



# The Ryan Rag

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Clan  
Ryan  
(Victoria)

## Ryans who came on convict ships

Convicts on the First Fleet

From the "LONDON GAZETTE", October 1788.

CONVICTS TRANSPORTED TO THE NEW COLONY

'Your Correspondent looks to our Readers and has ascertained as far as possible the names of those who have been convicted of crimes in the Country of England since 1783 and have



Painting of original first fleet leaving England in 1787 (Jonathan King)

been sentenced by His Majesty's Judges to be sent to that part of New Holland known as New South Wales.

Your Correspondent looks to our Readers for their indulgence to involuntary errors and omissions, and trust general attention will secure us from trespassing on their kindness too often. '

Capt. Arthur Phillip, R.N. was commissioned as the first Governor of New South Wales. He set sail on May 13th, 1787 from Portsmouth with 11 vessels [*Alexander, Lady Penrhyn, Charlotte, Scarborough, Friendship, Prince of Wales*; supplies, equipment and livestock on *Borrowdale, Fishburn, Golden Grove*; navy ships, man-o'-war *Sirius* and armed tender *Supply*]. He arrived in N.S.W. with 717 convicts of whom 180 were women, guarded by 191 marines under 19 officers.

On the list of prisoners was one **John- Ryan**

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.

## Clan Ryan Annual Gathering

The Annual Clan Gathering was held at the Irish Club on Saturday the 5th of May.

The attendance was small although several members sent apologies for their inability to come along.

It was a very good gathering and it was nice to catch up with those who were there.

John Ryan from the Victorian Clan was in attendance and contributed greatly to the day.

We all enjoyed our meals, the company, and the ambience of the Queensland Irish Club.

A mini AGM was held to discuss the future and the relevance of the Clan and what might be done to increase the membership, and the participation of members. See the minutes of the meeting on p. 20.



JOAN MCKEAN

FAY RYAN



DANIEL RYAN

GREG RYAN



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**Advance Australia Fair  
Eireann go Brach**



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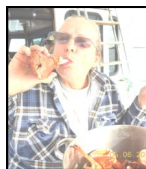
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### **CLAN RYAN QLD OBJECTIVES**

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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## *From the President's Desk*

**Dia dhuit (hello)**

**"I am imploring all members to respond to me or any of the executive members in writing, phone and/or email/text what your opinions are on two (2) questions. Do you wish the clan to continue as it is at present? Are you willing to be involved in helping us stay afloat and if so, how or in what way?"**

These were the questions I indicated in the last Rag were of utmost importance for the membership to respond to before the issue specific extraordinary AGM which occurred prior to the Luncheon on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Membership response was less than disappointing it was very (very) low. However a bit on the bright side, I did receive some positive and encouraging offers of practical support. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is included in the Rag so people can view the discussion and possible outcomes presented on the day.

After realizing we were peaking at around a dozen attendees for the event I could only assume from the response and the turn out at the luncheon that the majority of the membership were ambivalent to the future of the clan. I developed the opinion that as membership and attendance at functions continues to drop off we will cease to function (in the not to distant future) as a Clan, as we will not have the financial ability to continue. My motivation to keep flogging a dead horse was severely under strain. One member on the day indicated that they wore a black outfit as they felt they were probably attending a wake for the clan. It pained me to contemplate that Clan Ryan a group with so much promise providing an avenue for staying connected to the extended family and building a supportive and enduring organization was heading for dissolution.

The attendance at the meeting meant any decision about the future of the clan will be by nature of our constitution carried over to the full AGM in October for determination. My growing pessimism however, has been challenged for a number of reasons. (Please review the minutes for more details on proposals) On the day further offers of help were tendered both in an organizational context and for future developmental possibilities. I was uplifted by the responses of some of the youth on the day. One possibility had been tested to and extent (by our editor) in relation to face book etc. **John Ryan, President of the Victorian Sept** showed commitment to the clan and attended the meeting and luncheon, John presented a proposal for the future directions of the Clan and other possibilities were discussed as to how to keep us relevant and growing. The meeting and luncheon ended with me again believing we just may be able to keep our Clan viable and relevant into the future but we need you all to show support.

I will conclude by asking all members to please think deeply and consider the comments/ ideas presented in the minutes. What assistance no matter how small you can give. I am still not ready to give up on the Clan just yet until all avenues have been exhausted. On the day the company was lovely, the food enjoyable, sorry so many missed it!

**Slan agus beannacht leat (Goodbye and blessings on you).....Greg**



# 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

**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)

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## A Reminder

Please take note that all membership fees are to be forwarded to our new Sec/Treas

# John Ryan - Convict - First Fleet Was he the first Australian Ryan?

## John RYAN

**Alternative names: BRYANT**

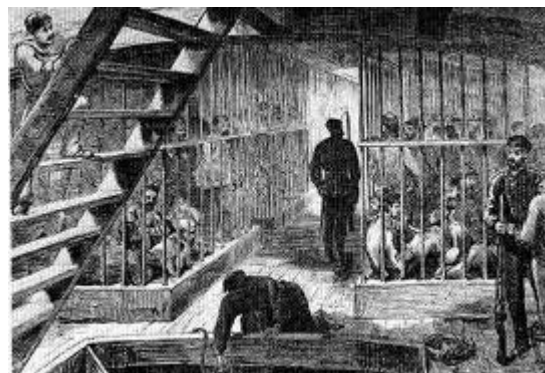
He was tried at Old Bailey, London on 14 January 1784 for stealing clothing with a value of 13 shillings. He was sentenced to transportation for 7 years and left England on the *Friendship* aged about 23 at that time (May 1787). His occupation was listed as silk weaver. He died in 1815(?). (Which would make him 50 years at the time of his death)

Notes:

Guilty of return from transport following the Mercury mutiny. Report from Dunkirk hulk was "in general tolerably well behaved but troublesome at times". Accused of theft of food and sentenced on 27 February 1788 to receive 300 lashes, but was forgiven.

*John Ryan*  
*Mark*

<http://firstfleet.uow.edu.au/index.html>



John Ryan may not have been the only Ryan transported on the first fleet. As he had the alternative name of Bryant, it is possible that three men by the name of Bryant may have in fact been Ryans.

However John Ryan is the only individual recorded under the surname RYAN.

Following is an excerpt from the database  
<http://firstfleet.uow.edu.au/stories.html>

## Michael BRYANT

He was tried at Old Bailey, London on 10 December 1783 for receiving stolen goods. He was sentenced to transportation for 14 years and left England on the *Friendship* aged about 20 at that time (May 1787). His occupation was listed as None.

Notes:

Guilty of return from transport following the Mercury mutiny. Report from Dunkirk hulk was "troublesome at times"

These are the names of possible Ryans on the 'First Fleet:' by: Name - Place of sentence - sentence

BRYANT	Michael		
BRYANT	Thomas	Maidstone	7
BRYANT	William	Launceston	7
RYAN	John		

## Second Fleet

**Acknowledgement: Newspaper article transcribed in 1992 by Barbara Turner.**

A second fleet of six ships left England - *Guardian*, *Justinian*, *Lady Juliana*, *Surprize*, *Nep-tune*, *Scarborough*. The *Guardian* struck ice, and was unable to complete the voyage. She was stocked with provisions. Only 48 people died in the first group of ships, but this time 278 died during the voyage. This time transporting the convicts was in the hands of private contractors.

From the "SYDNEY COVE CHRONICLE", 30th June, 1790.

At last the transports are here

DIABOLICAL CONDITION OF THE CONVICTS THEREON

278 died on the fearsome journey to Sydney Cove

". . . The landing of those who remained alive despite their misuse upon the recent voyage, could not fail to horrify those who watched.

As they came on shore, these wretched people were hardly able to move hand or foot. Such as could not carry themselves upon their legs, crawled upon all fours. Those, who, through their afflictions, were not able to move, were thrown over the side of the ships; as sacks of flour would be thrown, into the small boats.

Some expired in the boats; others as they reached the shore. Some fainted and were carried by those who fared better. More had not the opportunity even to leave their ocean prisons for as they came upon the decks, the fresh air only hastened their demise.

A sight most outrageous to our eyes were the marks of leg irons upon the convicts, some so deep that one could nigh on see the bones . . . . . We learn that several children have been borne to women upon the *Lady Juliana*, the cause for which were the crews aboard African slave ships which met up with the transport at Santa Cruz. . . . . So the *Guardian* is lost and with it our provisions. What, in the name of Heaven, is to become of us ? . . . "

A LIST OF THE CONVICTS WHO SET SAIL FROM OLD ENGLAND'S SHORES

Extracted from the List:	<b>RYAN</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Somerset</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>BRIANT</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Somerset</b>	<b>7</b>

## Third Fleet

**Acknowledgement: Newspaper article transcribed in 1992 by Barbara Turner.**

The third fleet of 11 ships [*Atlantic*, *William and Ann*, *Britannia*, *Matilda*, *Salamander*, *Albemarle*, *Mary Anne*, *Admiral Barrington*, *Active* and *Gorgon*] arrived in 1791, with over 2000 convicts. The newspaper report states that 194 male convicts and 4 female convicts died during the voyage, and that though conditions on board ship weren't as "diabolical" as the previous year, they were still outrageous.

**The convicts from Ireland who arrived on board the "Queen" are not included in the newspaper lists.** (*I have not yet found the convict list for the 'Queen'*)

As before, the list was compiled in London and so there is no way of knowing which people died on the voyage out, or did not leave England for any reason.

From the "NEW HOLLAND MORNING POST", 18th October, 1791

A list of criminals who have come to our shores in recent months

Our readers will find hereunder a List of Persons transported as Criminals to New South

Wales in the Ships as following, via: *Atlantic*, *William and Ann*, *Britannia*, *Matilda*, *Salamander*, *Albemarle*, *Mary Anne*, *Admiral Barrington*, *Active* and *Gorgon*.

Extracted from the List:	<b>RYAN</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Middlesex</b>	<b>7</b>
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The first ship to sail directly from Ireland carrying convicts under sentence of transportation was the *Queen*, which arrived in Port Jackson on 26 September 1791.

Transportation from Ireland to Australia effectively came to an end in 1853. The last ship to carry convicts directly from Ireland to Australia was the *Phoebe Dunbar*, which sailed from Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire) near Dublin and arrived in Western Australia on 30 August 1853. During the 62 years of transportation from Ireland to Australia, some 30,000 men and 9,000 women were sent as convicts to Australia for a minimum period of seven years - many more followed their loved ones as free settlers to a new life in the colony.

Transportation sentences were for periods of seven years (the most common), ten years, fourteen years or life. The nature of the sentencing policy behind these terms has not been fully researched. Linked with political conflict and agrarian unrest, the view that Irish men and women were transported for trivial first offences such as petty theft, has become part of Irish tradition.

The sentence of transportation was abolished in July 1857 under an Act of that year, but the Act allowed for convicts sentenced to penal servitude to be sent 'beyond the seas'. By this means, transportation continued from England until 1868. As far as is known, nobody convicted of a crime committed in Ireland was transported to Australia between 1853 and 1868, although no doubt some persons of Irish birth or origin who were convicted of crimes committed in England were among those transported to Australia. However in 1868 sixty three Irish Fenians who had been convicted in Ireland but imprisoned in England were transported from England. They arrived in Western Australia on 9 January 1868 on board the *Hougoumont*, the last convict transport ship to sail from England to Australia.

Many trails can be followed in searching the convict story. I have made a very small dip into the resources available to show the Ryan presence in Australia's white history. I have looked at the **CONVICT TICKETS**, for example: Certificate of Freedom; Ticket of Leave Passport; Recommended Conditional Pardon; Convict Death Register; Ticket of Leave; Certificate of Emancipation; Bank Warrant; Free Pardon

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/indexes-to-convict-records/tickets-of-exemption-from-government-labour/tickets-of-exemption-from-government-labour>

I have only searched for Ryans and only searched for the following Christian Names, I have placed the number of individuals of that name alongside. Whilst some of these tickets may have been awarded to the same individual and few Christian names have been searched, the tally of Ryans is impressive.

Daniel 13 Dennis 2 Michael 52 James 66 Patrick 52 John 97 Thomas 48  
Mary 26 Bridget 4 Margaret 8

A **VICTUALLING LIST** shows the names of 3217 men, women and children who were issued with rations in Sydney on Saturday September 8, 1821. Below are Ryans who were on that list.

Ryan, Edward . . 1137 Ryan; James . . . 2451; Ryan, John. . . 593; Ryan, John. . . 736;  
Ryan, John . . . 1689; Ryan, John. . . 2380; Ryan, John. . 2703; Ryan, Michael . . 1177;  
Ryan, John. . 2241; Ryan, Thomas. . 547; Ryan, William . . 2697

Whilst not able to fully demonstrate all Ryans who arrived on Convict Ships, I think it is shown that a significant number of Australia's first settlers were bearers of the name RYAN.

# The Irish Wolfhound

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish\\_Wolfhound](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_Wolfhound)



## The Irish Wolfhound—An Ancient Breed

The breed is very old; there are suggestions it may have been brought to Ireland as early as 7000 BC. These dogs are mentioned, as cú (variously translated as hound, Irish hound, war dog, wolf dog, etc.) in Irish laws and in Irish literature which dates from the 5th century or, in the case of the Sagas, from the old Irish period - AD 600-900.

The breed almost disappeared, but was successfully revived by efforts of the captain of the British Army D E Graham to recreate it, he drew the line related to Wolfhounds. As a result, has developed a modern breed, Irish Wolfhounds. Today they are well established themselves as companions and guards. The word "Cu" often became an added respected prefix on the names of warriors, such as Cú Chulainn, the Hound of Ulster, as well as kings denoting that they were worthy of the respect and loyalty of a Cu.

## Pre-19th century

Ancient wood cuts[citation needed] and writings have placed them in existence as a breed by 273 BC. However there is indication that they existed even as early as 600 BC when the Tectosages and Tolistobogii Celts sacked Delphi. Survivors left accounts of the fierce Celts and the huge dogs who fought with them and at their side. They were mentioned by Julius Caesar in his treatise, The Gallic

Wars, and by 391 BC, they were written about by Roman Consul, Quintus Aurelius Symmachus, who received seven of them as a gift to be used for fighting lions, bears, that in his words, "all Rome viewed with wonder".

Bred as hunting dogs by the ancients, who called them Cú Faoil. The Irish continued to breed them for this purpose, as well as to guard their homes and protect their stock. Cúchulain, a name which translates literally as "hound of Culain", gained his name when as a child, known then as Setanta, he slew the ferocious guard dog of Culain forcing him to offer himself as a replacement.

## Wolf hunting with wolfhounds

During the English Conquest of Ireland, only the nobility were allowed to own Irish Wolfhounds, the numbers permitted depending on position. They were much coveted and were frequently given as gifts to important personages and foreign nobles. Wolfhounds were the companions of the regal, and were housed themselves alongside them. King John of England, in about 1210 presented an Irish hound, Gelert to Llewellyn, a prince of Wales. The poet The Hon William Robert Spencer immortalised this hound in a poem.

In his *Historie of Ireland* completed 1571, Blessed Edmund Campion gives a description

of the hounds used for hunting the wolves on the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. He says: They (the Irish) are not without wolves and greyhounds to hunt them, bigger of bone and limb than a colt. Due to their popularity overseas many were exported to European royal houses leaving numbers in Ireland depleted. This led to a declaration by Oliver Cromwell himself being published in Kilkenny on 27 April 1652 to ensure that sufficient numbers remained to control the wolf population.

## The largest and most beautiful of the dog kind

References to the Irish wolfhound in the 18th century tell of its great size, strength and greyhound shape as well as its scarcity. Writing in 1790, Bewick described it as the largest and most beautiful of the dog kind; about 36 inches high, generally of a white or cinnamon colour, somewhat like the Greyhound but more robust. He said that their aspect was mild, disposition peaceful, and strength so great that in combat the Mastiff or Bulldog was far from being an equal to them. The last wolf in Ireland is thought to have been killed at Myshall, Co Carlow in 1786 by a pack of wolfdogs kept by a Mr Watson of Ballydargon. The remaining hounds in the hands of a few families who were mainly descendants of the old Irish chieftains, were now symbols of status rather than hunters, they were said to be the last of their race.

## Modern wolfhound

Englishman Captain George Augustus Graham is responsible with a few other breeders for reaffirming the dogs' existence. In 1879 he wrote: "It has been ascertained beyond all question that there are few specimens of the breed still left in Ireland and England to be considered Irish wolfhounds, though falling short of the requisite dimensions. This blood is now in my possession." Captain Graham devoted his life to ensuring the survival of the Irish wolfdog. Owing to the small numbers of surviving specimens outcrossing was used in

the breeding programme. It is believed that Great Dane, Deerhound and Mastiff dogs all played their part in Graham's creation of the dog we currently know. In 1885 Captain Graham with other breeders founded the Irish Wolfhound Club, and the Breed Standard of Points to establish and agree the ideal to which breeders should aspire.

The Irish Wolfhound is sometimes regarded as the national dog breed of Ireland but in fact no breed has ever been officially adopted as such. The Wolfhound was historically a dog that only nobles could own and was taken up by the British during their rule in Ireland. This made it unpopular as a national symbol and the Kerry Blue Terrier was adopted by Republicans such as Michael Collins. However, in recent years, the Wolfhound has been adopted as a symbol by both rugby codes, which are organised on an All-Ireland basis. The national rugby league team are nicknamed the wolfhounds, and the Irish Rugby Football Union, which governs rugby union, changed the name of the country's A (second-level) national team in that code to the Ireland Wolfhounds in 2010.

## A Poem: Beth Gelert; or, the Grave of the Greyhound

(William Robert Spencer 1769-1834)

The spearmen heard  
the bugle sound,  
And cheerly smiled  
the morn;  
And many a brach,  
and many a hound,  
Obeyed Llewelyn's  
horn.

And still he blew a  
louder blast,  
And gave a lustier





cheer:  
'Come, Gelert come, wer't never last  
Llewelyn's horn to hear.

'Oh where does faithful Gelert roam,  
The flower of all his race;  
So true, so brave, a lamb at home,  
A lion in the chase?'

'Twas only at Llewelyn's board  
The faithful Gelert fed;  
He watched, he served, he cheered his lord,  
And sentinelled his bed.

In sooth he was a peerless hound,  
The gift of royal John;  
But now no Gelert could be found,  
And all the chase rode on.

And now, as o'er the rocks and dells  
The gallant chidings rise,  
All Snowdon's craggy chaos yells  
The many-mingled cries.

That day Llewelyn little loved  
The chase of hart and hare;  
And scant and small the booty proved,  
For Gelert was not there.

Unpleased Llewelyn homeward hied,  
When near the portal seat  
His truant Gelert he espied,  
Bounding his lord to greet.

But when he gained his castle door  
Aghast the chieftain stood;  
The hound all o'er was smeared with gore,  
His lips, his fangs, ran blood.

Llewelyn gazed with fierce surprise;  
Unused such looks to meet,  
His favourite checked his joyful guise,  
And crouched, and licked his feet.

Onward in haste Llewelyn passed,  
And on went Gelert too;  
And still, where'er his eyes he cast,

Fresh blood-gouts shocked his view.

O'eturned his infants bed he found,  
With blood-stained covert rent;  
And all around the walls and ground  
With recent blood besprent.

He called his child--no voice replied--  
He searched with terror wild;  
Blood, blood he found on every side,  
But nowhere found his child.

'Hell hound! my child's by thee devoured,'  
The frantic father cried;  
And to the hilt his vengeful sword  
He plunged in Gelert's side.

His suppliant looks, as prone he fell,  
No pity could impart;  
But still his Gelert's dying yell  
Passed heavy o'er his heart.

Aroused by Gelert's dying yell,  
Some slumberer wakened nigh:  
What words the parent's joy could tell  
To hear his infant's cry!

Concealed beneath a tumbled heap  
His hurried search had missed,  
All glowing from his rosy sleep,  
The cherub boy he kissed.

Nor scathe had he, nor harm, nor dread,  
But, the same couch beneath,  
Lay a gaunt wolf, all torn and dead,  
Tremendous still in death.



Ah, what was then Llewelyn's pain!  
For now the truth was clear;  
His gallant hound the wolf had  
slain,  
To save Llewelyn's heir.

Vain, vain was all Llewelyn's  
woe:  
'Best of thy kind, adieu!  
The frantic blow, which laid thee low,  
This heart shall ever rue.'

And now a gallant tomb they raise,  
With costly sculpture decked;



And marbles storied with his praise  
Poor Gelert's bones protect.  
There never could the spearman pass,  
Or forester, unmoved;  
There, oft the tear-besprinkled grass  
Llewelyn's sorrow proved.

And there he hung his horn and spear,  
And there, as evening fell,  
In fancy's ear he oft would hear  
Poor Gelert's dying yell.

And till great Snowdon's rocks grow old,  
And cease the storm to brave,  
The consecrated spot shall hold

## A Search for the Family of RAAF 418695 Flight Officer - Keith Francis Ryan

*This is an email sent to our member Elizabeth Pidgeon*

*'I started researching about a plane shot down over our village in 1944 and then friends Belgians, British and Australians have partnered with me - We identify this device, all airmen are buried in Cemetery of Maubeuge, we now know the story - we have found five families except family driver RYAN - we will do a small memorial in April 2013 - we have a website, see below thank you for your help*

*bernard .....000.....*

### Can you - Will you Help?

As seen opposite the details to identify **Flight Officer Keith Francis Ryan** are there for us to conduct a search. Would all members do their best to try to locate the family of Keith so that they might be represented at or have input into the planned **Memorial in April 2013**. Keith would have been born 1923/24. His usual place of residence was recorded as 96 Tope St. South Melbourne; His occupation is listed as engineer; Birthplace 100 Cecil St. South Melbourne; Father's name Peter Ryan; Mother's name; Lillian Ryan; Roll of honour South Melbourne Town Hall; Mother's address as Next of Kin, 72 Clarke St South Melbourne.

Any information can be forwarded to the Editor

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*Information will be sent to the appropriate people.*

Official Number.....	418695
Rank.....	F.O.
Name.....	RYAN Keith Francis
Honours.....	
Age.....	20
Ship or Unit.....	R.A.A.F. A.T.C. R.A.A.F. U.K.
Service.....	R.A.A.F.
Date and Place of Death.....	11.4.44 (Off. Presumed)
Place of Burial.....	Warish Cem. Maubeuge, Nord, France Gr. 54.
Usual Place of Residence.....	96 Tope St. South Melbourne
Occupation.....	Engineer
Birthplace.....	100 Cecil St. South Melbourne
Parentsage - Father.....	RYAN Peter
Mother.....	RYAN Lillian May
Wife (Name).....	
Connection.....	
Roll of Honour.....	South Melbourne Town Hall
Signature (N.O.K.).....	188.2. Ryan (Mother)
Address.....	72 Clarke St. South Melbourne Vic.
REMARKS	

# Clan Ryan Australia

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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- A rich variety of good Irish Music.
- local S E Queensland doings, and keep the Irish Group 'on the air'.
- Become a member for \$25 per year

## NEW MEMBERS

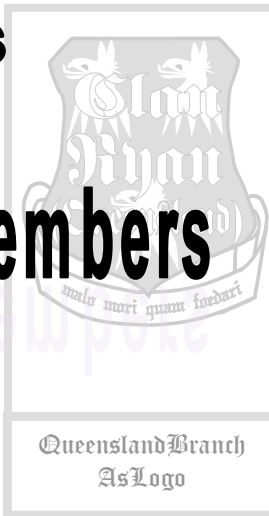
People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors."  
-Edmund Burke

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

# Please Recruit New Members

Lorraine & Stewart Boyd

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



## DEATH NOTICE

**"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but live in thankfulness that he was." ~ Hebrew proverb**

It is with heartfelt sympathy that we announce the loss of **Kevin Mulroney** whose funeral took place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Booval on Tuesday, 8th May, at 1pm.

Kevin was a member of the clan from its earliest time and held office for a number of years.

He was a great asset to the Clan and gave much to its development.

Sadly missed by his wife Bonnie and family.



## Visit Ryan's Hotels when in Sydney

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[www.ryanshotels.com.au/](http://www.ryanshotels.com.au/)



**Conrad Bladley (Peasant)**  
Professor of Irish Culture, Expert in Irish Cookery, Crafts, Stories and Traditions of celebration. Tin Whistle Player and Storyteller

## Culinary Corner

### Steak and Guinness Pie - Irish Recipe

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**STEAK AND GUINNESS PIE**

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Makes 1 pie - 4 servings

- 12 inch Pie pastry
- 1 or 2 pounds of Round steak
- 1 tablespoon of Flour
- 1 tablespoon of Brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon of Raisins
- 5 medium size onions
- 1 bottle of Guinness stout (not the 'draught' variety)
- 8 slices of bacon
- 3 tablespoon of shortening/butter
- Some Chopped parsley

Dice the steak, cover with flour and brown, with the bacon, on a medium heat using the butter.

Peel and chop the onions and brown over a good heat. Add to the meat in a casserole dish. Add raisins and brown sugar and Guinness.

Cover the dish, simmer and cook over a lowish heat for 2.5 hours. Add water if the gravy mixture starts to thicken excessively.

Coat a pie dish with half of the pastry and bake. Add the Meat and Gravy mix when cooked and place the remaining pastry on top and bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve with potatoes and vegetables.



**LEMON CURD**

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Serves 2

8 tablespoons of unsalted butter  
 1 cup of white sugar  
 1 cup of fresh lemon juice  
 8 large egg yolks  
 2 tablespoons of grated lemon peel

Mix all of the ingredients, (except the lemon peel), in a saucepan.  
 Stirring well, cook over a very low heat.  
 Do not let the mixture boil  
 or the eggs will curdle and be ruined.  
 Cook until a creamy consistency is reached.  
 Pour into a small desert bowl and garnish with the lemon peel.  
 Allow to cool and then serve.

**IRISH COFFEE**

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60 ml of Irish Whiskey  
 1 teaspoon of brown sugar  
 Freshly made strong black coffee  
 Double **cream freshly whipped to peak**

Gently warm an Irish Whiskey/Coffee glass in hot water. Pour whiskey and sugar into the glass and stir. Add the fresh made coffee filling the glass to within half an inch or so of the top. Pour the cream onto the top of the mixture gently using the back of a spoon to prevent splashing. Do not stir. Add grated chocolate to the top if required.

**OATCAKES**

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Makes 8 Cakes  
 6 oz Fine Oatmeal  
 2 oz Flour  
 1 teaspoon of Salt  
 10 fl oz of Warm Water

Mix the flour and salt together. Slowly add the warm water.  
 Roll out the mixture on a floured board and knead until 1/4 inch thick. Cut into triangles. Cook on a pan or griddle

# Keep on Smiling!

**PARAPROSDOKIANS: from Colleen Ryan**

**"A Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation. " - e.g.**

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge - knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom - not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
26. Where there's a will, there's relatives.

**Loss of Lancaster ND586**  
**460 Squadron RAAF**  
**Near Vieux - Mesnil - FRANCE**  
**11 April 1944**



Mission: Aulnoye: Date: 10/11th April 1944 (Monday/Tuesday): Unit: NO. 460 Squadron R.A.A.F.

Type: Lancaster III Serial: ND586 Code: AR-B Base: R.A.F. Binbrook Location: Vieux Mesnil, France

Pilot: F/O. Arthur Harold Probert AUS420054 R.A.A.F. Age 25. Killed

FI/Eng: Sgt. Basil Guy Wiseman 1603151 R.A.F.V.R. Age 20. Killed

Nav: F/O. Robert Bruce McDougall AUS410609 R.A.A.F. Age 24. Killed

Air/Bmr: FI/Sgt. Austin Hardcastle Palreyman AUS425207 R.A.A.F. Age 22. Killed

W/Op/Air/Gnr: Sgt. Dennis Robbins 1338956 R.A.F.V.R. Age 22. Killed

Air/Gnr: FI/Sgt. William George Hogg AUS429322 R.A.A.F. Age 19. Killed

Air/Gnr: F/O. Keith Francis Ryan AUS418695 R.A.A.F. Age 20. Killed

**REASON FOR LOSS:**

Took off at 23.41 hrs to join 132 Lancaster's of 1 Group and 15 pathfinder Mosquitoes to bomb the railway yards and buildings. The raid was classed as a success with reports that 287 bombs had hit the target. Damage included 30 locomotives hit and the engine shed. 340 houses were also destroyed and 14 civilians were killed. This was all part of several other raids taking place this night - all concentrating on the railway yards at Tours, Tergnier, Laon, Ghent and Aulnoye.

8 Lancaster were lost on this raid (one lost on take off) with the resulting death of 39 aircrew, 4 were made POW's and 6 evaded capture.

Lancaster ND586 was shot down by Hptm. Helmut Bergmann (1) of 8./NJG4 with the combat taking place at 3,000 mtrs. The aircraft crashing 10 km. south west of Maubeuge at Vieux Mesnil at 02.20 hrs. He opened fire at a range of 100 mtrs from underneath the Lancaster. (Taken from a combat report by Hptm. Bergmann) We are reliably informed that small pieces of wreckage from this Lancaster has recently been found by a group of French researchers and they are very interested in contacting relatives of the crew. They have already managed to contact the daughter of Sgt. Dennis Robbins. **(All families have been contacted except those of F/O Keith Ryan)** This was the 19th confirmed claim for Hptm. Bergmann (7 on this raid alone!) He went on to claim a total of 34 kills before he was killed on the 6/7th August 1944 when he was shot down by FI/Lt. John Surman in a Mosquito MM449 from 604 Squadron. *We are eager to contact relatives of this crew, as the crash site has recently been identified - possible memorial planned.*



**Burial details:**

**F/O. Keith Francis Ryan.** Maubeuge-Centre Cemetery Row B.

Grave 12

**Son of Peter and Lillian May Ryan, of South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.**

**Acknowledgments:** With thanks to the following: Daniel Hopper, Bill Chorley - "Bomber Command Losses", Theo Boiten - "German Nightfighter War Diaries", Martin Middlebrook and Chris Everitt "Bomber Command War Diaries". Commonwealth Graves Commission.

**Extraordinary AGM**  
**MINUTES**

**5/5/2012**

**1. Website**

Ongoing costs associated with the Clan website are around \$75 per year as long as the site remains in its current format and structure. Any refinement or addition of features will increase the cost

**Outcomes:**

- 1 Shane Ryan offered to reestablish dialogue with Kim Navin seeking to identify ways to help with the basic running of the site while Kim continues to run maintenance on the site.
- 2 The site will require some minor improvements and better tagging to make it easier for search engines to find.

**2. Executive positions**

- 1 General discussion was held around the filling of executive positions, as members have had to relocate, with the ability to attend meetings having become difficult for some.
- 2 Meeting location and frequency also discussed

**Outcomes:**

- 1 Greg to contact current members and seek feedback on situation and continuation in role
- 2 Seek other general committee member nominations or possible nominations
- 3 Greg to work with a clan member to identify effective electronic alternatives to conduct meeting e.g. Skype

**3. Facebook**

Discussion held around the benefits of Facebook and having a Clan presence and possibly/hopefully encourage younger membership numbers

**Outcomes:**

- Sec/Treasurer will liaise with Steven Henry about possibilities for the facebook page, as well as with Bernice in relation to her prototype page 'Ryan Surname', as approximately 23 people have responded to the page.
- If page continues positive and/or a Clan Ryan page is developed it can be linked to the website and visa versa,
- No clan member information will be on site or linked in any way

**4. Future**

Wide ranging discussion was held around current situation and possible alternative methods of doing business.

**Outcomes/Suggestions**

Discussion on digitizing the Ryan Rag and making it the Australian Rag, rather than the QLD Rag: was pointed out that

it was ostensibly the 'National Rag' already.  
 Strong discussion and wide belief that Clan QLD should focus on pushing the Australian Ryan Clan. Victoria and Western Australia support Nationalizing Clan Ryan, The Rag having already moved to a national focus some time ago Needs to be faken to AGM for support and ratification by QLD Sept as it had majority membership  
 Exec Positions can then be drawn from across Australia: This would require networking technology support to function effectively  
 Change in positions during changeover from sub branch to branch of Australia: Qld branch will continue to hold Interim Positions until a full membership nomination and vote.  
 Discussion requires full AGM on topic of morphing Admin structure to Australian Structure. Voting for positions will be done later  
 There is still strong support for maintaining branch individuality-some may wish to do so: Would need to Poll members via Rag Y/N as to their opinions on maintaining branch individuality.  
 Suggestion to reduce number of Ryan Rag issues per year is appreciated by Editor but she wishes it to remain as is

Motions were carried on limited numbers for further investigations on all suggestions. However we will need members to consider possibilities, limitations or other issues/ alternatives etc and forward input and suggestions in writing/ phone/fax/email/text or in person their support or concerns to the President, especially if they cannot or will not be attending the AGM on the 20<sup>th</sup> October as the existence and direction of our clan is under serious review at this time. The general concensus seemed to indicate a please don't let us die wondering what could have been attitude.

Minute taker: **Daniel Ryan** Sec/ Treasurer Clan Ryan

## Clan Ryan (Qld) Constitution

Any member who wishes to obtain a copy of the Clan's constitution may do so by contacting the Secretary/Treasurer (Contact details P.3).

Some points of interest as follows.

- 1 Membership fee—Updated and simplified to \$15 single or family membership.
- 2 Objects—As per those stated on P.3.
- 3 Membership Classes— Updated, Ordinary and Associate entitled to vote; family members over 16yrs automatically lapse or must take out personal membership.
- 4 Termination of membership if more than 2 months in arrears. ie March.
- 5 Convocation of General & Special General Meetings convened by the Secretary giving not less than 14days notice to Clan Members. The notice shall clearly state the nature of business to be discussed thereat..
- 6 AGM shall be held 3months after the Clan financial year.
- 7 No vote to member if annual subscription is more than 1month in arrears.
- 8 Secretary to record minutes of meeting.

*Gil Neilan (retired sec/treas)*



# Kids Kubby



## Fair Brown and Trembling - An Irish Fairystory

*Continued from issue 181*

The prince of Emania looked at her and said: "You are the woman the shoe fits, and you are the woman I took the shoe from."

Then Trembling spoke up, and said: "Do you stay here till I return."

Then she went to the henwife's house. The old woman put on the cloak of darkness, got everything for her she had the first Sunday at church, and put her on the white mare in the same fashion. Then Trembling rode along the highway to the front of the house. All who saw her the first time said: "This is the lady we saw at church."

Then she went away a second time, and a second time came back on the black mare in the second dress which the henwife gave her. All who saw her the second Sunday said: "That is the lady we saw at church."

A third time she asked for a short absence, and soon came back on the third mare and in the third dress. All who saw her the third time said: "That is the lady we saw at church." Every man was satisfied, and knew that she was the woman. Then all the princes and great men spoke up, and said to the son of the king of Emania: "You'll have to fight now for her before we let her go with you."

"I'm here before you, ready for combat," answered the prince.

Then the son of the king of Lochlin stepped forth. The struggle began, and a terrible struggle it was. They fought for nine hours; and then the son of the king of Lochlin stopped, gave up his claim, and left the field. Next day the son of the

king of Spain fought six hours, and yielded his claim. On the third day the son of the king of Nyerfóí fought eight hours, and stopped. The fourth day the son of the king of Greece fought six hours, and stopped.

On the fifth day no more strange princes wanted to fight; and all the sons of kings in Erin said they would not fight with a man of their own land, that the strangers had had their chance, and, as no others came to claim the woman, she belonged of right to the son of the King of Emania. The marriage-day was fixed, and the invitations were sent out. The wedding lasted for a year and a day. When the wedding was over, the king's son brought home the bride, and when the time came a son was born. The young woman sent for her eldest sister, Fair, to be with her and care for her. One day, when Trembling was well, and when her husband was away hunting, the two sisters went out to walk; and when they came to the seaside, the eldest pushed the youngest sister in. A great whale came and swallowed her.

The eldest sister came home alone, and the husband asked, "Where is your sister?" "She has gone home to her father in Ballyshannon; now that I am well, I don't need her."

"Well," said the husband, looking at her, "I'm in dread it's my wife that has gone."

"Oh! no," said she; "it's my sister Fair that's gone." ..Continued next issue.....

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



## St Patrick's Day Irish Festival - Brisbane

### The Inaugural Brisbane Irish Festival

The very first Brisbane Irish Festival took place from the 9 to 17 March, 2012.

The calendar of events covered a wide range of Irish Cultural events.

I attended with my two little grand-daughters who enjoyed it immensely. Unfortunately as a country person, having to negotiating the Brisbane City roads and traffic, I arrived too late to see the street parade. It had just finished. We were at King George Square where the festival was to be held, so saw the remnants of the parade as they made their way to the Square.

It was very exciting for the girls as there was a very Irish air and much wearing of the green. There were performances by the Queensland Irish Dancers, in their beautiful dance costumes, circus activities in which the girls could participate, Guinness pies to try, face painting, and best of all the Irish Wolfhounds whose owners allowed them to get up close and personal.

I overheard them talking and Keeli was telling Trinity that it was good luck to be drooled on by an Irish Wolfhound. They sat close up to the dogs until they had both been wetted by slobber. Little Irish entrepreneurs, it would not have surprised me if they had sold drool to the crowd. It reminded me of the tourist hype at Blarney Castle. The Qld Irish Pipe band performed and stirred our hearts.

The next day we went to the sports day. I was amazed to see that tug'o'war is indeed a very serious sport.

We watched matches of Hurling and Camogie (women's hurling). The little ones had egg & spoon, sack, and three legged races. The air was thick with Irish accents and Red Hair.

For anyone with a drop of Irish blood, a great festival, not to be missed next year.



TRINITY DAFFERN & KEELI WALLER



QLD IRISH PIPE BAND



TUG'O'WAR



TUG'O'WARR



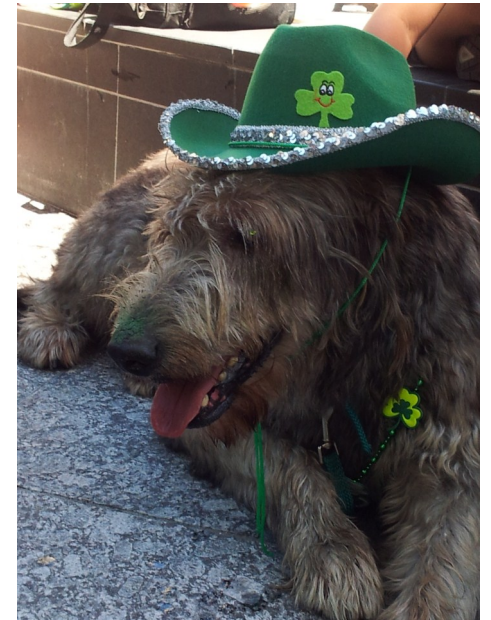
CAMOGIE

## St Patrick's Day Irish Festival - Brisbane

TUG'O'WAR - A serious sport



Parade Mascot



Saturday 10 / 11 March 2012

T'was a great day for the Irish



Two Irish Angels....Keeli Waller and Trinity Daffern