put zinc on my nose  
I will swing a cricket bat  
I will dive around in the grass  
Screaming out "Howzat!"

If you have never been abroad  
And never left her side  
Let me reassure you  
It is a love you can not hide  
I love our great country  
And all it has to give  
There is no place in this world  
Where I would rather live

# Keep on Smiling!

## **A very Short Story (Colleen Ryan) - Gaythorne**

*Husband and wife had a tiff.*

*Wife called up her mum and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."*

*Mum said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."*

## **Getting Old is kind of Funny Sometimes (John Ryan) Dualbrook**

*'So I hear you're getting married?'*

*'Yep!'*

*'Do I know her?'*

*'Nope!'*

*'This woman, is she good looking?'*

*'Not really.'*

*'Is she a good cook?'*

*'Naw, she can't cook too well.'*

*'Does she have lots of money?'*

*'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'*

*'Well, then, is she good in bed?'*

*'I don't know.'*

*'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'*

*'Because she can still drive!'*

## **Childbirth at 65 (Colleen Ryan) - Gaythorne**

*With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.*

*'May I see the new baby?' I asked*

*'Not yet,' she said 'first I'll make coffee and we can visit for a while.'*

*Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, 'May I see the new baby now?'*

*'No, not yet,' She said.*

*After another few minutes had elapsed,*

*I asked again, 'May I see the baby now?'*

*'No, not yet,' replied my friend.*

*Growing very impatient, I asked, 'Well, when can I see the baby?'*

*'WHEN HE CRIES!' she told me.*

*'WHEN HE CRIES?' I demanded. 'Why do I have to wait until he CRIES?'*

*'BECAUSE I FORGOT WHERE I PUT HIM, O.K.?!'*

## Further to AGM report, issue 164 Executive Meeting 20/02/2011 Management Decisions.

- **Waller Castle.** Committee decided that the Clan was not in a financial position to support the purchase of the Waller Castle, by the Ryan Clan Ireland. However we would urge any members who would like to and are in a position to do so, to contact our Secretary for the contact details.
- **Ryan Memorabilia.** Response to offer by Brigid / Victoria, to sell to the Clan, a series of letters from a **Ryan family of early 1800's**, was, that the Clan is not in a position to purchase nor display such memorabilia. President will suggest they contact a State library or other similar organization.
- **Clan Ryan Gathering.** The Annual Gathering of the Clan will be held at the Brisbane Irish Club on Saturday, 30th April at 10.30 .am.- 3pm
- **AGM 2011.** The AGM will be held at the Brisbane Irish Club on Saturday 22Oct. 2011, at 10.30 .am.- 3pm in the Harp Room.
- **Etrial.** A trial on sending the 'Rag' to the executive electronically, will be done this issue.
- **Re-election of Management.** Confirmed - Executive Management to keep positions for 3years (2013) and call for new nominations at end of that term. This will provide continuity on projects and development of same.

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

## Many Thanks to our Clan members here and around the World

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude for the generous support given to our Clan for the Ryans affected by the weather events we have just gone through. We received a very generous sum of \$300 from **Clan Ryan US**. We also received a donation from the **Clan Ryan Victoria**.

I take this opportunity to ask that any members or other Ryans who have suffered and are in need, to notify the Secretary/Treasurer of their circumstances and we will assist according to our resources and our means.

Happy Australia Day 2011  
Aussie Aussie Aussie

Julie-Anne Fisher

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## True Aussie spirit in Tooborac

TOOBORAC General Store Owners Peter and Emma Ryan, are reaching out to assist those in flood-affected areas in true Aussie spirit this Australia Day.

The pair have partnered with numerous district businesses to put on an "all Aussie barbecue" with 100% of the funds going directly to the Red Cross.

McIvor Meats has donated the meat and Cellar and Store have donated a hamper to be raffled.

The barbecue will be held at the Tooborac General Store on Wednesday, January 26, from noon until 2pm.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at all above mentioned store in the leadup to the day.

All funds raised on the day will go to

assisting those in flood affected areas in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria through the Red Cross.



**Helping Hand:** Tooborac General Store owners, Tim and Emma Ryan, are supporting flood Victims across Australia.



*Happy  
St. Patrick's Day  
From  
The Management Committee*



## A few word from the Editor

This Issue has left me reeling. It is flabbergasting to try to respond to all that has happened since our last issue. First came the torrential rains which climaxed in widespread flooding, beginning in Queensland but quickly spreading through New South Wales and Victoria. While we were stunned by the event in Toowoomba and then the Lockyer Valley, the threat and subsequent devastation to Brisbane and Ipswich unfolded. It was at the same time that reports of bushfires in Gippsland and then Perth were to come to us. Cyclone Yasi was bearing down, it was the largest cyclone in living history, then came reports of a fierce snowstorm engulfing the USA.

Mother Nature had gone crazy! What more could she throw at us? Little could we envisage the devastation of the present situation in Christchurch. It is inconceivable! The items I have published in this issue do not ignore more current events, but reflect responses to events and happening at the time of writing. Please bear in mind that the items written were so written before the unfolding of further tragic events. None among us could be unmoved by the situation across the Tasman.

In my estimation the crisis's were managed wonderfully by our own Premier, Anna Bligh. Not a life was lost nor any injury sustained during the cyclone, and evacuations, search and rescue were carried out with precision and professionalism throughout these unprecedented occurrences. Our emergency organizations police and military, cannot be praised highly enough. ABC radio kept people in touch and informed throughout, without a hint of sensationalism, uniting and supporting Aussies across the country and across the globe. It made me swell with pride to see the Army of volunteers who streamed onto the streets to help their neighbours and to clean up their cities and towns. So too, did the generosity of the people here and abroad who donated to the various appeals for financial assistance. Even the Queen of England contributed. Anna's, was the calm, efficient and coherent face of the disasters.

We have had a wonderful response from our Clan Members and the Clans overseas, which is evidence of the support and kinship that an organization such as ours can provide for its members. It transcends geographic boundaries and brings together a family which has common origins. If a Ryan in the united States of America can support a Ryan in trouble in Australia then, we are truly a global family.

From all of this adversity comes a 'sunbeam', I am told that the Murray River is now flowing out to sea.

I am interested to receive and to report on any stories from Ryans who have been through and been effected by our recent Climate events. If any members are in need or are aware of Ryans in need please contact the Seceretary Gil Neilan.

# Annual Clan Gathering

## 30th April 2011

*2ld Irish Club*

*- Brisbane -*

*10.30am - 3pm Saturday*

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**"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker. "**

**~ Helen Keller**

**"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore."**

**~ André Gide**



# Another Reminder

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## NEW MEMBERS

**"Ceàd mile failte romhat!"**  
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."  
- Edmund Burke

**Please recruit new Members**

**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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# Heartbreak and Heroes

After months of heavy rain, the threat of a flood had neared

The floodgates of Wivenhoe, were opened as more rain was feared

Already some roads in Colleges Crossing and the Brisbane Valley were inert

And now the residents of the Lockyer Valley, were on high alert

On New Years Eve, the Fitzroy flooded the centre of Rockhampton

And Emerald, people were evacuating, until the battle was won

Then the Bundaberg area was then flooded, as the Burnett River burst

Next were Dalby, St George, Surat and Theodore expecting the worst

Then water like an 'Inland Tsunami' raged through the Lockyer Valley

Leaving a trail of death and chaos, - when viewed, it made us shudder

The wall of water continued, towards Ipswich and Brisbane

Leaving dozens of homes, roads, bridges and businesses in pain

With more rain forecast, the floodgates of dams were exposed

At College's Crossing and other roads became closed

In Toowoomba, Grantham and Dalby, the aftermath was thorough

While the Mary River floodwater, passed from Gympie to Maryborough

Water from the Lockyer and more heavy rain, saw the Bremer River rise

Soon many homes and businesses, got a huge surprise

Then Basin Pocket and Goodna, were soon the most affected

And in surrounding districts, much water was detected

People of the land, have lost crops of many kinds

The task of replanting, will be long on their

minds

Families and farmers will feel, the mental and financial strain

With the cost of goods and services, to hit us time and again

Now is the time for true mateship, to show across the Nation

The evacuated people, have been refugees of devastation

Amid the heartbreak and disaster, hero's concerns ran deep

But a community effort is required, to clean away each heap

The willing faces of young and old volunteers

Put a smile on the flood victims, to hide their tears

They arrived with brooms and buckets, looking the part

This spirit was enough, to touch every heart

Thanks to our Army, Helicopter Rescue teams and SES workers

Also business donors, cooks, Police and ground searchers

As we front this disaster, and manage the disorder

Remember we were born tough, here North of the Border

As we despair over what we've lost, or grieve for family or friend

We are Queenslanders, proud Maroons, right to the end

Our hearts may be broken, but our spirit will shout

We are going to win through, that's beyond any doubt

We have cursed and prayed, for an end to the wet weather

It may have ravished out towns, but it has brought us together

**Terry Griffiths 24.01.11**

# Australian centre for science, innovation and society

## Co-Director: Professor Chris Ryan

Chris Ryan has worked for over 30 years across various areas of science, technology and environmental policy and design and in projects that span the community sector, academia, government and international agencies, and business.

His community sector work spans the creation of a number of networks of ‘alternative’ and ‘radical’ technology in the UK in the 1970’s; work that he brought back to Australia for the creation of several community technology programs and, in 1978, a community plan for environmental and socially-useful work that became the Centre for Research into Environmental Strategies (CERES), still existing today in the Melbourne Suburb of Brunswick.

In academic work he help found the first multi-disciplinary undergraduate socio-environmental degree program at RMIT University that spanned two faculties (Social Science and Architecture and Design). That program ran from 1984 to 1997. He was foundation professor of Design and Sustainability at RMIT from 1990 and Director of the National (Key) Centre for Environmental Design from 1989-98. In this position he directed the National EcoRe-Design program, working with 20 Australia-

lian companies to develop a new eco-design methodology and new greener products for the market.



Professor Ryan left Australia in 1998 to take up a position of Professor, and subsequently, Director of the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE) in Lund, Sweden. That Institute, which focuses on new sustainable systems of production and consumption, is attached to Lund University.

Its research program is closely linked to the formation of government policy, innovation and industry strategy. Professor Ryan returned to Australia from Sweden in 2002 to work with RMIT’s Lab 3000 researching the potential for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to contribute to eco-innovation. The outcomes of that research appeared in Lab Report 03 - "Digital Eco-Sense: Sustainability and ICT, a new terrain for innovation". In parallel with that research, he initiated the international "Eco-Sense" program linking University design schools around the world to explore new possibilities for transformative eco-innovation.

He joined the University of Melbourne in 2006 as Professor and Co-Director of the

## Toby's Rocket Painting



**Congratulations to Toby Granger who will receive his \$5 incentive prize in the mail.**

**Toby is 5.5yrs and has started school this year. Toby loves trains, rockets, catching bugs and lizards to observe and building things with lego. His favourite**

**place to play is at the Mothar Mountain rockpools where he taught himself to swim across the rockpools and also loves to go yabbie hunting just like his nan-nie used to.**

**Toby At School**



## Jokes

What is out on the lawn all summer and is Irish?

Paddy O'Furniture

What do you call a fake stone in Ireland?

A Sham-rock

Why is a river rich?

Because it has two banks

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Irish!

Irish who?

Irish you a happy St Patricks Day

What is Barney's favourite thing on St. Patricks day?

A Blarney Stone

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



# Kios Kubby



## FAIR BROWN AND TREMBLING - An Irish fairytale story

*Continued from issue 164*

When the two sisters came home the henwife asked: "Have you any news to-day from the church?"

"We have great news," said they. "We saw a wonderful grand lady at the church-door. The like of the robes she had we have never seen on woman before. It's little that was thought of our dresses beside what she had on; and there wasn't a man at the church, from the king to the beggar, but was trying to look at her and know who she was."

The sisters would give no peace till they had two dresses like the robes of the strange lady; but honey-birds and honey-fingers were not to be found.

Next Sunday the two sisters went to church again, and left the youngest at home to cook the dinner.

After they had gone, the henwife came in and asked: "Will you go to church to-day?" "I would go," said Trembling, "if I could get the going."

"What robe will you wear?" asked the henwife.

"The finest black satin that can be found, and red shoes for my feet."

"What colour do you want the mare to be?"

"I want her to be so black and so glossy that I can see myself in her body."

The henwife put on the cloak of darkness, and asked for the robes and the mare. That moment she had them. When Trembling was dressed, the henwife put the honey-bird on her right shoulder and the honey-finger on her left. The saddle on the mare

was silver, and so was the bridle.

When Trembling sat in the saddle and was going away, the henwife ordered her strictly not to go inside the door of the church, but to rush away as soon as the people rose at the end of Mass, and hurry home on the mare before any man could stop her.

That Sunday, the people were more astonished than ever, and gazed at her more than the first time; and all they were thinking of was to know who she was. But they had no chance; for the moment the people rose at the end of Mass she slipped from the church, was in the silver saddle, and home before a man could stop her or talk to her.

The henwife had the dinner ready. Trembling took off her satin robe, and had on her old clothes before her sisters got home.

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Colour in the Leprechaun

Australian Centre for Science Innovation and society, as Director of the Victorian Eco-Innovation Lab (based on the Eco-Sense program) and as theme leader Sustainable Cities for the Melbourne Sustainable Societies Institute.

Professor Ryan has collaborated with many eco-design related research groups in Europe, including Domus Academy and the Politecnico di Milano, Italy and the Technical University of Delft in the Netherlands. He has been a member of the international assessment panel of MISTRA in Stockholm for their four-year 'innovative ideas for the environment' research grants program (2004-8). He holds the position of Adjunct Professor in Design Architecture and Building at the University of Technology Sydney and in Industrial Design at RMIT and is Visiting Professor at the IIIIE at Lund University. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the 'Journal of Industrial Ecology' (Yale University and Wiley-Blackwell Press). His most recent book is Imaging Sustainability, RMIT University press 2007. In 2008 he was awarded an ERASMUS fellowship for work on distributed systems and resilience.

His work with government and international agencies includes a range of policy reviews and research for state and federal governments in Australia, a four-year tenure on the Community Environment, Art and Design committee of the Australia Council and a membership of the Council's Community Cultural Development Board. He has worked with the UK Design Council in London and with the UN Environment Program (Division of Technology, Industry and Economics) in Paris on various programs related to eco-design and sustainable consumption. He was the author of the UNEP Global Status Report on Sustainable Consumption for the World

Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002. He is joint editor of the forthcoming UNEP Global Guide to Design for Sustainability (D4S). In 2008-9 he was Chair of the Premiers Design Award in Victoria and is Director-Curator of the DEAKINS 09, the Victorian government's Alfred Deakin Lectures, on 'Climate and Innovation'.

His industry work includes projects for Electrolux (Europe); Electrolux (Asia Pacific); Volvo Penta, (Sweden); Brio (Sweden); Body Shop (Australasia); Blackmores (Australia); Isle Property Development Group (Australia); Fletcher constructions (Australia). He has worked in long terms consulting roles with Schiavello Systems Furniture (Australia) and the Transurban group. He is a Board member of the Banksia Foundation, Australia's peak environmental awards agency.

### Our Prayers and Best Wishes for a successful operation and a Speedy Recovery

I wish to inform all Clan Members that our President, Greg, is scheduled for major heart surgery. He has an aneurism of the aorta which is now in urgent need of repair.

He will be admitted to hospital on the 5th March and will be operated on, on the 7th. I know that you will all join me in wishing him the very best for the procedure and also the recovery phase.

Our Prayers will accompany him. May God keep him safe.

Neil Ryan (Vice-President) will step in for him whilst he is incapacitated.

God Bless you and keep you Greg

## In Memorium

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

### The Most Reverend Joseph Angelo Grech DD

10th December 1948 - 28th December 2010

Buried 6th January 2011 - Bendigo

Clan Ryan extends our sympathy to those in the Diocese of Sandhurst who have lost a much loved and respected spiritual leader. May he rest in Peace.

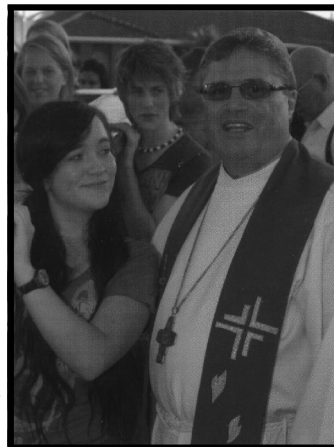
### Loving God

We give thanks for the life and witness of Bishop Joseph Grech. His own prayer captures the essence of his life, his priesthood and his episcopate ~ total gift of love in Jesus' name.

*I thank you God for wanting me from eternity to become like you. Help me to always remember who I am. Help me to understand deep down within me that I am never alone. You are there with me. Help me to experience more and more your life-giving presence within me so that I will continue to be a powerful witness of your presence to those whom I meet. Help me to persevere and to understand that difficulties and problems are moments of growth and maturity rather than moments of discouragement and reason to give up. Jesus give us a heart that loves like you, feels like you, understands like you, thinks like you and behaves like you. Amen*

(Bishop Joseph Grech: Homily, 2010)

Bishop Joe  
Loved Pastor and Champion for young and old.



### The Most Reverend Joseph Angelo Grech DD

Born Balzan, Malta December 10th 1948  
Arrived in Australia to continue studies for the Priesthood 1971  
Ordained priest in Balzan, Malta 30th November 1974  
Consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne 10th February 1999  
Installed as 6th Bishop of Sandhurst 27th April 2001  
Entered eternal life 28th December 2010

Bishop Joe Worked with effort and commitment for the refugees and migrants, he was an inspiration to the Staff and children of Sandhurst School and was a brave advocate for the youth of Australia.

*He will be sadly missed.*



## Letters to the Editor

15/1/2011

Dear Berniece,

I hope that you are okay with the flooding. However I am sure that many members of the Clan will have been effected, and I'm just writing to say that they are all in my prayers and thoughts and wish them every best wish and support.

Ray Lowe  
Bunbury WA

11/1/2011

Dear Clansmen

We have collected \$'s from Vic Ryan's to help our Q'lands Ryan's Where can we send the \$'s.

Our prayers are with you all but sometimes it needs a help with a few \$'s.

Please don't hesitate to ask.

Much Love

John Ryan (Clan Ryan Vic Sept)

From my sister Theresa in Q'land. The joy's of laughing at one-self.

love to all  
JR (Clan  
Ryan Vic  
Sept)



Dear Bernice, hope all is well.

Julieanne Fisher is my sister Theresa's daughter and Jules penned it whilst holidaying in the USA. It is her copyright but she has given permission for it to be published in the RR. Jules is a true Q'lander, born & bred.

In our prayers LoveJohn (C R Vic Sept)

12/01/2011

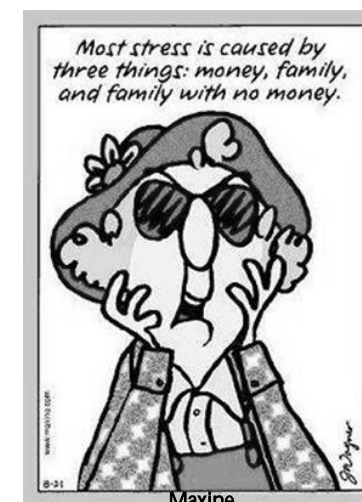
Hey there Aussie's, good morning..... I see you all have plumbing issues..... Give us a Skype so we can catch up with all the flood reports. I guess clean water will be a critical need if things don't return to normal soon? Definitely makes for exciting facebook checks! Xoxo

Malcolm Trarensek-Contor (Oregon USA)

10/01/2011

Flood is just at the dam runoff spot And that was a day ago. Mum Said the water is up to the back fence. And the Mary hasn't peaked yet- midnight apparently at about 20mtrs but the Rain is pretty heavy right now.

Naomi Granger (Gympie)



Colleen Ryan (Gaythorne)