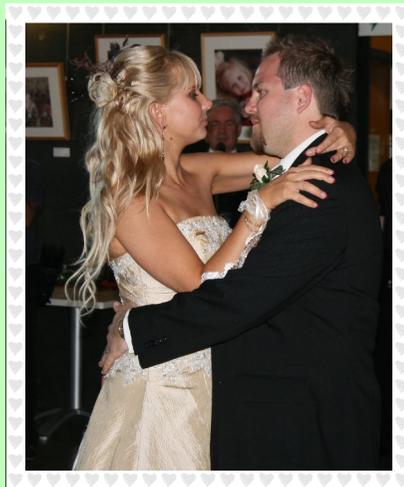


Ashley Shuttlewood &
Alexandria Whitworth

Married on Saturday
5th of August 2009
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Mackay



We had a fantastic day and from all accounts so did everyone else. The day went off with out any dramas at all. We were so happy to have everyone there and did miss those who were unable to attend. The honeymoon was great and we really enjoyed seeing some of the best country in the world - Australia. We traveled through Victoria and South Australia and saw some beautiful country and sampled lots of fantastic food and wines. Back home again and we have slipped into married life quite comfortably. Now we have a long and very happy future together to look forward to. Ashley



Our Honeymoon - In front of Flinders Street Station Melbourne.



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Merry Christmas & A



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The Christmas Bell - *Blandfordia nobilis* (Blandfordiaceae) Liliaceaeis -

is found throughout Australia's East Coast and Tasmania. It flowers just in time for Christmas in Australia each December and throughout summer, and is used in Australian festive decorations.

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 Ide-

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CLAN RYAN QLD OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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CULINARY CORNER

The Appearance of these sweet treats
Usher in the Christmas Spirit



Jo Daffern's Rum Balls & White Christmas

RUM BALLS

1 pkt arrowroot biscuits – crushed
1 can condensed milk
Cocoa powder
Rum
1 cup coconut & extra for rolling Crush biscuits in the blender very fine. Add with the biscuits, cocoa, rum, condensed milk and the coconut, mix together and roll into balls. Then roll the balls into the extra coconut to coat the outside. Place in the fridge to set.

WHITE CHRISTMAS RECIPE

This easy no-bake slice is very sweet and rich so cut it into small pieces to serve. For Christmas gifts, package squares of White Christmas in clear cellophane bags and tie with ribbon.

250g Cocoa
140g (1 cup) pure icing sugar
180g (1 cup) sultanas
100g (slightly rounded 1/2 cup) chopped glace cherries
100g (2/3 cup) finely chopped dried apricots
85g (1 cup) desiccated coconut

106g (1 cup) full cream milk powder
40g (1 1/4 cups) rice bubbles
Line an 18cm by 28cm (inside top measurement) slice pan with baking paper.

Melt Copha in a small saucepan over low heat.
Sift icing sugar into a large bowl. Add sultanas, cherries, apricots, coconut, milk powder and rice bubbles and stir until well combined.

Add melted Copha to bowl and stir until well combined.

Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan.

Firmly press the mixture into the pan using the back of a spoon.

APRICOT BALLS

(Jo-Anne Daffern) 1 pkt arrowroot biscuits- crushed very fine
1 can condensed milk
Dried apricots- diced into small pieces
1 cup coconut & extra for rolling
Powdered milk- optional Place all the ingredients into a bowl & mix. Roll into balls and then roll in the coconut to coat the outside. Place in the fridge to set.

APOLOGIES! It has been brought to my notice that I omitted a very important step in Carson's Date Fruit Loaf. **The fruit should be soaked in 1 cup of Port or Muscat** I have it on the good authority of a Fruit Cake connoisseur that it is the best he has ever tasted. High Praise indeed! **SORRY!** - Ed

Keep on Smiling!

Dinner Conversation

Young O'Brien had met the lovely Colleen at the university of Dublin and romance blossomed and bloomed. T'was not long before O'Brien was invited back to Mayo to meet Colleen's family - The Cassidys, farmers of long standing. As always, the family gathered in the front room, or parlour, and father-in-law-to-be Mick Cassidy began to hold court on the day's work at the farm.

While tea and cakes and sandwiches were brought in, Mick said to O'Brien: "I've shoveled fourteen and a half tons of manure this afternoon - have another sandwich.

"With that Mick offered the plate of dainties.

"No thanks," muttered O'Brien.

"This morning I shoveled over fifteen tons of manure, have a custard cream."

"No thanks." was the weak reply.

A short time later Cassidy senior went out of the room and the young suitor said: "Your father's a lovely man, but he keeps talking about manure all the time. It's putting me off my grub. Can't you get him to say fertilizer?"

"Listen," said Colleen, "it's taken us years to get him to say manure!"

Old Flame?

An elderly couple were driving through County Kerry, Ireland. Irene was driving when she got pulled over by the Gardai, who asks her, 'Ma'am did you know that you were speeding?'

Irene turns to her husband, Mick and enquires, 'What did he say?'

Mick yells out, 'He says you were speeding!'

The Garda said, 'May I see your license, please ma'am?'

Irene, once again, turns to Mick and says, 'What did he say?'

Once more, Mick, shouts out, 'He wants to see your license!'

Irene gives the policeman her driving license.

The Garda retorts, 'I see you are from Kerry. I spent some time there once and had the worst date I have ever had.'

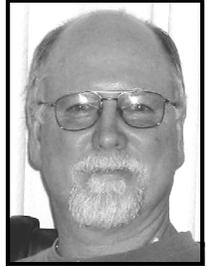
For the final time, Irene turns to Mick and asks, 'What did he say?'

Mick yells very loudly, 'He thinks he knows you!'

From the Presidents Desk *Greg Ryan*

Hello to you all,

I trust this edition finds you all well and enjoying life to the full. As I have said on a number of occasions, family and kinship is one of the most important aspects of the Clan Ryan, the practical application of this family focus was the annual family picnic and the AGM. While this years picnic was not so well attended the AGM went well, it was very satisfying to see a number of familiar faces and some newer faces coming along.



Slan agus beannacht leat
(Goodbye and blessings on you)

Greg Ryan

'Meet the President'

In accordance with the decision of the AGM we are flagging a new social function for the Clan. Due to the success of our last meeting at the Irish Club we are promoting a gathering of the Clan at the Irish Club, 11.30am, Saturday 24th April 2010 in lieu of the Annual Picnic. Any Clan member who can be of assistance in the planning and organization of the function are very welcome and greatly needed. We very much appreciated the help of Clan Members in the last event. Please keep your email details up to date with the President. We will advertise again in the March Issue. **See you there!**

Old Irish Club - Brisbane - 11.00am Saturday 24 April 2010

Renewal of Membership Fees
for 2010
Due 31st December 2009

New Members

We have no new members this quarter. Please pass the word & increase our numbers.

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)

CLAN RYAN AUST/QLD AGM REPORT 2009

To all Members: Any member who wishes to have the minutes of the AGM 2009 may do so by contacting President Greg. Contact details, inside front cover.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OUR EMAIL LIST: currently stands at 38 members. We continue to seek this information and would appreciate that when you change address both email or home you could let us know we hate to lose track of our members.

THE CONSTITUTION: We need to review these before they go on our website. Further work will be done on this issue over the coming months

PICNIC 2009: Due to the fall off in patronage I am putting to the meeting a vote on. Do we (a) continue with the concept (b) if so should we consider a more central place.

NEW MEMBER OFFICER: Still seen as a good idea, will no doubt become a necessity when we get our selves on line, the who is still to be decided.

MEET THE PRESIDENT LUNCHEON: A terrific turn out occurred in August, covered in detail in the previous edition.

WEBSITE PROGRESS: Mr Kim Navin is continuing work with his son on our website development for the clan. This is covering space for family data bases etc. He has kindly provided the Clan with his time and effort free of charge and will continue till we are up and running which is intended to be late April 2010.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Our thanks to the 100% of members for their renewal, 2009. Great result!

You are urged to **check your membership details on the front of the quarterly magazine envelope, showing member number and year paid to.**

Some members add a small extra to help cover admin expenses which is much appreciated. Five new members joined since October 2008. Welcome to you all!

More Members are needed to build the Clan and we can supply copies of past magazines and member applications for you to pass on to your prospects.

CLAN RYAN AUSTRALIA:

This was formed late 1998 and 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.

CLAN RYAN MAGAZINE:

At the 2008 AGM we were asked to investigate external printing of the magazine. This year we have externally printed three issues. This has allowed our Editor to concentrate on the content and editorial role and many members have commented on the overall presentation. The editor is still responsible for the content and layout and forwards final artwork to printer for printing.

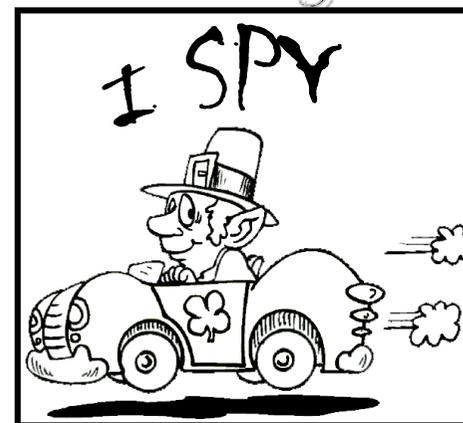
To coordinate dates a timetable has been established.

1. Final copy to Editor by 8th of prior month of publication.
2. Editor finalises copy and forwards to printer by 22nd of that month.
3. Printer prints and forwards to Editor by 8th of month of issue.
4. Editor completes any inserts and envelopes for posting by 15th of month.

Kyle's Column



Our Junior Editor
Kyle Waller 10yrs.



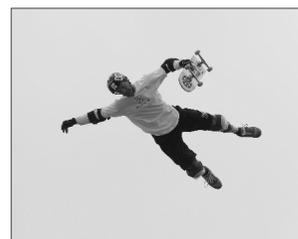
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WITH MY LITTLE EYE,
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Win a book prize.

Send your entries to me care of the Snr Editor or email to

sarbear22@spiderweb.com.au



DANNY WAY
My favourite skateboarder

Hi to all you Guys, the lucky winner of the book "The Rangers Apprentice 'The Ruins of Gorlan'" by John Flanagan. Was won by REBECCA PIDGEON.

Your book will be sent in the mail

Can you let me know if it is a good book to read.

I hope you enjoyed looking for the pictures and thank you for sending entries in.

My emails are a bit hard to get to, so sorry if your pictures didn't get to me, so can you send them to sarbear22@spiderweb.com.au

My football season had finished and I had a good season. Hope you have a good Christmas holiday and hope you get some cool presents.

Till next time,
Seeya
Kyle

Kids Kubby

MY HOUSE

It all started as a block of land.
Then Dad started building with his bare hand.
It's made of straw but not like the little pig.
Mum needs to do render and its always me who has to dig.
Although we have no toilet or shower we cope just fine.
but when we shower it is just divine.
I get sick of getting straw on my bed.
When I move in, my rooms going to be painted red.
I'm grateful to have shelter food and health.
I don't mind that we don't have too much wealth.
I really love Remmy our little mouse.
I hope you enjoyed my poem about my house.



By LIAM WALLER. (12yrs)



Congratulations Liam

Your poem reminds us of the need for us all to work together and of all the things that we take for granted. You also remind us that shelter, food and health are the more important things in our lives. I certainly enjoyed your poem as I am sure that others will too. Your \$5 will be in the mail.

Jokes Ha Ha Ha

Q: Where do horses live?

A: A Neigh-bourhood

Q: Where do pencils come from?

A: Pencil-vania?

Q: Why was everyone so tired on April 1st?

A: Because they had a long March of 31 days.

Q: Why did the Skeleton go to the Chinese Restaurant?

A: To get some spare ribs.

Summer wouldn't be summer without the chance to blow bubbles!

Use this **bubble recipe** to make up your own batch of super bubble mixture.

1/2 cup of dish detergent (washing up liquid)

5 cups water (soft water is best - if your water is very hard consider using distilled or bottled water)

2 tablespoons glycerine (available at the pharmacy or supermarket).

Mix the ingredients together very carefully, so that you they don't get too bubbly. Pour into storage containers and leave overnight to blend.

If you don't mind getting a bit soapy, you can blow surprisingly large bubbles by looping your thumb and first finger into a bubble blowing wand! Or loop some wire (garden wire works particularly well and is easy to loop) into home-made bubble wands. You can make huge wands out of wire coat-hangers, but adult supervision is required because the ends can be sharp. Pipe cleaners work too, but get soggy. Drinking straws make lots and lots of sweet little bubbles.

Try catching a bubble on a wet finger, and then on a dry finger. What do you notice? It should be much easier if your finger is wet. Why?

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

FINANCES:

A review has been finalized of next years budget.

This year we are showing a balance of \$1133. This includes prepayments of about 40 members. A study of the previous costs reimbursed to President Ted for production and postage of magazine was about 50% below costs no labour included.

Our new costs for magazine is around \$1.50 for printing and 75c for postage - ie Total \$2.25 per copy, or \$9 per member per year.

Additional costs for website as yet not known. The AGM resolved to raise annual fees by a modest \$5 per member. This to apply to new members and to any renewals for 2010 and beyond. Any pre paid fees will not be increased until they fall due.

BREVEMENTS:

We regret to advise the deaths of Ann Ryan, Patrick and wife Josephine. Our deepest sympathy and prayers.

Vale Father Edmund Ryan CSSR

FR ED DIED ON OCT 5 AGED 78. HIS REQUIEM MASS WAS HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCT. 10 AM AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
FR ED WAS NOT ONLY A COUSIN BUT A VERY GOOD FRIEND.
GOD BLESS
JOHN RYAN

*He was truly
God's Good Servant
May the Good Lord hold you
in the palm of His hand*

LIFE OF FATHER EDMUND RYAN CSSR

Father Edmund Ryan of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, **BY JOHN RYAN** known as the Redemptorist Congregation, was born in Werribee on 28th February, 1931. His parents, Owen and Margaret {nee Shanahan} Ryan were living in the Bluestone House in the grounds of Corpus Christi College, where his father was Assistant to Daniel Ryan, Manager of the farms on the property. Later that year the family moved to Wattle Avenue where they had a cow farm on eight acres. The property is now streets and houses. Edmund was the forth child after Mary Bernadette who died as a baby, Owen also a Redemptorist Father who died on 17th June 2002 in Perth. Joan came next; a sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of Saint Benedict, Thomas is now a Resident at St. Joseph's Home in Northcote, and Leo lives in Corowa, N.S.W.

Edmund attended St. Andrew's School and won a Diocesan Scholarship in Grade 7, intended to be taken out at the Christian Brother's School in Fitzroy to gain a Junior Government Scholarship for Secondary Education. At the time, while he was at Spencer Street Station with his mother, meeting Owen coming home for holidays from the Redemptorist Juniorate at Galong, Christmas 1943, Father Charlie Green CSSR met them and asked Ed if he was ready to come to Galong in February, 1944. Ed said he was. His mother received such a shock; she asked him if he knew what he was saying, especially having just re

LIFE OF FATHER EDMUND RYAN CSSR

ceived a Scholarship. Ed's response was that he had thought about it for a long time, so was ready. Father assured him there would be a Scholarship awaiting him at Galong, so he did go. His Father had died on the 27th May, 1943.

Edmund was ordained in Ballarat at the Redemptorist Monastery, Wendouree on the 11th March, 1956. In 1957, he was sent to the Philippines where he spent 28 years as a missionary, living at Legaspi, Lipa City and Baclaren where he also served for a time as Superior. He spoke Tagalog fluently and was greatly loved by the Philippino people. In 1985, he returned to Australia, and spent a short time at Miami on the Gold Coast. His Mother had visited him in the Philippines before she died in 1981. Edmund returned to the Redemptorist Community at Kew where he eventually took up a Ministry with the Australian Catholic Aboriginal Community, by whom he was again greatly loved, as he understood them so well, ministering to their needs. Ten years ago he was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma from which he died on Monday, 5th October, 2009. His Requiem took place at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Deepdene, on Monday, 12th October 2009. And he was buried in the Cemetery at Boxhill. The Aboriginal people held a beautiful ceremony before Mass on that day. It is worth noting that his Mother, as a young woman was one day driving into Werribee in a jinker from her parents' home when she noticed something white on a lonely part of Tarneit Road, now Sayers Road. When she picked it up and opened it, she found a large picture of the Mother of Perpetual Succour, the special Patron of the Redemptorists. Is it any wonder that two of her sons became Redemptorists?! Many years later she told her children that from the time they were born, she prayed that they would give their lives to God, and three of them did!



of sculpture to honour the Unknown Political Prisoner, and she had a long association with the Museum of Modern Art in New York..

The Caseys had two children. She was described as "a disaster as a parent". After his

retirement, she and Lord Casey owned a house built by Eugene von Guerard in East Melbourne, and her last years were spent in Berwick. Lady Casey was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1982 and died in January 1983.

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- SPENCE , Malcolm Private VIC Letter carrier
- St SMITH, Herbert Newey Private NSW Auctioneer
- STALGIS, Gregory Francis Corp NSW Railway porter
- THOMPSON, Alfred Private NSW Farmer
- TOOLE, John Corp NSW Storeman
- TUCK, Alfred George Corp VIC Tinsmith
- TURNER, Arthur Leslie Private NSW Pattern maker
- VERPILLOT, Aime Private NSW Scroll maker
- VINCENT, Laurence Stanley Private NSW Shop assistant
- WAILES , Joseph Patrick Private NSW Seaman
- WALSH, Leslie Gordon Private QLD Cordial maker

- WALTERS, Frederick Charles Private VIC Wire worker
- WILDMAN , Reginald Raymond Private NSW Farmhand
- ILKIN , Ernest Frank Private VIC Farmer
- WILLIAMS, Francis James Private NSW Miner
- WOOD, Archie Private NSW Lift attendant
- WOODMAN, Harold George CSM VIC Accountant
- WYNN, John Cyril Private NSW Labourer
- YEO, Claude Private NSW Auctioneer



'Ceremony at Phesant Wood'

The Answer to last issue's Brainteaser -Alice's problem, was **THURSDAY**
Don't ask me how as I can't work it out even with the answer. - Edl

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New 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.

For full details refer to AGM Report

The Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon an Australian Odyssey



From John Ryan (CR Vic)

Catholic Communications, Sydney Archdiocese, 2 Nov 2009

From July 2007 until July 2008, FR CHRIS RYAN MGL was in charge of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon, and was part of the extraordinary journey across Australia.

In a 12-month period, the Cross and Icon

visited more than 400 Australian communities and were seen by more than half a million young people as Fr Ryan and his World Youth Day team criss-crossed the country. Their travels included visits to treasured landmarks such as the Barrier Reef, Uluru and Parliament House as well as small regional towns, dusty hamlets and cities and centers in every State and Territory.

On a journey led and planned by Fr Chris, the Cross and Icon were carried by boat, road and rail. But the most common mode of transport was on the shoulders of pilgrims who proudly proclaimed their faith as they carried the Holy symbols through the streets of the towns or district where they lived.

"Wherever we went, people around Australia spoke again and again of the Cross almost as if it were a person, as if it were more than simply a piece of wood," says Fr Chris who believes this was more than merely attributing personality to an inanimate object but rather a recognition of the deep symbolism of the WYD Cross and the powerful way in which it connected young people to Jesus and to their faith.

"The Cross had an indelible impact on thousands of people around Australia and its history was definitely part of its power but there were also deeper reasons to do with faith and the heart," he says.

Now, just over a year after his incredible odyssey with the WYD Cross and Icon ended, Fr Chris has written about his experience which not only changed the lives of thousands of young people, but changed his own life, deepening and strengthening his faith.

"In the Light of the Cross," Fr Chris's just-published book (St Paul's Publications, rrp \$29.95), vividly recounts the Cross and Icon's journey across Australia and the joy and enthusiasm with which they were greeted by young people everywhere. But Fr Chris goes further so that the book is far more than a travelogue and becomes instead a reflection on the impact of these symbols on Australia and the legacy they left behind. In addition, Fr Chris seamlessly interweaves not only

made potato growing a successful venture in the Dunnstow district. Potato farming proved to be very successful in Dunnstow and surrounding areas.

The Irish in Dunnstow tended to stick together. Relations with the English and Scottish were not good as the Irish has suffered back in their homeland at the hands of the English. The Irish settlers established their own Irish-Australia society. The Irish people had the same interests and beliefs. They played the same sports, had the same customs and shared the same faith. Eventually the English and Scottish families that had settled in Dunnstow moved else where. The Irish consistently married other Irish - all of these tended to be catholic. They brought their families up in the Catholic faith.

The Catholic Church in Dunnstow was a unifying force. It encouraged people to come together as they all shared the same faith. It brought people together. These settlers built a catholic school in Dunnstow which helped the strong feeling of catholicity grow. The school, church and pub were places to gather, talk and build strong community bonds.

As there were mainly Irish catholic families in Dunnstow they wanted a catholic education for their children. This was difficult as there was plenty of money for the state schools and no money for catholic schools. For example, the new State School at Navi-

gators had nine children and two teachers employed where as the catholic schools had more children and had to provide their own teacher. Catholics had to make sacrifices and work hard to provide a catholic education for their children. This made them determined to build a good school and work hard to keep their school going. Nuns were able to provide the education which helped considerably as their wages were less than lay teachers. The sisters who taught at the school also visited and cared for sick and elderly parishioners. The building of the school helped the families make strong bonds and build a strong community. It kept the faith alive. The Catholic School continued to grow while the state school at Dunnstow struggled to survive and closed in 1901. There were strong catholic communities surrounding Dunnstow also. In Bungaree the catholic school opened in 1878 and closed in 1994. A catholic school opened at Warrenheip in 1862 and closed 1877. State schools have remained in Warrenheip and Bungaree

The catholic school at Dunnstow, St. Brendan's, has continued to flourish and remains open and viable now in 2007. The Church and Pub have both remained also as other businesses and buildings have closed or fallen into disrepair. The strong irish-catholic beginnings of settlement in Dunnstow have remained strong and visible and are paramount in making Dunnstow the unique town that it is today.

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

Irish Settlement in Dunnstown Vic

researched and written by Sue



St Brendan's Church and School

Dunnstown has often been described as 'little Ireland'. This is because of the strong connections many families have to their Irish heritage. Dunnstown has been home to several families with an Irish background who have chosen to remain in Dunnstown since their arrival in the 1850's.

In 1841 – 1850, Ireland was hit with a devastating potato famine. During this time 23 000 Irish people left their homeland to travel to Australia. 5 500 Irish people arrived in Port Phillip between 1846 -1851. At this time, country lots of Crown Lands in the Warrenheip Parish were first offered for sale. The Irish people did not avoid agricultural districts as other migrants did. The Irish settled in places where Scots and Brits didn't as memories of ill treatment by the Scots and Brits were very strong in the Irish people's mind. The first sale of land in Dunnstown was mainly bought by the English as they tended to be richer and could afford the large acres of land. However the land at Dunnstown did not have gold and so smaller lots of land were offered for sale. Gradually the Irish began to buy small lots of land at Dunnstown.

The town was named after Mr R.Dunn who owned the distillery in town and a large proportion of the land. The Victorian Gazette in 1864 described Dunnstown as:
"Dunn's Town is a postal village in the Parish

of Warrenheip. There is a distillery (Dunn and Cockraine's) and the Lal Lal sawmills are a short distance away. The country is rugged and agricultural and pastoral with no mining".

Dunnstown was a popular place for the Irish to buy in as it was close to Ballarat, the gold mining town and so there were many employment opportunities. There was a railway going through Dunnstown in the 1870's. This provided employment for people. As Dunnstown was set along the main road between Melbourne and Ballarat it was convenient for travel and trade opportunities.

There were two sawmills operating around Mount Warrenheip. Logs were cut down for gold mines and squatter's homes. Stores and butchers were built to service the people living and working near the sawmill. When the sawmills shutdown in the 1860's, a lot of the land had been cleared. The land around Dunnstown was good farming land. This was a good opportunity to begin farming the land.

The distillery in town provided jobs. In the 1860's farmers grew barley to supply the distilleries. When the distillery closed there was no need for barley. The farmers found that wheat was unsuitable because of climate. So the Irish turned to potato growing. They found that the cool climate, rich volcanic soil, abundant water supply and good rainfall all

the history of Australia along with the much larger history of the Church and Christianity, but the joyful outpouring of the Holy Spirit during World Youth Day and God's love in our day to day lives.

"This is Gospel writing," Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn says, praising the book as a "remarkable achievement." Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, Co-ordinator of WYD08 goes even further and in his forward he wrote for the book says: "More than a collection of stories from the road and holiday snapshots, this book insightfully interweaves tales of the Cross's journey with the truths of the Catholic faith to illumine every person's pilgrimage to God."

Fr Chris's connection with the World Youth Day Cross however goes back much further than WYD08 and his travels around Australia.

"In 1992 I was 17 years old, living at home in Canberra with my family and had just completed Year 12. I was involved in the preparations for an event with a large wooden cross we were told had come from the Pope," he recalls with a smile. "It was billed as a visit of the Papal Youth Cross and there were few other details."

The WYD Cross was on its first visit to Australia and was not yet known as the World Youth Day Cross. But it was an encounter he never forgot, particularly as the visit coincided with the ordination of the Missionary of God's Love's first priest, Fr Steve Tynan, at whose third Mass the teenage Fr Chris gave a short testimony about his own journey of faith.

Fourteen years later and now a priest of the Missionary of God's Love himself, Fr Chris found himself standing in front of St Peter's Basilica in Rome as part of the hand-over ceremony of the Cross and Icon from a delegation of young people from Germany to the group from Australia in the lead up to WYD08. The Cross and Icon arrived in Australia several months later after travelling through Africa and other countries on its long journey Down Under. On arrival in Sydney, Fr Chris says more than 8000 people turned out in welcome. "It was the biggest single gathering of that year," he says still thrilled by the memory and enthusiasm that greeted the start of Australia's World Youth Day celebrations.

What followed was a 12 month journey across Australia culminating with the start of WYD08 in Sydney, the arrival of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, the huge outdoor Masses and the very moving Stations of the Cross through the streets of Sydney to Barangaroo.

"Like all pilgrimages of faith, the journey with the Cross and Icon was a quest for light," he says. And for all those involved, the light illuminating the way was the light of the Cross.

The Light of the Cross, by Fr Christopher Ryan, rr \$29.95, St Pauls Publications, Strathfield NSW, www.stpauls.com.au.

Letters to the Editor

Narelle Freeman

"A TANGLED WEB"

A Wonderful Green Tapestry

Dear Berniece

You wrote about my great grandson JOSH he is now 2yrs last June. He is a blue eyed blond with curly hair, full of beans and has a real sense of humour. Loves people and Melissa is such a lovely mother.

And Brian is a very nice fellow. Melissa has a science degree and a double major in Psychology, perhaps that is why she is so calm. They have been transferred down here. They built a very big 2 storey home, not far from her mother (handy) Janelle is away a lot as she is the Regional Financial Service Specialist for Woolworths, her area goes up the east coast over to Weipa, inland to Mt Isa, Cloncurry and Central Qld. This week she is in Melbourne for a conference. Richard her husband is understanding, as he was a manager for 28years and then has just gone over to IGA.

Nicole has qualified as a chef and almost finished her commerce degree but now decided to apply to the Government to do higher studies in the field of P.R. and Promotional work, also working full time and studying full time, she is 26, unattached and likes it that way, so that is **JANELLE'S** family.

NARELLE (we call her Bub), she lectures in popular music at Griffith Uni and The Qld conservatorium plus she is a researcher, has just returned from Ireland, has enough research to finish her PhD. Her son Conor Michael McCoy Lynch is a student at the Qld Con of Music and Ronan Patrick McCoy Lynch is at UQ studying Marine Science and Environmental Studies.

My Son, **MICHAEL** is with Qld Fire and Rescue, he us a Safety Assessment officer, also still does some FFF work that is: Fight Fire Fascination with children who are fire bugs. He goes away next month on a study course for Building assessment officer. He was a senior fire fighter but has moved through the ranks. **HE RECEIVED THE COMMISSIONER'S MEDAL A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.** He has 2 boys, Michael and Keelan. Mikey finishes school this year, hopes to go to uni next year and Keelan goes to St. Edmunds. He was the 4th generation at St Mary's. Keelan is a gifted boy with music and art. Michael is a sole parent and when he goes away on these courses we have to move up to his house to look after the boys. It is easier as they each have a computer and TV in their rooms and a phone. Michael has done an excellent job with the boys on his own. He has said, "Couldn't have done without you Mum and the help of Allan". Allan has had a BCC removed off his leg last August and it just will not heal, we go into the Drs tomorrow. I do the dressings everyday.

We traced my **GREAT GRAN'S** family they were from Creachmhoil, east Galway, which is their name, English version - Craughwell. In Ireland they say Crockwell. They are still only known in East Galway. My daughter Narelle asked when she was over there and they said you would have to be Irish to have that name. GGran married Francis Ryan, whose father was Michael Ryan from Limerick. Mother was Ellen Butler from Cork. My late husband was

"GONE BUT NOT FORGETTEN"

by Leisha Muir (Booval)



Submitted by STELLA GIBBS.

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Old Ipswich Cemetery - Burials from 1842 - 1868

RYAN, THOMAS. Born Thursday 8th Feb 1866 and died on the 22nd to John Ryan and Alice Scully. Also Alice nee Scully died Monday 21st May 1866..

RYAN, JOHN. Died Sunday 1 Aug 1858 to Timothy Ryan and Mary

RYAN, TIMOTHY. "Tim" was an old man who dropped dead a few days before Wednesday 19 March 1851, he was single and in a fit of rage at the time, he left no will. Timothy was a labourer who arrived as a convict on the 'Bangalore', a Roman Catholic. The 'Bangalore' was an 877 ton bark, carrying 292male prisoners from Spithead 7 Jan 1850 to Moreton Bay 30th Apr 1850. He received his ticket of leave on 28th Sept 1850, his death was not registered.

RYAN, THOMAS. Died Tuesday 26th Aug 1856 age 43.

RYAN, EDWARD. Buried Sunday 1 Jan 1854 age 18 with William McGinty officiating, he was a servant.

RYAN THOMAS. Born Sunday 1 Mar 1857 and died on the 7th to Thomas Ryan and Catherine Murphy who married Sunday 10th Oct 1852 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Ipswich.

RYAN, JOHN. * Died Wednesday 15th Feb 1865, the father of Mary McDonald, his wife was Mary Dwyer. See Mc Donald headstone.

RYAN, MARY. Born Thursday 24th Feb 1859 and died Thursday 10th Jan 1861 to Thomas John Ryan and Julia McMahan who married Thursday 27th Feb 1851 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Ipswich.

RYAN, CHARLES RICHARD. Born c 1864 and died Thursday 25th Oct 1866 to Jeremiah Ryan and Mary McDonald who married Friday 7th June 1862.

RYAN, THOMAS. Died Sunday 8th Jan 1860.

RYAN, MARY. Died Monday 13th Nov 1865 to Michael Ryan and Margaret Maher.

Put your Car Keys beside your bed at night



Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar rapist won't stick around... After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.



A Personal Mobile Emergency Alert.

I think it is fantastic. It would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. It has application for elderly couples, as if they carry their car keys with them when one of them goes outside they can activate the car alarm in the event of a fall, - their partner or someone will know there's a problem.

Michael McCoy, they were from County Clare, Miltown Malbay. His father was Patrick, also in the Police, and Patrick's brother, James in the police, He had a son MONS. James Patrick McCoy. Melissa is the 4th Generation. Also GGrans father was in the NSW Police and her sister was married to a SSGT in NSW.

Brian's mother was Veronica Ryan, before she married Brian's father who is Greg Davis. That is why the baby was called Joshua Ryan Davis. Greg attended Gregory Terrace. Veronica said her people were from Limerick, so it is a tangled web we weave. Mum's family came from Warialda, where they had sheep stations called HARRINA GLENGARY, HAMPTON.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A BIT OF HISTORY ABOUT MY FAMILY. There was only my Nana, her sister and then Great Gran came to help out her daughter as she had 7 children and never ever returned to her home in NSW, which was a terrible shame. Great Gran must have been a woman before her time as she sent 4 daughters off to Sydney to the Convent to be educated.

Well Berniece I don't expect you to print what I have written just some info for you. If you desire you can pick out some points of interest and put it in the Ryan Rag, which I think is wonderful.

I don't think I will make the AGM depends on Alan Slan Narelle Narelle, your story makes a great read and your family is achieving such fine accomplishments. You must be proud of them. I feel proud to hear of Ryan successes. Thank you for sharing with us. I have left your letter as written, as I would not like to detract from the freshness and charm with which you write. -Editor

Drayton- Irish Town of old?

Whilst not a letter to the Editor, I received a phone call from Mr Jim Henry in response to my request for information on the location of Irishtown in Toowoomba. Jim tells me that he was told by Ted Ryan that it was Drayton, where there was a high concentration of early Irish settlers. Thank you Jim. - Editor

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'Monday Evening 9 June 2008: It was announced this evening that a Rising Sun collar badge has been unearthed during the archaeological dig at Pheasant Wood.'

Diggers in Mass Graves At Pheasant Wood - Fromelle

Do we have the DNA to identify Private Daniel Bernard RYAN



Contribution from
Liz Pidgeon

Lives Cut Short

*An Interview with
Tim Lycette*

Finding the families of these men has been a two year labour of love for researchers Tim Lycett and Sandra Playle who wanted to give them some personal history not just a headstone in a cemetery.

We wanted to bring them to life, to look at the photos, to realize this person was real, he



had a life, family who loved him ... it sounds strange but you become so close to them we often talk about them as if they were living next

door," says Playle. The creation of meticulous, detailed genealogical records is the only way that DNA scientists will be able to identify the most suitable descendants to provide the genetic samples that might finally give these men an identity. So far, the two have found descendants for 118 of the 191 soldiers who have been placed on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission working list.

These are the names of the men who remain faceless

ASHWORTH, Percy Alexander Private VIC Plumber

ATWELL, Sydney Harold Private WA Station hand

BAIN, Walter Ernest Private QLD Labourer

BALKIN, Michael Private NSW Labourer

BALSDON, James Private NSW Miner

BARBER, William Private SA Labourer

BARRETT, Rossitter Alfred Private NSW Composer

BATT, Arthur George Private SA Labourer

BENNETT, Allan L/Corp WA Grocer

BENSON, George Vernon Private NSW Driver

BILLS, Thomas Henry Private VIC Bottle blower

BISHOP, Raymond Charles Private NSW Farmer

BOSWELL, John Henry Private WA Tram conductor

BOYCE, William Edwin Private WA Engine Driver

BROADHURST, Leonard Private NSW Salesman

BROMLEY, Albert Clive Private NSW Railway employee

BROOM, Sidney Private QLD Miner

CAMPBELL, Jack Marchmont Sgt NSW Salesman

CASWELL, Douglas Private NSW Butcher

CHURCH, Chester Cecil Sgt NSW Hairdresser

CONNOLLY, William Thomas Private NSW Miner

COZENS, James Alfred Private VIC Pastry cook

CURRAN, Joseph James Private QLD Labourer

DENNIS, Sydney William L/Corp WA Master butcher

DOUST, Willie Hilton Private NSW Farmer
DUNN, Leslie Clark Private VIC Cigar Maker

DUNSTAN, Benedict John Private NSW Canister maker

FAHEY, Patrick William Private NSW Tram Electricity Dept

FARLOW, Samuel Private VIC Stableman

FITCH, Alfred William Private VIC Labourer

FLETCHER, Frederick Corp NSW Engineer

FRANCIS, Thomas William Private VIC Clerk

GARDNER, Henry Private NSW Asylum attendant

GORDON, James Private VIC Yardman

GRACE, Walter Allen Private QLD Farmer

GRAY, Edwin Charles Private SA Chauffeur

GRAY, George Robert Private NSW Labourer

GRAY, Sidney John Private NSW Labourer

GREENWOOD, Percy John Private WA Printer's machinist

GROGAN, Vincent Michael Sgt VIC Clerk

HARRIS, James John Private NSW Labourer

HART, Leslie William Corp WA Farmer

HASLAM, Herbert James Private VIC Bank teller

HAWCROFT, Charles Henry Private NSW Labourer

HILL, Charles Stevens Sgt NSW Labourer

HOLMES, James Leslie Private NSW Wheelwright

HONEY, George Private WA Labourer

HUNGERFORD, George Private NSW Pastry cook

HUNT, Thomas Private SA Blacksmith

HYAMS, Sydney Joseph Private NSW Labourer/Hatter

IRVING, Allan William James Private SA Bookbinder

JAMES, Arthur Mossop Private NSW Clerk

JAMIESON, William Alexander Private NSW Railway porter

JOHNSON, Arthur Joseph Private VIC Quarryman

JOHNSON, Robert William Corp VIC Stationer

JOHNSTON, George Henry Private NSW Labourer

LEISTER, Leslie Private NSW Postal assistant

LOADER, Frank Oliver Private SA Clerk

LUCRE, George Henry Private NSW Railway worker

MacLAREN, Frank Forbes Private VIC Sailor

MASON, James Lowther Private QLD Farmer

McCAUL, Donald Curtis Sgt VIC Clerk

McGUARR, Richard James Private NSW Dairy farmer

MENDELSON, Berrol Lazer Lieut NSW Clerk

MORGAN, Cecil Private NSW Groom

MURRAY, Charles William Corp NSW Stonemason

NEVILL, Joseph Harold Private QLD Leather goods

NITCHIE, James Louis Private VIC Labourer

O'DONNELL, Stanley Richard Private VIC Warehouseman

O'DONNELL, William Private VIC Labourer

OLIVER, Ernest Robert Private VIC Painter

PARRY, Frederick Private VIC Plasterer improver

PRETTY, Walter Hainsworth Private SA Labourer

RALSTON, James CQ Sgt VIC Farmer

RAWNSLEY, Albert Arthur Private SA Miner

RICHARDSON, Benjamin Private NSW Labourer

ROBINSON, Horace Frederick Private NSW Clerk

RUSSELL, Arthur Private NSW Labourer

RYAN, Daniel Bernard Private NSW Farmer

SCOTT, Robert Grieve Private WA Farmhand

SCOTT, Joseph Private NSW Coal lumper

SHANNON, Peter Private NSW Shearer

SMITH, James Robert Private QLD Labourer

SMITH, Arthur George Private WA Blacksmith striker

SMITH, Harold Thomson L/Corp VIC Warehouseman