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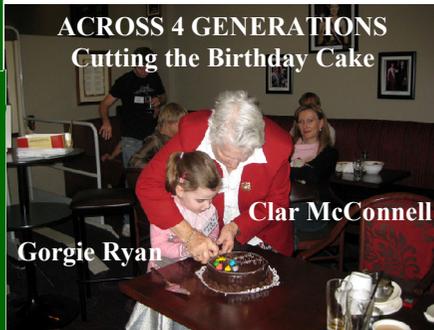


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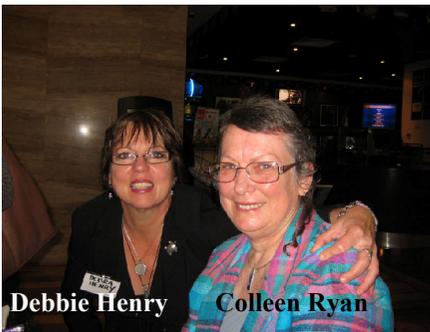
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ACROSS 4 GENERATIONS
Cutting the Birthday Cake

Clar McConnell
Gorgie Ryan



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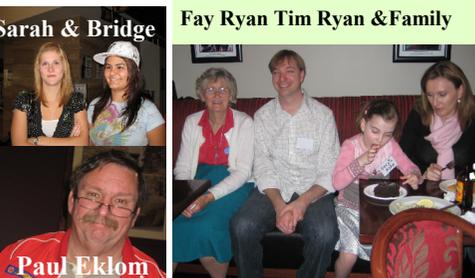


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IN THE FAMILY TREE

DESMOND RYAN

Journalist
Revolutionary
Historian
Author

by Terry Emerson

Desmond was born in London on 27th August, 1893, the son of William Patrick Ryan a Tipperary man from Templemore. W P Ryan was the elder brother of my Grandfather James Ryan and his brother Michael who emigrated together to Australia in 1900

(Desmond Ryan was a first cousin (once removed) of Clan members Terry Emerson and Peter Gibbs).



DESMOND 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.

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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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Carson McLaughlin's 'Date Ginger Loaf'

This Loaf can be served, buttered or heat slices and serve as a Pudding with Custard, Cream or Icecream

INGREDIENTS:

1 Greens' Date Loaf Packet
¼ Cup of each:
Sultanas
Glazed Cherries
Mixed Peel
Dates
Apricots
Crystallised Ginger.

METHOD:

Make Loaf as directed on packet
Chop fruit and add to loaf mixture
Place mixture in Greased and Papered loaf tin
Sprinkle with slivered almonds and place in Oven at 180° for approximately 45 minutes.

After an acute illness Carson is getting back to normal, is very busy in the garden and is back to his Jam making. He is well know around Gayndah for his jams and preserves and can always be relied upon for a few bottles to raise funds for a worthy cause.. Thanks for the recipe Carson and best wishes for continuing health.

The Irish Radio Program

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

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

"YESTERDAY'S THE PAST, TOMORROW'S THE FUTURE, BUT TODAY IS A GIFT. THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED THE PRESENT."

Keep on Smiling! It's Irish Logic

An old Irish man is lying in bed, very ill. His son is sitting at his bedside, expecting the end to come at any moment. The old man looks up at the boy and says, "Son, it's time for you to get me a Protestant minister."

The son is astounded. "But, Dad!" he protests, "You've been a good Catholic all your life! You're delirious. It's a priest ye be wanting now, not a minister." The old man looks up at him and says, "Son, please. It's me last request. Get a minister for me!" "But, Dad," cries the son, "Ye raised me a good Catholic. You've been a good Catholic all your life. Ye don't want a minister at a time like this!" The old man manages to croak out the words, "Son, if you respect me and love me as a father, you'll go out and get me a Protestant minister right now."

The son relents and goes out and gets the minister. They come back to the house, and the minister goes upstairs and converts him. As the minister is leaving the house, he passes Father O'Malley coming quickly through the door. The minister stares solemnly into the eyes of the priest. "I'm afraid you're too late, Father," he says. "He's a Protestant now." Father O'Malley rushes up the steps and bursts into the old man's room. "Pat! Pat! Why did ye do it?" he cries. "You were such a good Catholic! We went to St. Mary's together! You were there when I performed my first mass! Why in the world would ye do such a thing like this?" "Well," the old man says as he looks up at his dear friend. "I figured if somebody had to go, it was better one of *them* than one of *us*."

O'Connell was staggering home with a small Paddy in his back pocket when he slipped and fell heavily. Struggling to his feet, he felt something wet running down his leg..... "Please, God," he implored, "let it be blood!"

MORE IRISH LOGIC! A tipsy Hogan gets on a bus in Ireland and asks the driver how long the trip is between Limerick and Cork. "About two hours," says the conductor. "OK," says Hogan "then how long is the trip between Cork and Lim-

erick?" The irate driver says to him: "It's still about two hours. Why'd you think there'd be a difference?" "Well," says Hogan "It's only a week between Christmas and New Year, but it's aHell of a long time between New Years and Christmas!"

IT DEPENDS ON THE DENOMINATION Farmer McCarthy lived for many years with only his dog for a companion. One sad day he found his dog dead from old age. He went to his parish priest and asked if services could be said for his dog. The good father said "Oh no, we can't have services for a dog here, but there's a new church down the street that might be willing." .."Father do you think \$50,000 might be enough of a donation?" asked farmer McCarthy. "Well man, why didn't ye tell me your dog was a catholic!!!?"

From the Presidents Desk *Greg Ryan*

Hello to you all, I pray this edition finds you all well. As our beautiful blue glob turns we continue to see terrorism from groups of people who would try to put fear into our hearts and turn us into less than we as a nation could be. We have also witnessed the tragic loss of one of our finest young soldiers simply doing his duty to protect our freedoms. I do not wish to speculate on the rights or wrongs of any of these occurrences simply to ask what are we doing as a clan to further peace and friendship in this troubled world?

Well I know we cannot change the world. However I am truly uplifted by the response of the Clan to the "Meet the President" luncheon. We had a marvellous turn out of around Fifty (50) people at the Irish Club, familiar faces and some new

faces. The most encouraging was the number of younger Clan members who made the effort to come along. A few, had no choice but I know quite a few could have opted out but chose to come anyway. The future of the Clan is assured if we can keep these younger members interested and involved. So we are doing our little bit to foster peace and friendship by expanding our clans size and influence who knows what we can achieve, from small seeds big things can grow.

Putting all the above aside what I do know is that Saturday the 8th of August made me a very proud clansman. Slan agus beannacht leat (Goodbye and blessings on you) Greg



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)

NEW MEMBERS

"Ceàd mile faile romhat"
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

257 LARNA RYAN

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

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

Queensland Branch
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Clan Ryan Qld AGM

Is to be held , commencing 11.30am
Sunday 18th October 2009

At OLMM Hall Robertson Rd IPSWICH.

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

Bring a Plate to share, - tea and coffee provided.
KIM NAVIN & Son will give a presentation on our

New Web Site

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

Members can be picked up from the Ipswich train station.

Call President on (07)55591773: Mob:0409626385 to make arrangements.

Your Presence is IMPORTANT

YOU are a **V.I.P.**

AGENDA - AGM 2009

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| AGM CRQ to be held at 11am at OLMM Hall Robertson Rd IPSWICH | 6. Business Arising |
| 1. Opening prayer | 7. General Business |
| 2. Roll Call - Attendance Book - Apologies | (a). Update on clan Database (Kim Navin) |
| 3. Adoption 2008 minutes | (b). Membership officer |
| 4. Business Arising | (c). Magazine production |
| 5. Reports: | 8. Any other business |
| (a) President | 9. 2010 Picnic place and date (If to continue) |
| (b) Secretary | 10. Next AGM place and date. |
| (c) Treasurer | |

'In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future'.

~ Lex Haley

Kyle's Column

Our New Junior Editor
 Kyle Waller 10yrs.



Kyle Alexander Waller
 #247F Jr Editor

Colouring In



Hi to all you Guys out there, I'm Kyle and I ride a lot on my skateboard.

I'm 10 and play football for Nambour and I like to read out in class.

My email address is
kyle.waller99@hotmail.com

Can you please send me the best skateboarding picture you can find on the net or from anywhere, for a book prize. Please send your entry to my email address.

Send the entries in and the more you send the more chances you have. Good luck

Till next time,

*Seeya
 Kyle*

Oh, How happy and proud it makes me feel that we have the involvement of our younger generations! From Little things (our children) Big things Grow. I hope that the engagement of our children continues, and it is showing signs of a strong interest in our Clan and interest in the Rag as evidenced by the number of entries received and the participation of Kyle and Rebecca. God Bless and Love you all, 'our little ones.'

- Sen. Editor B R-C

Kids Kubby

WINTER



Winter time has finally come.

So say goodbye to the hot summer sun.

We snuggle up to the fire place, Drinking hot cocoa in our own warm space.

Although it is the season for cold and flu,

Resting in bed is the best thing to do.

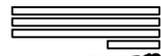
But as one small flower begins to grow

Winter time has got to go

by Rebecca Pidgeon 10yrs



Thank you Rebecca for your lovely poem. You will receive \$5.00 encouragement award in the mail.



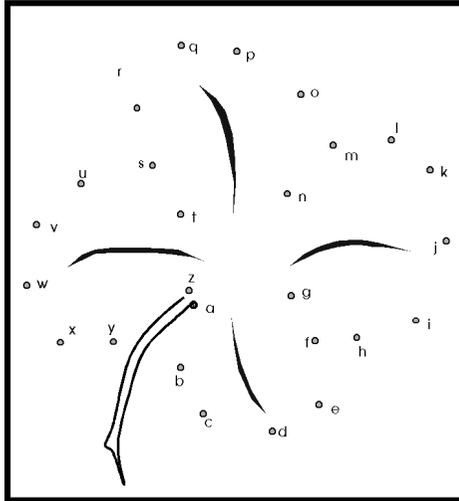
Ryan Rag will pay \$5 incentive for any published Art works, poems or stories sent by our children.

Winner - Colour our Banshee Congratulations

Popi Tamblin 10 yrs - 17F

We hope you enjoy your Book prize
Happy reading, -
you can read to your Bubba.

Solve the picture.



Join the dots, following the alphabet from a - z. Colour and name the picture and send to the editor.

All entries go into a draw and one book prize will be won. Entries showing Name, age, and Membership # to: Ed. RR, 50 Stewart Tce Gympie. 4570. Scanned and emailed is OK> Extra copies of "Name the picture" can be obtained by email: sar-bear22@spiderweb.com.au

Jokes Ha Ha Ha

What Colour is a burp? A: e!p!ng

What do you call a fairy who doesn't bathe? A: Sinkerb!ll

Why do cows have bells? A: Because their horns don't work.

Which is faster: heat or cold? A: Heat, because you can always catch a cold!

IN THE FAMILY TREE

DESMOND RYAN

Journalist - Revolutionary - Historian & Author

By Terry Emerson (Clan Member)

Desmond RYAN

Desmond RYAN was born in London on 27th August, 1893, the son of William Patrick Ryan a Tipperary man from Templemore. W P Ryan was the elder brother of my Grandfather James Ryan and his brother Michael who emigrated together to Australian in 1900.

W P Ryan was a journalist and important Irish author around the turn of the 20th Century, and was closely associated with the Irish language revival movement both in London and Ireland.



Desmond and Sally c. 1958

In his lifetime Desmond Ryan was a journalist, revolutionist, historian and author. He moved to Ireland in 1906 aged 13 with his family, when his father took up the position of editor of "THE IRISH PEASANT" at Navan, Co. Meath, where he spent some of his boyhood. In his book *REMEMBERING SION* he recounts how he read profusely at the National Library. He first attended a Christian Brothers school, and later Patrick Pearse's school St. Endas. Desmond wrote "Round the table in Mount Street there was great talk of a new Irish-Ireland educational experiment.

Soon I knew this first-hand, for I went to Saint Enda's College on its opening day in September 1908 and met Patrick Pearse". Desmond had a great affection and respect for Pearse about whom he wrote "Not since Wolf Tone has any Irish leader left so deep a mark on the national heart and imagination as Patrick Henry Pearse." He later wrote a biography of Pearse -*The Man Called Pearse* (1919), and *Five Portraits of P.H. Pearse* (the Capuchin Annual 1931).

In 1910 W P Ryan closed down his paper after a long dispute with the Catholic hierarchy over the education system and returned to Fleet Street in London where he became the Assistant Editor of the Daily Herald. Saint Enda's College was transferred to the Hermitage, Rathfarnham. Co. Dublin, and Desmond was invited by Pearse to teach at the college, and later to act as his secretary. Desmond entered University College, Dublin, to study Modern Languages in 1913. He graduated in 1916 and was conferred with the degree of Bachelor of Arts on 30th October 1916.

Easter Rising 1916

Desmond joined the Irish Volunteers, and fought at the Dublin GPO in the Easter Rising in 1916 with Pearse, and was later interned by the British Government for three months. He describes the time at the GPO during the Easter Rising in "Within the General Post Office for Five Days" in his book **REMEMBERING SION**. It was after his release from Frongoch in July 1916, that he graduated with his degree from University College, Dublin.

Desmond died in Dublin, in 1919, Desmond was on the reporting and sub-editorial staff of the Freeman's Journal. During this time he wrote about how the Black and Tans terrorized the population, e.g. "...I saw the Terror, and the Terror had many faces. Sometimes it was the burned and wrecked town of Balbriggan with midnight murder and blazing houses and the Black and Tans shrieking like demons as they dragged the two Republican leaders from their houses and left them riddled with bullets and gaping wounds in their throats. In the Introduction to Desmond's book **THE FENIAN CHIEF**, Professor Patrick Lynch wrote "He supported the Treaty and returned to London in 1922, disheartened by the Civil War, to work on the Daily Herald."

Desmond marries

Desmond married Sarah Edith Hartley on 19 August 1933. Sarah (Sally) was highly qualified academically with a degree in Languages, a Diploma in Education and a Master's Degree from Cambridge University. "They moved back to Ireland on the outbreak of war in 1939 and in the years 1943 to 1956 lived at Swords, Co. Dublin, where they ran a poultry farm of five-and-a-half acres. These were unusually happy days....He would talk for hours in a teashop or in the seclusion of his own home, usually very late at night of the people he had known and the books he had read....The least informed of his listeners was accorded

the same sympathetic attention as the most learned"

Irish Nationalist themes

Patrick Lynch noted that five of Desmond's books dealt with various aspects of Irish nationalism – **THE INVISIBLE ARMY**, **REMEMBERING SION**, **UNIQUE DICTATOR** (biography of Eamon de Valera), **THE PHOENIX FLAME**, and **THE SWORD OF LIGHT**. After Desmond's return to Ireland Lynch notes that "he began the most fruitful and mature phase of his life's work. First, there was his splendid edition of **James Connolly's COLLECTED WORK** and then, with William O'Brien, the great edition of **DEVOY'S POST BAG**, a unique contribution to the history of Fenianism." Desmond also wrote **THE RISING – THE COMPLETE STORY OF EASTER WEEK**, and **MICHAEL COLLINS AND THE INVISIBLE ARMY**.

Desmond died in Dublin

Desmond died in Dublin, on 23 December 1964. His remains were cremated in Belfast on 28 December 1964 after the recitation of the Beatitudes. Desmond had directed in his will that "no formal services or ceremonies of any kind shall be conducted or performed in connection with my funeral", and that his remains "be cremated at the nearest or most convenient crematorium". The Desmond Ryan Memorial Scholarship for Travel Abroad was later set up by Desmond's wife in his memory at the University College Dublin.

(Written by Terry Emerson)

(Desmond Ryan was a first cousin (once removed) of Clan members **Terry Emerson and Peter Gibbs**).

**Renewal of Membership Fees
for 2010
Due 31st December 2009**



Meet the President Luncheon Wrap Up From P. 17

Ryan's to make contact with our Clan and join us, we can now wait and hope some do. The only problem was it was all over much too soon, before I knew it people were shaking hands and sadly moving off. I felt I had only just given out a welcoming embrace then I was giving a parting one. I hope that all who attended enjoyed the 3 - 4 hrs that were spent together, I know I did immensely. I also know I found my perfect TEN when I spent some time with Jo (Daffern), she reckoned I was tall enough to be the one and she round enough to be the "O" thus a "10". This was the spirit of love, kinship and acceptance that the whole event represented. I also hope it might serve as some encouragement to come along to the Annual General Meeting in October and we can discuss having more of these types of events. I know myself I have many many kin folk out there that I know of, but very little about and the same applies about me and mine.

It is my sincere hope that our little "Meet the President" get together has lit a tiny flame in you all, a flame that will one day burn bright, so that you as a Clan member may give a little time and input to enhancing the Clan throughout Queensland and Australia. You may like to join the executive, as some of the longer serving members would like to step aside for a while. It is time for the next generation to get involved and learn the ropes. Just like the Olympic ideal of "higher, further, stronger," I think the Clan can grow in a similar manner we just all need to stop and think "do a little bit" to help the Clan it is not too much to ask.

See you all at the AGM. Greg



Olympic Gold Medalist

Sarah Ryan

She lists Dawn Fraser as one of her inspirations and fittingly made the finals of the 100m Free style at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics - the first Australian woman to do so in 12 years.

A naturally vivacious person, Sarah was one of the most popular members of the Australian swim team. Her success and strong team focus make her the ideal sporting hero and her enthusiasm and dedication to charity makes her a worthy ambassador.

Sarah started swimming at 12 and retired at 27 in 2004. Her retirement was not easy as she had failed to plan for



life after swimming.

She currently manages 'The Kings Swim School' in Sydney. She said that originally it was tough organising the business aspects of the swim school, learning how to employ people, organising wages, ensuring stock was ordered and making sure the pool was clean. Things which were taken for granted until you are responsible for it every day. Sarah started a Bachelor of Communications at the University of Canberra and intended to do sports journalism, but she didn't stick with it because she was constantly travelling overseas. She did regret not following through with her studies because she felt that a degree could have helped her start a new career after she retired from swimming. She said that 'Towards the end of my swimming career I started putting more pressure on myself to perform so that I could get some financial rewards, but I realise now that this is the wrong way to be involved in sport. Also, when I retired I didn't know what to do with my life. That was the biggest mistake I made as an athlete - I never planned past my swimming career. I think that young people just need to learn things for themselves. It's important to learn from your own successes and failure'.

Sarah is married with a son.

Compiled by B Ryan -Charles

Sarah embodies the spirit of Australian swimming bringing enthusiasm and energy to the team. Her dedication to this and any cause she sets her mind to is 100%. Sarah is the perfect sporting hero, a polished performer in the media spotlight and an accomplished speaker.

Career Highlights

- Australian records in short course 100m and 50m short and long course freestyle
- Awarded OAM in 2005 for Service to Sport
- S.A Young Australian of the Year - "Sport" National Finalist (2002)
- Swimmers 'Swimmer' of the Year Award (2001)
- Silver Medallist Olympic Games, Sydney (2000)
- Silver Medallist Olympic Games, Atlanta (1996)
- 4 times Silver Medallist Pan Pacific Games, Australia (1999)
- Gold Medallist Commonwealth Games, Malaysia (1998)
- Gold Medallist Olympic Games, Athens

No stranger to adversity, Sarah lost her father to Multiple Sclerosis whilst she was competing in the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia. Sarah dedicated herself to the cause for MS and is now a committee member for the ACT.

South Australian born, Sarah, began swimming at a school carnival when she was 12. Testimony to her dedication, she received an AIS Scholarship and joined Australia's swim squad 4 years later.

THE FENIAN MOVEMENT

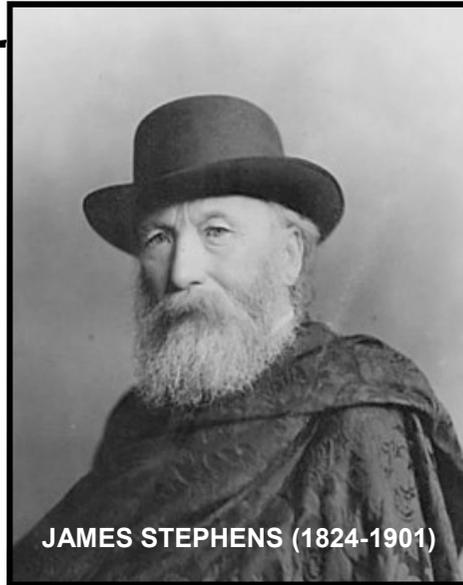
Compiled by Terry Emerson

The Fenian Movement formed after the young Ireland uprising against British government in Ireland failed in 1848. Life in Ireland suffered enormously from the Great Famine. The population declined from 8.175 million in 1841 to 6.5 million in 1851. Many people in Ireland believed that the British Government in London had deliberately done as little as possible to aid the Irish people, and concluded that the only hope Ireland had for its future was a complete separation from Great Britain. The Fenians had one simple aim - independence from British rule, and believed this could only be achieved by revolution.

Two members of the Young Ireland, James Stephens and John O'Mahony escaped to Paris to avoid punishment, and there studied the science of revolution by joining a number of secret societies that were operating in Europe at that time. It was said that "O'Mahony and Stephens soon conceived the idea of acquiring those secrets by means of which an undisciplined mob can be most readily and effectually matched against a mercenary army."

In 1853 O'Mahony went to America where he became the leader of the Fenian Brotherhood and raised funds and membership from Irish immigrants in support of the movement in Ireland. Because of the very nature of what they wanted the organization had to remain secret. Stephens returned to Ireland in 1856 from Paris and toured the country soliciting membership of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) which he had formed.

The name 'Fenians' was first applied by O'Mahony to the organization he founded



JAMES STEPHENS (1824-1901)

in America, named after the Fianna the mythical band of Irish Warriors led by Fion mac Cumhaill (Finn McCool) "Fenian" and "Fenianism" were used in the 1860's by the British Government to describe members of, or any form of mobilization by Irish nationalist groups. The term Fenian is still used in the same way today especially in Northern Ireland and Scotland, and also as a pejorative name for Catholics.

The Fenian Movement had attracted wide support in Ireland and among the Irish immigrants in America. When one of the leaders of the 1848 uprising Terence Bellew McManus died in America in 1861 his body was brought to Ireland for a huge funeral organized by the Fenians. The funeral procession to Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin was formed by some 50,000 marchers with hundreds of thousands of spectators in the streets. However, as the Fenian Movement grew so did the difficulties of keeping it organized because of the Irish-American geographic split and the problems of communications in those days.

Meet the President Luncheon Wrap Up Greg Ryan (Pres)

Well where does one start to describe the biggest Clan get together to date, but the beginning. At the last executive meeting we were a little dismayed by the small number that turned out to our annual "Picnic in the Park". We looked at each other and pondered what shall we do? Then a little editor birdie by the name of Bernice or Bernie birdie chirped in the President ear (as she in known to do). What about a get together at the Irish Club for a simple social opportunity and a meal no fuss no bother no hassle and if only a few come along, nothing ventured nothing gained, nothing lost.

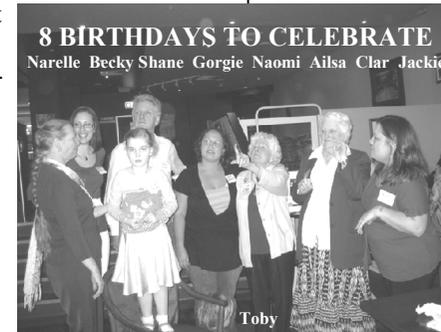
So the "Meet the President" luncheon was born and what a birth. The suggestion was put out to the membership and the response was way beyond my expectations. I initially booked three tables to cater to about twelve (12) or so people. However, starting with our first acceptance, our ever supportive Terry Emerson and his lovely wife, the yes's just kept coming. At one time I was worried even the area we had booked and put aside may not hold the numbers expected, which right up till the morning of the event was in excess of sixty (60).

Sadly due to illness, other commitments and distance many who wished and expected to attend were unable to for the above reasons, this left us with a wonderful, (after all attendees had signed the 'I'm here book'), fifty (50) clansfolk on deck. Bernice Ryan - Charles, travelled down from Gympie, Stella Gibbs from out Ipswich way found us.

Paddy Ryan and members of his family from Nth. Buderim managed to pop in to exchange a bit of blarney. Members from all points of the compass descended on the Irish Club in a very strong show of commitment and kinship. Much laughter was heard a meal shared and a pint or two and a wine or three shared between friends.

I had a brief few words to the gathering to remind us of the great work of the Brothers Ryan and the anniversaries of their passing, we remembered James Bernard and Edward William who founded the clan and would have chatted and revealed in the marvelous turn out of Clansfolk on the day.

One of the great tasks of the day was to raise a glass and our voices in song to the many of our clan who celebrated a birthday around this time. We had birthday girls and boys ranging from 3rd August to the 1st Sept with Narelle Thompson (nee Ryan), Shane Ryan (VP), Clarice McConnell and Ailsa Henry (formerly Ryan's) and Naomi Granger and Jackie Soutar finishing with Becky Thompson and one of our youngest Georgia Ryan, approx in that order. A big big thank you, must go to Joan McKean for donating and ensuring that the birthday folk had a cake and candles with which to celebrate. The executive who were present were also introduced to the membership as well as deserved acknowledgement to our Rag editor (the voice of the Ryan's), Bernice. Terry Emerson, Brian Mathews, Joan McKean and Bernice bought some memorabilia which was much appreciated and I was interviewed on air by the Irish radio station at 12.30 pm, and sent out a call to all



Toby

fied and named by the government botanist Sir Ferdinand Mueller.

In 1879-93 Ellis Rowan exhibited her work in international exhibitions in Australia, India, England, Europe and the United States of America and in that time was awarded 10 gold medals, 15 silver and 4 bronze. In 1888 at Melbourne's Centennial International Exhibition she was awarded the highest honours, which brought a measure of envy from a few artists who considered flower painting an inferior art.

After the death of Frederic Rowan from pneumonia in 1892, Ellis was rarely in Australia; she travelled to New Zealand, London and the U.S.A., exhibiting her work as she went. Her London stay of two years brought swift fame—Queen Victoria accepted three of her paintings—and she wrote *Flower Hunter in Queensland and New Zealand* (1898), an account of adventures based on letters to her husband and friends. While in America she illustrated three botanical texts for Alice Lounsberry. Ellis returned to Australia in 1905-06 where she pursued her search to find and record every species of wildflower on the continent. The South Australian government purchased 100 of her paintings and Queensland 125.

In 1916-18 she twice visited Papua and New Guinea, finding and illustrating many hitherto unclassified flowers and, on her second trip, searching for endangered birds of paradise. Travelling only with local guides and living in primitive conditions in unmapped territory, she succeeded in painting forty-seven of the fifty-two known species, setting the birds free afterwards. Aged 70, broken in health from malaria and fatigue she returned to Australia, and in 1920 held an



Ellis Rowan (c1847-1922) and her son Eric (Puck) Rowan c1886

exhibition of 1000 paintings in Sydney, the largest collection exhibited to that time in Australia. Next year, in response to pressure from women's organizations, the Hughes government agreed to purchase the collection for the nation, but debate in Federal parliament over the price brought conflicting opinions. Ellis's health deteriorated; and no decision had been reached by the time of her death at Macedon on 4 October 1922. She was buried with Anglican rites in Macedon cemetery. In 1923 the Bruce-Page government, offered £5000 for 947 paintings. A number of disgruntled artists demurred at the purchase of 'vulgar art'. Probably of greater botanical than artistic value, the Rowan collection is held at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, as is also a portrait of her by John Longstaff.

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My Sincere Apology to any of our members who may have found items in the 'Keep on Smiling' page offensive. If anyone has issue with anything please let me know. - Ed

Its two founders, O'Mahony and Stephens also disagreed on how it should develop. In 1863, Stephens had founded a newspaper "The Irish People" in his desire to make people aware of what the Fenians stood for. O'Mahony did not approve as he felt that this could only attract more attention from the British Government, and he wanted to maintain the secrecy of the organization. Another problem for the Fenians was that the Catholic Church was generally hostile to the movement, although some priests were sympathetic and in fact some bishops did not promulgate the papal condemnation of the Fenian Movement.

After the American Civil War ended in April 1865 Stephens promised an Irish rising later that year. However, the government had been alerted by spies and the "Irish People" was suppressed and Stephens and his closest associates were arrested and arms were confiscated. Stephens escaped and fled to America. By now Stephens had lost his influence, and an unsuccessful uprising against the British government in March 1867 was led by Thomas Kelly a Civil War Veteran. Kelly was later arrested in Manchester and with another man was rescued by supporters while being transferred to the county jail. A policeman was killed in the attack and three of the attackers were later executed and were thereafter known as the "Manchester Martyrs". Kelly escaped to America where he was associated with the IRB in New York.

Almost 50 years would pass before the next rising in Ireland at Easter 1916, and during this period the main thrust of the Irish nationalism was provided by a parliamentary campaign for Home Rule. The Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP) led by Charles Stewart Parnell campaigned for this aim. After the IPP broke into two separate parties Parnell continued to work untiringly towards Home

Rule with the support of the Fenians.

The IRB would go on to stage the Easter Rising in 1916 which would lead to the establishment of the first Irish Parliament - the Dail Eireann - in 1919. The suppression of the Dail by the British would precipitate the Irish War of Independence and the signing of the Treaty in 1921, ultimately leading to Irish independence.

(Compiled by Terry Emerson from various internet sources and Desmond Ryan's biography of James Stephens - THE FENIAN CHIEF).



Riverwalk is a 6km charity fundraising event designed to help families caring for a brain injured person raise funds for specialised therapies and equipment by building around them a team of supporters that help them achieve their goals.

The event is held at Orleigh Park, Hill End Terrace, West End. Registration booths open from 8.30am for a 10am start.

The walk itself follows the picturesque pathways along The Brisbane River taking in some of Brisbane's finest sights up to the Victoria Bridge, Southbank where the turning point, providing liquid refreshments, is situated. The walk back to the park gives participants the opportunity to enjoy again the tranquillity of the Brisbane River before assembling back at Orleigh Park for a sausage sizzle and some light entertainment. To complete the afternoon's activities there will be trophies presented to teams that raise the most funds and prizes awarded to lucky ticket holders.

No need to pre-register for the event just turn up on the day.

Cost \$5, Student/Concession—\$2 (includes sausage sizzle and ticket for prize draw)

Sun 13th September, Orleigh Park West End, 10am.
Any inquiries can be directed to : Colleen Ryan (07) 38550031

“Cead míle fáilte romhat! - one hundred thousand welcomes to our newest Clan Members”



Introducing



Emily Paige Shuttlewood

Born 21st June 2009
Weight: 3800g - 8lb 4oz
Length 48cm

‘I arrived at the hospital around 10pm then had her at 11.50pm so a very quick birth. The 21st June was my due date so I was quite surprised but very happy that she was born on the actual due date as we were so keen to meet her’.

Toni Phipps
Daughter for Kalan Shuttlewood and Toni Phipps
Sister for Isabella
Granddaughter for Lex (Ryan) & Lawrie

Aylee-Rose Zoe Moore

Born 2.26pm 21st June 09
3220g (7lb 2oz)
53cm long

Happy and Healthy
Daughter for Josh and Amanda
Granddaughter for Kelli Saron and Great grand daughter for Toni Ryan (Tas)
Aylee-Rose is a very special baby, being 5th generation, on her father’s side. We often make four but seldom 5 generations. Her Great Great Grandfather (dec.) was a POW at Changi
Her Great Great Grandmother is the sweetest lady I know.

A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on ~ Carl Sandburg



Welcome to the Clan Larna Ryan - Belmere

Larna is the daughter of Chris and Daryl Ryan of Toowoomba. She is a special needs teacher, working in Brisbane. Larna loves travel and is an experienced World traveler.

QTU President Steve Ryan Continues Battle For Qld Teachers



Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) determined to refer the EB negotiations to arbitration. While industrial action may now need to cease, this is not the end of our campaign.

Modern cynics and skeptics... see no harm in paying those to whom they entrust the minds of their children a smaller wage than is paid to those to whom they entrust the care of their plumbing. ~John F. Kennedy

‘THE AUSTRALIAN painter par excellence’ Ellis Rowan (Ryan)

(1848 - 1922)

Marian Ellis Rowan (1848 - 1922), by John Longstaff, 1926, courtesy of National Library of Australia. nla.pic-an2310713. .

MARIAN ELLIS ROWAN, (RYAN) (1848-1922), artist, naturalist and explorer, was born on 30 July 1848 in Melbourne, first child of Charles Ryan of Kilfera station, Port Phillip District, and his wife Marian, née Cotton. Her grandfather John Cotton had written and illustrated two books on English birds. (Sir) Charles Snodgrass and Cecil Godfrey Ryan were brothers. Ellis attended a girls' school at Brighton, Victoria, but had no formal training in art. In 1869, however, she visited English relatives who advised her to continue painting wildflowers in her own style. It was this which brought her lasting fame.

On 23 October 1873 at St Stephen's Church, Richmond, Melbourne, Ellis married Frederic Charles Rowan (1844-1892), a British army officer who had fought in the Taranaki wars, joining the New Zealand forces in 1866. She returned with him to Taranaki, where Rowan was a sub-inspector in the armed constabulary. There her son Eric (1875-1897) was born. Encouraged by her husband, Ellis Rowan continued to paint and exhibit her work.



Marian Ellis RYAN

In 1877 they returned to Victoria where Frederic Rowan took up a business career, promoting a system of light railways based on one initiated by his father, engineer-in-chief to the Danish Railway Operating Co. in 1862-67. In 1882 Rowan became Australasian general manager of the Australasian Electric Light Power and Storage Co. Ltd of London, and also, later, managing director of the Australian Electric Co. of Victoria. In 1886 he was appointed consul-general for Denmark.

Ellis Rowan was a small, strong-willed yet fascinating woman, an enigmatic character who forged her way through life, captivating others while pursuing her ultimate goal—the finding and painting of wildflowers, birds, insects and butterflies of many countries, often for the first time. Many were classi-



Ellis Rowan with her mother Marian Ryan, and sisters Mabel and Blanche Ryan in the garden at Derriweit Heights, Mount Macedon] c.1910 albumen photo-

How to Send an Email to 'Undisclosed Recipients' in Outlook

"Undisclosed" Is the Kind of Word That Can Get You Into Trouble

It's like trying to newscast a soccer match shouting: "What an inawful shot! Pele disunstroke marvelously, not undespite of the goalie being precisely a-misplaced."

In emails, disclosing can get you into trouble, too. ***If you forward a message to a number of friends (some of whom are unknown to each other) by placing all the recipients in the Cc: field, you effectively share private email addresses with strangers. A long Cc: list does not look good either.*** Fortunately, we have the *Bcc:* field in Outlook — and we have "Undisclosed recipients".

Send an Email to Undisclosed Recipients in Outlook

First, we'll create a *Contact* just for addressing our "Undisclosed recipients" to ease the pain of repetitive typing and avoid errors. (You can rely on Outlook's auto-complete feature instead if you prefer.)

>>Step by Step Screenshot Walkthrough Outlook 2003)

Click the down arrow of the *New* button.

Select *Contact*.

Type "Undisclosed recipients" under *Full Name*....

Type your email address under *E-mail*....

Click *Save and Close*.

If you already have an existing address book entry bearing your email address, make sure *Add this as a new contact anyway* is checked in the *Duplicate Contact Detected* dialog and click *OK*.

Now, to send an email to multiple but hidden recipients with "Undisclosed recipients" in the *To:* field:

>>Step by Step Screenshot Walkthrough (using Outlook 2003)

Start with a new email message in Outlook.

Click the *To...* button.

Highlight *Undisclosed recipients*.

Click *To ->*.

Highlight all people in your address book to whom you want to send the message.

Click *Bcc ->*.

Click *OK*.

Add any additional recipients' email addresses to the *Bcc:* field.

Separate addresses with semicolons.

Compose your message and eventually click *Send*.

Letters to the Editor

Hi Bernice,
thanks for the Catalpa Story (June 09), unfortunately I couldn't find my 02 copy of the Rag, however I still have Vol9 Mar 2003 Issue 1 and Vol 9 June 2003 Issue 2, both have articles regarding the paper clippings I sent to the late Ted Ryan re interest in the Catalpa. Here in WA. as your article mentions the Rockingham memorial highlighting that interest. There is also interest here in my city of Bunbury as it was near here that John Boyle O'Reilly escaped from a road gang and hid in sand dunes before helping in the Catalpa escape. A memorial stands (see attachment) in memory of O'Reilly near his hiding place. Each year local historians and members of the Irish community gather at the memorial to remember his escape and bravery. Members if travelling in this part of the country may wish to visit the memorial. Keep up the good work with the Rag, your efforts are appreciated.

Ray Lowe
Bunbury W.A.

Thank you Ray.

It is great to hear from the West and to know of places of significance when on tour. I print your attachment in column on right. I went to a website to see the tourist sites in your town and it is a very interesting area with much to see and do. Readers can go to :
<http://www.harveytourism.com/Australind> or search Bunbury WA.

ATTACHMENT

John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Monument - Buffalo Rd - 11.6km Buffalo Road - 11.6 km.

In 1803 Lieutenant de Freycinet on board the 'Casurina' sighted a rocky point which was part of what is known now as Koombana Bay. On entering the Bay he discovered an inlet which he named 'Leschenault' after the expedition's botanist. John Boyle O'Reilly was one of 62 Irish Political prisoners among 279 convicts who arrived at Fremantle in 1868. He was a member of the Fenian Movement, an organisation dedicated to achieving an independent Irish Republic. O'Reilly escaped from this area whilst working as a member of a convict road crew near Bunbury. He hid in the dense peppermint woodland with the help of a local family. O'Reilly made his escape aboard an American Whaler, the 'Gazelle' on 3 March 1869. Before settling in Boston he assisted 6 Fenian political prisoners in their escape from Fremantle Prison aboard the 'Catalpa'. He became a well known humanitarian, poet, writer and orator. A granite monument erected to O'Reilly stands at the northern entry to the Leschenault Peninsular Park.

O'Reilly, John Boyle (1844 - 1890) by Wendy Birman

O'REILLY, JOHN BOYLE (1844-1890), author, editor and patriot, was born on 24 June 1844 in Drogheda, Ireland, second son of William David O'Reilly, master at the National school attached to the Netterville Institution for Widows and Orphans at Dowth Castle, and his wife Eliza, née Boyle. He was educated by his father, apprenticed at 11 as a compositor to the *Drogheda Argus* and at 15 joined the *Guardian* at Preston, Lancashire, where he became a reporter. Involved in the Fenian movement, he returned to Ireland in 1863, enlisted in the 10th Regiment and concentrated on persuading soldiers to join the revolutionary organization. Soon 'treasonable songs and ballads', learnt in his quarters, were sung throughout the regiment. His sedition was not suspected until he was betrayed in February 1866. Court-

