

Brendan Ryan



*Patricia
Conway*

*Celebrated their
Golden
Wedding
Anniversary
24th January
2009*



*BR PC
24th Jan 1959*

Jannae Ryan & Cris Pascual

*Jannae is the daughter of
Frank & Judy Ryan of
Greta South, Vic. They
have been members of the Vic
Ryan Clan since day one.*



Rod Jewell 200

Ashley Shuttlewood &

Alexandria Whitworth

*To wed on Saturday the 15th of
August 2009, in St. Mary's
Catholic Church Mackay*



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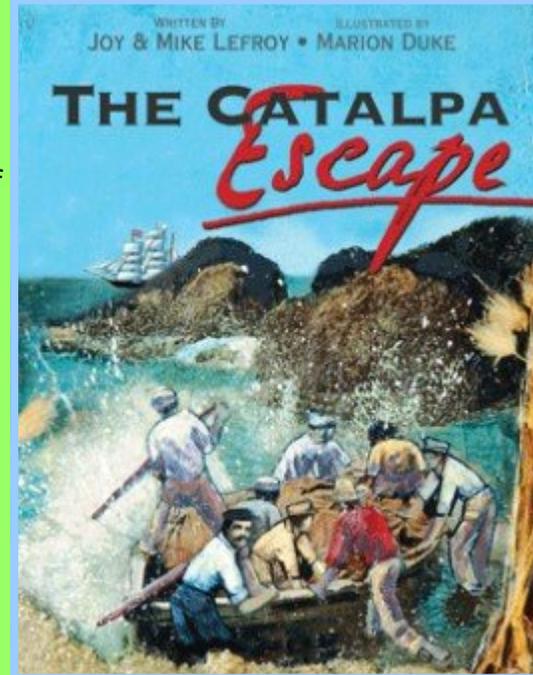


Queensland Branch

Escape from Australia

by Joseph McCormack, April 1999

Our contemporary vision of Australia, for many of us, includes the images of the concert hall on Sydney harbor, Foster's beer, Nicole Kidman, and Mel Gibson. Needless to say, Australia was not always the land of stunning architecture, oversized beer cans, and movie stars. In fact, a large number



of the first settlers of Australia were criminals transported from England, and a significant portion of those prisoners were Irish, homesick Irish who yearned for escape. One of the most spectacular Irish escapes from imprisonment in Australia is called the **Catalpa Affair.**

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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**Date for the AGM**

The
Annual General Meeting
is to be held on
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.

Your Presence is IMPORTANT

YOU are a V.I.P.

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)

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE: those who make things happen, watch things happen or wonder what happened.

**A Golden Milestone
50 Years**

Brendan Ryan and Patricia Conroy were married at the Mary Immaculate Catholic Church on Ipswich Rd, Brisbane on Saturday 24th January 1959. They celebrated their Golden Wedding over this Year's Australia Day weekend.

Their eleven children, their spouses, and twenty grandchildren were at their Brookfield home to celebrate at a family dinner on the 24th which again was on a Saturday.

For some days there were eight little boys under seven staying at No 85. One of our daughters came back from Holland and one son, his wife and two boys came from Tokyo. Others came from the Sunshine Coast, the Atherton Tableland and Shepparton in Victoria.

The following day the celebrations continued with all their friends from school and university days, and church (St Mary's South Brisbane which has been so much in the news lately) The guests on the Monday were mostly locals.

Brendan was instrumental in starting a Brookfield History Group and he and

excited and I can't wait to introduce Alex to the Ryan Clan, she is still yet to meet many of them. Ashley is the grandson of our Inaugural President and founder, the late Ted Ryan.

**Celebrations For
The Brookfield Ryans**

Pat have been active in other local groups since moving from Clayfield in 1979.

After five years of marriage Brendan was offered a job in Melbourne. MBAs had just been introduced into Australian universities and were offered then only at Melbourne University and New South Wales University of Technology. Brendan was interested in doing this study so with three young children and another on the way they



moved downsouth.

Five years later with Brendan's Master's degree and five children they were ready for a return to the Sunshine State. Brendan took a job as Marketing Manager for Appleton Industries then one of Queensland's largest manufacturers. They made louvers and aluminum windows and had factories in S Africa, New Guinea, Italy, and some other countries.

Brendan's Great Grandfather was a Tipperary man from outside Borrisoleigh who came to Australia in the mid 19th Century and settled at Pratten not far from Warwick.

May our newly weds and soon to be weds, reach the wonderful and increasingly rare milestone that has been set by Brendan and Patricia. May you all continue to journey through life in love and happiness

The Golden Jubilee

Way down in the county Kerry in a place they call Tralee
A fine old couple they lived there - Kate and Pat Magee
They were going to have a party on their Golden Jubilee
Now Kate says she to Pat Magee come and listen here to me

CHORUS

*Put on your ould knee-britches and your coat of emerald green
Take off that hat me darlin' Pat, put on your ould caibin
For to-today's our Golden Wedding and I'll have you all to know
Just how we looked when we were wed, fifty years ago*

Oh, well do I remember how we danced on the village green
you held me in your arms, dear Pat, and called me your cailin
Your hair was like a raven's wing but now it's turning grey
Come over here ould sweetheart dear, and hear what I've to say
Chorus

And well do I remember when first I was your bride
In the little chapel on the hill where we stood side by side
Of good friends we've had many, of troubles we've had few
Come over here ould sweetheart dear, and here's what you
must do
Chorus



Phillipine Wedding



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was not easy with kids, animals, motor bikes & Jeppies sharing the roadway, nevertheless he did. I ran back to the store sadly it was locked up and looked out of business. Having very few foreign language skills I was unable to find out any further information. Maybe some of our members can add to the story.

There are many stories to tell but they'll have to be for another day, except to say I'm not going to eat rice again for a long time. Rice for breakfast, lunch and dinner and rice cakes for super - I'm "riced" out.

Hi all Ashley and Alex to wed

as some of you may already know one of our Clan members is getting married. Ashley Joel, the youngest son of Lawrie and Lex Shuttlewood is marrying Alexandria Joy, the eldest daughter of Neil and Colleen Whitworth. The ceremony will be held at 10.30am on Saturday the 15th of August 2009, in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Juliet Street, South Mackay with the reception to follow at the Lagoons Café in the Mackay Botanical Gardens.

As with any large family event there is a large guest list and we are hoping to see people from as far south as Tasmania and as far north as Cairns and everywhere in between and even some O/S guests. And also in our hearts there will be Nanna & Grandie watching over the whole proceedings.

We are extremely (go to: P 23 opposite)



From the Presidents Desk Greg Ryan

Hello to you all, I pray this edition finds you all well. What a wonderful edition was the last Rag. I hope all our members noticed the improvement in quality. Gil sourced a commercial printer at a much reduced cost, while our editor did some layout improvements. I for one was impressed and extend my sincere thanks to them both. The Rag is the voice of the Clan and I think a better voice for their efforts.

The world and the weather still continues to confound us with its unpredictability. As Dorothy McKellar intoned "droughts and flooding rains," We most certainly have scored the latter. As a positive, funds raised by the **Kilmore Celtic Festival**, amounted to a staggering \$20,000 for the Victorian victims, makes me proud to have Irish blood.

Progress on the Web page is moving along with page design and function, due for final presentation at the AGM; we are currently canvassing the hosting options. I am getting very excited about this development as it gets closer. I sincerely believe it will get a new generation of people and generate interested in the Clan. In order for us to continue in a meaningful way we need membership. Our dues currently pay for the

Rag and postage, in future it will need to support the ongoing costs of the Website. To this end if you have family members or know of people with any connection to the Great Ryan Clan. encourage them to join the Clan.



To run the clan we need more members or we will need a reluctant increase to membership fees. A regrettable but necessary last option.

Finally after a lovely cup of tea and a chat at our annual picnic in the park, I extend a call to all members for suggestions on alternative locations or options for our clan's annual social get together. Just keep in mind three issues when making your ideas known. 1. Cost 2. Ease of Access 3. Parking. If any of these issues are exorbitant or difficult then it makes it very hard for some members to attend.

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

Please note your name and membership number. New members will be given a membership number and duly notified.

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NEW MEMBERS

People will not look forward to posterity who never look back ward to their ancestors
-Edmund Burke
"Ceáid mile faithe romhat!"
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

256 SR. ANNE RYAN
(DECEASED)

258 LEONIE EKLON

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

Queensland Branch
As Logo

A few Words from Gil (Hon. Sec/Trs)

Unfinancial members

have been followed up for overdue 2009 fees, excluding a couple with no phone contact. They will receive a reminder along with their magazine.

New Members

As our membership ages, we need to constantly recruit new members and we look to every member making a real effort to recruit at least one or two new members each year.

If you need any help we have a supply of past magazines to use as a

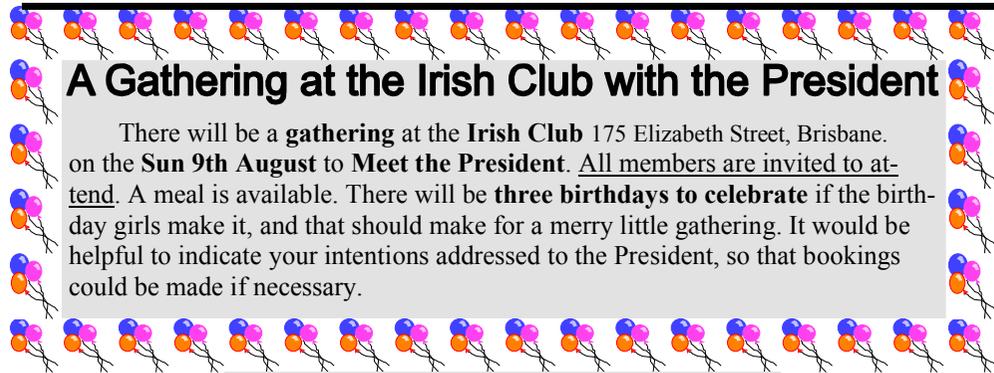
promotion tool. Contact me for any assistance.

Holidays

I am taking unpaid leave 20th Aug. to 17th Sept. covering a boat cruise to Northern Europe and a little time in London.

I will not be available during this period. **Please direct any enquires to the other executives listed on inside front cover.**

'Bon Voyage'
Gil and Marie



A Gathering at the Irish Club with the President

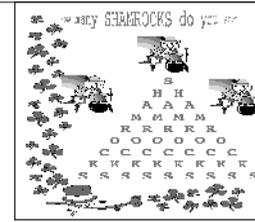
There will be a **gathering** at the **Irish Club** 175 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. on the **Sun 9th August to Meet the President.** All members are invited to attend. A meal is available. There will be **three birthdays to celebrate** if the birthday girls make it, and that should make for a merry little gathering. It would be helpful to indicate your intentions addressed to the President, so that bookings could be made if necessary.

CLAN RYAN QLD OBJECTIVES

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

- a. To bring all the descendants of the Clan Ryan together in friendship and foster good relations and fellowship among Members
- b. To create and maintain a comprehensive Register of all Clan Descendants, and make information available to Members on request.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. To assist Members in every way possible in their search for information relative to their Family
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.

The answer to the problem is 256. We (Mr. Hoyle's Math Class 8th grade in Dartmouth Middle School) came up with it using several different methods. We used the Pascal's Triangle method to solve the puzzle, we also used the number pattern (we noticed that if you had two numbers it would be two ways to do it, 3, four ways) ext. We noticed it doubled every time. The last method we used was a simple method of just making the problem smaller. we took two letters, then made it four, then five, and so on. There's your answer, 256



Inviting Applications For the Position of Junior Editor

A position of Junior Editor has been created.

Applicants must be between the ages of 10 - 16 years with a financial member's number.

A knowledge of, and access to, computer and email will be necessary, along with parental permission .

The successful applicant will produce one of the Children's pages for two issues, when the position will be re-advertised. The retiring Junior Editor will be eligible to reapply for a further term.

The Junior Editor will work directly under the Senior Editor and their page must be forwarded to the Editor, according to the necessary deadline.

All applications to be forwarded to
The Editor: Sarbear22@spiderweb.com.au
Post : Editor, RR, 50 Stewart Tce., Gympie. 4570
Closes 31th July, 2009. This allows time for the Sept. Issue submission, from our new Jnr Editor.

Exotic Phillipines Location

**For Jannae Ryan
Cris Pascual
& Clan Vic. Ryan guests**



By John Ryan (Pres.) Clan Ryan Vic.

This photo of my niece and godchild is of the wedding celebration held in the Philippines where Cris and Jannae renewing their vows in a ceremony held for the members of Cris's family who could not attend the wedding in Australia last April. They had a full Wedding Mass with all the traditional trimmings. It was a beautiful event.

Jannae is the daughter of Frank & Judy Ryan of Greata South, Vic. They have been members of the Vic Ryan Clan since day one. Cris Pascual the bridegroom was born in the Philippines but came to Australia when only 6yo.

On our visit to the Philippines we passed thought a village called "Victoria". Naturally we Victorians were excited but wait for it, the next unexpected site was "Ryan's Store". I know the Ryan's have spread far and wide but in the Philippines? We asked the Bus driver to stop which
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Winners - How many Shamrocks?

0-5yrs - Toby Granger(3)

5-10yrs - Jack Tamblin (8)

10-16years - Popi Tamblin(10)

Congratulations

This was a very tough puzzle and it is encouraging to have some entries come in. I hope that you will all continue to participate. Colour the Banshee and send your entry in.

Kids Kubby

From an ETERNAL Big Kid

I've been counting for about 2 hours it's a nut maker, and after all that time I have to guess anyway, so put me down for 721. I've restarted a hundred times, and I'm sure there's an easy way to get the answer, if only I could do maths, buggor! D

No Prize for that! - Ed



C O L O U R I N G A N D C O N D E M N E D I N T

Colour In Our Banshee

All entries go into a draw and one book prize will be won. Entries showing Name, age, and Membership # to: Ed. RR, 50 Stewart Tee Gympie. 4570. Extra copies of "Banshee" can be obtained by email: sarbear22@spiderweb.com.au

BANSHEE:

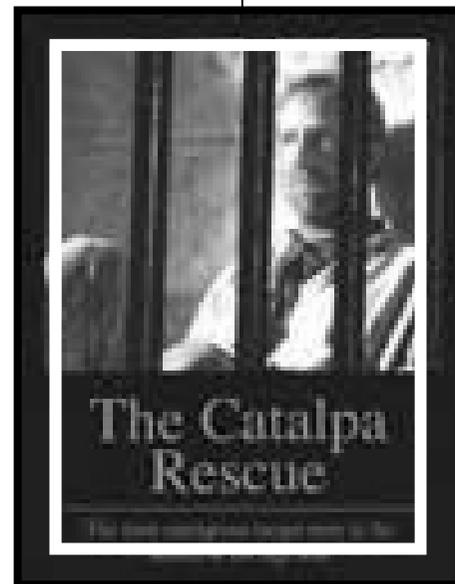
- Banshee (Bean-Sidhe) is Gaelic for the Woman of the Fairy Race.
- the Banshee wails (cries) when one of the people in an old Irish family (one with Celtic lineage) is about to die.
- Each Banshee has her own 'adopted' family and will follow and watch over the descendants where ever they go (even across oceans)
- It is believed that the Banshee is the spirit of a deceased relative who died young.
- when she is sad, she has silvery hair with a delicate grey cloak and eyes rimmed red from crying.
- At other times she is a beautiful young girl with long red hair dressed in green after the Irish fashion.

Escape from Australia

The Greatest Escape In Australian History

(Written by Joseph McCormack, April 1999)

The British began to colonize Australia in 1787, but the land was harsh. Few settlers freely chose to travel halfway around the world to an unexplored land that needed so much work to attain reasonable yields. Convicts were among the first arrivals to Australia and soon were joined by many more as England used transportation to this barren continent as a part of its war on crime



Condemned to incarceration by their struggle to free Ireland from British Rule, the Fenians escaped the most isolated, secure and desolate prison on earth.

and dissent. The first Irish political prisoners arrived in Australia in 1795 on the *Lord Cornwallis*. These prisoners identified themselves as the Irish Defenders and were so troublesome that the governor of Australia wished that they had been deposited on the coast of Africa. Many of the non-political Irish convicts began to gravitate toward the Defenders owing to the poor treat-

ment to which they were subjected. In 1797, another boat load of Defenders arrived, emboldening the prisoners to try an escape inland. The history of the Irish in the penal colonies of Australia is the history of escape attempts. Escape attempts were more common than ever upon the arrival of nine shiploads of Irish dissidents transported in the aftermath of the 1798 rebellion. Joseph

Holt, the leader of the 1798 rising in Wicklow, was one of those prisoners. The Irish were the first white minority in Australia, a special class of oppressed people. The dissidents' arrival spurred many escape attempts, all unsuccessful. After Irish prisoners attempted a mass escape in 1804, the Australians succeeded in breaking the back of rebel leadership by disbursing political prisoners

among the penal colonies.

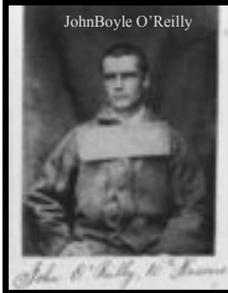
Between 1815-1840, 1200 Irish political prisoners were transported to Australia. Most were members of local rebel groups like the Whiteboys and the Ribbon

east, Western Australia became the home to the last of the penal colonies, and it was from Western Australia that the *Catalpa* helped Irish political prisoners to escape from Australia.



At 8.30 am, six Fenians who were working in work parties outside the prison walls, absconded - Thomas Darragh, Martin Hogan, Michael Harrington, Thomas Hassett, Robert Cranston and James Wilson – were met by Breslin and Desmond and picked up in carriages. A seventh Fenian, James Kiely, had been exposed as an informer by his fellow prisoners and left behind.

Men. In total, 30,000 Irish men and 9000 Irish women were sent to Australia as prisoners. They and the many Irish who freely emigrated to Australia account for the substantial Irish presence in Australia today.



John Boyle O'Reilly

When the last of the convict ships the *Hougoumont*, arrived in Fremantle, Western Australia in January 1868 with 279 prisoners, sixty of the convicts were Fenians, most prominently John Boyle O'Reilly. One of

O'Reilly's comrades, James Wilson, wrote a letter to John Devoy, leader of the Clan na Gael in New York. This letter set in motion the operation which led to the spectacular escape from Australia on the *Catalpa*.

Devoy had been looking for a project to galvanize the Irish in Ireland and in America, and Wilson's letter sparked the project. Devoy began the rescue effort in 1874 by consulting with Henry Hathaway in



Ryans March



Ryan Generation watches



Ryan Family pay respects



Poppi Tamblyn



Ray George WW11 Veteran



Paddy Ryan



Derry Tamblyn



B.R-C R.George S R-C



Toby Granger



Ron Stella & Leonie with Ray



Jack Tamblyn

The ANZAC spirit

Clan members



Mark ANZAC Day

Toby lays a poppy for his Great-grandfather

Keep on Smiling!

Three Nuns at the AFL Finals From Pat & Jill Dinneen



Three nuns were attending an AFL Final.....Three men were sitting directly behind...

Because their habits were partially blocking the view, the men decided to badger the nuns hoping that they'd get annoyed enough to move to another area...

In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Brisbane..... There are only 100 nuns living there."

Then the second guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Tasmania.....there are only 50 nuns living there....."

The third guy said, "I want to go to New Zealand.....There are only 25 nuns living there....."

"One of the nuns turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet and calm voice said, **"WHY DON'T YOU GO TO HELL .. THERE AREN'T ANY NUNS THERE!"**

Paddy on the border from Colleen Ryan

Five Englishmen in an Audi Quattro arrived at an Irish border checkpoint. Paddy, the officer, stops them and tells them: "It is illegal to put 5 people in a Quattro, Quattro means four."

"Quattro is just the name of the automobile," the Englishman retorts disbelievingly. "Look at the papers, this car is designed to carry five persons."

"You cannot pull that one on me," replies Paddy "Quattro means four. You have five people in your car and you are therefore breaking the law."

The Englishmen replies angrily, "You idiot! Call your supervisor over, I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"

"Sorry," responds Paddy, "Murphy is busy with 2 guys in a Fiat Uno."

A BLONDE'S BRAIN AT WORK

A blonde, a brunette, and a redhead all work at the same office for a female boss who always goes home early.

"Hey, girls," says the brunette one day, "let's go home early tomorrow. She'll never know."

So the next day, they all leave right after the boss does. The brunette gets some extra gardening done, the redhead goes to a bar, and the blonde goes home to find her husband having sex with the female boss.

She quietly sneaks out of the house and vows to return home at her normal time the next day.

In the morning, the brunette says: "That was fun, we should do it again sometime."

"No way," says the blonde. "I almost got caught."

Boston. Hathaway had led the rescue of John Boyle O'Reilly from Western Australia. First, a boat was purchased for \$5600, the *Catalpa*. It required a complete overhaul and a crew. By April 1875, the vessel was seaworthy and manned by a crew of Portuguese and African sailors and captained by George Anthony. Captain Anthony understood his mission and its place in the long struggle of Ireland against England. The *Catalpa*, fitted and ready, sailed out of New Bedford harbor on April 29, 1875 bound for Australia more than 10,000 miles away.



The *Catalpa* in dock. Note whale oil barrels

Another part of John Devoy's plan was to station confederates in Western Australia to alert the prisoners to the plan and to establish a line of communication. John Kenealy, John Breslin, and Thomas Desmond set up the Australian end of the expedition in Freemantle. On March 29, 1876 the *Catalpa* arrived off Western Australia, and Breslin met Captain Anthony to coordinate the escape. Since it was geography-- that ocean and that desert-- which imprisoned the convicts, the rescuers had no walls and few guards with which to contend.

Breslin and Desmond simply picked up the six prisoners in wagons and rode to the whaleboats which would take the escapees to the *Catalpa*. To assure that the *Catalpa* would not be pursued by British forces, Devoy had arranged with members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in New Zealand to cut

the telegraph cable which connected Australia with Java and thus the rest of the world. The cable cut, the Australian authorities were rendered deaf and dumb.

However, quite by accident, only one day into its flight to Florida, the *Catalpa* was ac-

costed by the British gunboat the *Georgette*. The captain of the *Georgette* insisted on boarding the *Catalpa* to search for prisoners. Captain Anthony refused permission and would not back down even after a shot had been fired across his bow. Overmatched by the British vessel, Anthony played his trump card, the American flag which flew from his staff. Captain Anthony warned the *Georgette* that if it fired on the *Catalpa* it was firing on the United States. The *Georgette* continued on its journey.

By June of 1876 the story of the *Catalpa* Affair was news world

wide. Dublin rejoiced; London fumed. John Devoy had achieved his goal of a revolutionary victory over the English.

The *Catalpa*, changing its course from a Florida landing to New York harbor, reached New York in August 1876. Tammany Hall hosted a reception for the escapees and the streets were cleaned for a parade in lower Manhattan. There was no ticker tape, but we can assume that some politicians were present.

Like Jimmy Doolittle's bombing of Tokyo early in the Second World War, the *Catalpa* Affair had more symbolic value than strategic. The audience for the Doolittle attack was a nervous American public; the audience for the escape from Australia was the demoralized Irish who had suffered too many defeats in its seemingly endless war with England. The *Catalpa* gave the Irish a memory much

The Wild Geese. The Fenians incarcerated and exiled to Western Australia adopted the phrase for themselves during their voyage to Western Australia on board the *Hougoumont*, even publishing a shipboard newspaper entitled *'The Wild Goose'*.

Who were the Fenians?

The FENIAN SOCIETY was a political association of Irish and Irish-Americans, the object of which was the overthrow of English authority in Ireland, and the establishment of a republic there. It has been said, and is generally supposed, that the movement originated in America, and was transplanted to Ireland; but, as a matter of fact, the plans for both the Irish and American organizations were drawn in Paris by a small group of the Irish revolutionary exiles of 1848.

The Irish Society was organized by the efforts of James Stephens, who, in 1853 traveled through Ireland, and organized the small centers of disaffection into a powerful conspiracy. It was necessarily secret, and known as the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood (popularly called I.R.B.). Its aim was to convert the people of Ireland into a soldiery capable of resisting the British Army.

The Story of the 'Catalpa' has been featured in the 'Rag' Vol8 Issue2 June 2002. Paddy Ryan loaned me his copy of - 'ABC - The Catalpa Rescue (2007)' I found it a gripping, exciting & educational story which explains some of the Irish Nationalistic atmosphere which surrounded me as a child. I recommend it highly. ***** from me Obtainable from ABC online - Ed

kinder than their famine memories.

Catalpa memorial



On 9 September 2005, a memorial was unveiled at Rockingham beach to commemorate the Catalpa rescue, the famous escape of six Irish Fenian convicts from Fremantle Prison on 17-18 April 1876. The perilous flight succeeded in the face of an overnight storm and naval interception at dawn. The memorial is a statue depicting six wild geese in flight, the design of which was initiated by an Irish-Australian Perth citizen, the late Francis Conlan, whose name is also recorded on the memorial.

© Irish Cultural Society of the Garden City Area

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Auntie Fay's Rosella Jam
a family treat

Have you ever spread this delicious jam on a piece of toast. smothered it with cream and savoured!!.

Pick rosellas when plump but not too old as the pods contain pectin which sets the jam. Pectin decreases as pods age. Prepare fruit by cutting the stem end from the fruit and removing seed capsule.

INGREDIENTS:

Prepared fruit (cut small)
Trimmed tops and seed capsule
Sugar
Water

METHOD:

Place tops and capsules in pan and just cover with water, boil gently with lid on for 1 hour. Pour over prepared fruit and let stand for at least 2 hours. Mine stands overnight. Measure pulp and place in a large pan. Add two tspns lemon juice (opt) Boil leaves till tender (about 10 mts) Do not overcook or colour will be lost. Gradually, add equal quantity of sugar to the measured pulp, while stirring constantly.

Boil rapidly while stirring for a further 10mts or until mixture gels. Start testing for gel point at 5mins. Use a cold refrigerated plate for testing. (A wrinkly skin forms)

Let stand for 10mins before bottling. This prevents solid material settling at the top of the bottle of jam. Pour jam into jars. I use a coffee cup to pour jam into sterilized jars.

Cover with gladwrap and screw down lid.

Jars can be sterilized by boiling or done in microwave on full power for 1-2 mins. Jars must be hot to touch.

Keeps indefinitely 12months - 2 years, but loses colour as it ages.

Fay Ryan.

It would not last that long in my pantry! Ed.

"HAPPINESS IS LIKE JAM... YOU CAN'T SPREAD IT AROUND WITHOUT GETTING SOME ON YOURSELF."

"HAPPINESS IS HOME MADE."

Social and Economic Conditions in Ireland & The Fenian Movement

Significant dates - Irish migration to Qld	
Mass migration ex-Ireland	1845 - 1852
Potato Famine	1846 - 1849 (Ireland)
First deaths attributed to starvation	1846 (Ireland)
Fenian Society plans drawn in Paris	1848
Bishop Quinn Appointed Bishop of Qld	1859
Bishop Quinn Arrived Brisbane	1861
Bishop Quinn sets up Qld Immigration Society	1862-1864 (10 ships / 6,000 migrants)

In 1843, the British Government considered that the land question in Ireland was the root cause of disaffection in the country, a Royal Commission, chaired by the Earl of Devon, to inquire into the laws with regard to the occupation of land in Ireland was conducted. Devon in February 1845 reported that *"It would be impossible adequately to describe the privations which they [Irish labourer and his family] habitually and silently*



endure . . . in many districts their only food is the potato, their only beverage water . . . their cabins are seldom protection against the weather... a bed or a blanket is a rare luxury . . . and nearly in all, their pig and a manure heap constitute their only property." The Commissioners concluded that

they could not *"forbear expressing our strong sense of the patient endurance which the labouring classes have exhibited under sufferings greater, we believe, than the people of any other country in Europe have to sustain."*

In 1845, 24% of all Irish tenant farms were of 0.4 to 2 hectares (one to five acres) in size, while 40% were of two to six hectares (five to fifteen acres). Holdings were so small that only potatoes—no other crop—would suffice to feed a family. The British Government reported, shortly before the Great Hunger, that poverty was so widespread that one third of all Irish small holdings could not support their families, after paying their rent, except by

earnings of seasonal migrant labour in England and Scotland. Following the famine, reforms were implemented making it illegal to further divide land holdings. The 1841 census **Cont.....P10**

Daniel O'Connell described this commission as perfectly one-sided, being made up of landlords and no tenants.



Queensland Teachers Union president Steve Ryan.

Steve Ryan..... Champion for Queensland Education

Steve Ryan as President of the Qld Teacher's Union has a lot to say about matters relating to education. He has lead many campaigns for the rights of teachers, the latest issue being the government's refusal to offer a pay deal commensurate with teachers elsewhere in Australia.

Narelle and McCormack went to the United States of America in the **MARIE NARELLE** Irish cultural delegation to the St Louis World Fair; for seven months from April 1904 they were the principal artists in the 'Blarney Castle Theatre' at the fair's Irish village exhibit. Following many American engagements, and having made wax cylinder recordings for T. A. Edison, in June 1906 she returned to the Australian concert circuit; she also sang in New Zealand then went back to Europe.

During another Australian tour in 1909, including Western Australia, Narelle obtained a divorce from Callaghan in Sydney on 2 June. Next year she settled in New York and in 1911 gave recitals throughout the U.S.A. with McCormack. On 9 December at the West End Presbyterian Church, Manhattan, she married Harry Allen Currie, a Canadian-born electrical engineer. The couple lived in New York, where her hospitality to Australian soldiers passing through the U.S.A. in World War I was famous.



Narelle made her last Australian tour in 1925-26, revisiting the New South Wales scenes of her youthful successes, including Temora, Candelo and Boorowa—the 'Tipperary of Australia'. After her husband's death in 1934, she moved to England. Reconciled with the Catholic Church, Catherine Mary Narelle Currie died on 26 January 1941 at Clevecot, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, England, and was buried in Holy Trinity churchyard. She was survived by her son Reginald and daughters Kathleen, a pianist who had sometimes accompanied her, and Rita, a coloratura soprano. When the churchyard was resumed for a children's play-

ground, Marie Narelle's headstone was sent to Australia and re-erected in the grounds of the Temora Rural Museum in 1980.

'The Australian Queen of Irish Song' was noted for a voice 'not unlike Melba's', for her marvellous diction in four languages and for the passion with which she performed. Commenting on the pre-eminence of Australian singers such as Melba and Crossley, she held that, rather than physical influences like climate, it was 'the Australian personality that has made the Australian voice. We are a natural people . . . free in all we do and say and think and it is that freedom, I believe, that makes us good singers'.

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"WHEN YOU'RE Irish IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE."

Vale Sister Anne

May she rest gently in the arms of the Beloved Lord to whom she devoted her life.

‘Rest in Peace Anne.’

This gentle lady has only been a member for the last four weeks. Membership was a gift from her loving nephew and niece Peter and Stella Gibbs.

Anne was no stranger to the Clan and gratefully and happily read the ‘Ryan Rag’, which was passed to her by Stella. Unfortunately she will not see the welcome to the Clan, nor read the item sent by Stella.



Anne’s family is connected to Terry Emmerson and so, connected to the Fitzgeralds who featured in the last issue. The family has a strong tradition of commitment to religious life, and service to mankind. She will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her, especially her family. A Mass will be organized by the Clan for the repose of her soul.

‘THE AUSTRALIAN QUEEN OF IRISH SONG’ CATHERINE MARY (MOLLY) RYAN

MARIE NARELLE, (1870-1941), singer, was born on 28 January 1870 at Combaning station, near Temora, New South Wales, fourth child of native-born parents of Irish lineage, John Ryan, gold-miner, and his wife Catherine, née Comans, daughter of the occupier of Combaning. Registered as Catherine Mary, the child was known as Molly. She was educated locally and at the Presentation convent (Mount Erin), Wagga Wagga, where she learned music and singing. After



Marie (Molly) Narelle (1870 - 1941), by U.S. Lithograph Company, 1906, courtesy of Tasmanian Library, State Library of Tasmania. AU-TAS001125297531.

who had taught Melba and had been a student of the renowned Manuel Garcia (1805-1906) of the Royal Academy of Music. Later, Molly studied in Sydney under Roberto Hazon and Signor Stefani.

Molly Callaghan adopted the stage name 'Marie Narelle', reputedly taking the surname from an Aboriginal 'Queen of the Moruya tribe' as a 'sort of talisman'. In 1898-1902 she gave concerts in New South Wales, Queensland

and Tasmania, managed by the flautist John Lemmone, some in association with the contralto Eva Mylott (1875-1920). Irish and Scottish ballads were Narelle's specialty, but she sang operatic arias and oratorio as well. During the tours, Mrs William Bourke, a cousin, cared for Narelle's children. Invited by the visiting Irish politician William O'Brien to sing in Ireland at the close of the Cork Exhibition, she left Australia in July 1902. Narelle was acclaimed in Ireland, where Michael Davitt, the socialist, opined that it 'took an Australian to teach the Irish to render their own songs', and gave the then unknown tenor John McCormack (1885-1945) a place on her programme. In London she renewed lessons with Steffani and studied Gaelic. On 8 June 1903 she shared the platform at the Royal Albert Hall with (Dame) Clara Butt and Ada Crossley..

After Bishop Joseph Higgins heard Molly singing at Cobargo Catholic Church and offered introductions in Sydney, she took a studio in W.H.Paling's building in George Street. She studied first at St Vincent's Convent, Potts Point, with Mary Ellen Christian (Sister Mary Paul of the Cross),

A Message from John Ryan (Pres. CRVic)

If any of the Q'land members have relatives or Ryan friend's in Vic, who may want to join the Vic Ryan's they can contact me by email [dualbrook@hotmail.com] or phone AH 03 57908501.

John Ryan (Pres. CRVic)

Social & Economic Factors - Fenians - Migration

(From P.9.) showed a population of just over eight million. Two-thirds of those depended on agriculture for their survival, but they rarely received a working wage. They had to work for their landlords in return for the patch of land they needed in order to grow enough food for their own families. This was the system which forced Ireland and its peasantry into monoculture, as only the potato could be grown in sufficient quantity. The rights to a plot of land in Ireland could mean the difference between life and death in the early 19th century.



Can anyone Translate this sign into English?
a Clan Ryan Qld Lapel Badge
No Entries - No Interest?!

Translation
 Cill Chiarán Kilkerrin, Éisc Teo **Fish Ltd.**
 Earagail Errigal, Éisc Teo **Fish Ltd.**
 Cumann Táirgeoirí Bradán (I.S.P.G.) **Association of salmon producers**
<http://www.IrishGaelicTranslator.com>

How to Protect your email address book!

I learned a computer trick today that's really ingenious in its simplicity. As you may know, when/if a worm virus gets into your computer it heads straight for your email address book, and sends itself to everyone in there, thus infecting all your friends and associates.

This trick won't keep the virus from getting into your computer, but it will stop it from using your address book to spread further, and it will alert you to the fact that the worm has gotten into your system.

Here's what you do:

1. open your address book and click on 'new contact.' Just as you would do if you were adding a new friend to your list of email addresses.
2. In the window where you would type your friend's first name, type in 'A'.
3. For the screen name or email address, type 'AAAAAAA@AAA.AAA'.

Now, here's what you've done and why it works:

The 'name' 'A' will be placed at the top of your address book as entry #1. This will be where the worm will start in an effort to send itself to all your friends. But, when it tries to send itself to it will be undeliverable 'AAAAAAA@AAA.AAA' because of the phony email address you entered. If the first attempt fails (which it will because of the phony address), the worm goes no further and your friends will not be infected.

Here's the second great advantage of this method:

If an email cannot be delivered, you will be notified of this in your In Box, almost immediately. Hence if you ever get an email telling you that an email addressed to 'AAAAAAA@AAA.AAA', could not be delivered you know right away that you have the worm virus in your system. You can then take steps to get rid of it! Pretty slick huh?
If everybody you know does this then you need not ever worry about opening mail from friends.

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. ~Irish Proverb

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Aunty Anne Ryan

By Stella Gibbs

Aunty Anne is Sister Anne Ryan and she is 96 years old and still sewing for the missions.



Peter Gibbs Sr Anne Ryan Stella Gibbs

After her profession at All Hallows she was stationed in Laidley all through the war years when all the children of German farmers were interned. Money was short and food scarce with so many mouths to feed. She remembers feeding the children first, every night and most nights the nuns went to bed hungry. Many of the local farmers brought them food but there was never enough to go around.

She spent several years at St Saviours and then at Holy Name in Toowoomba

before going to Wynnum when she lost all her belongings. She was transferred in January 1974, during the floods and all her luggage was on a bus that was submerged somewhere in Brisbane.

After another year at Southport Convent she was sent to Ipswich where she spent many years teaching in St Mary's Primary school grade five.

Every past student I know best teacher they ever had. that in the forty eight years she never had a problem was that she made every ated and respected that her down. They came up to them. I still see people who and tell me how much they

She is my husband Peter's my aunty Anne too. She to my children and they all have so many happy was my friend and my con- talk to her about anything. minded and unjudgemental She was always so much a of every special occasion

for all of us. The children knew she believed in them and like her students they always wanted to please her. She often help them with their school work. She was there for them all their childhood and is a very precious part of the family.

Her knees are letting her down now and she needs oxygen to go out but she still does the crosswords and is mentally as alert as ever. I'm sure some of your readers may also remember her she was Sister Mary St Columba before taking her own name.



Sr Anne with Stella & the great grand children

all say she was the She told me once she was a teacher child. Her success child feel so appreci- they just never let her expectations of ask fondly about her loved her.

Aunt and therefore was the grandmother love her dearly and memories of her. She fident and I could She was very broad and always forgiving. part of our lives and and was always there



Report on the Victorian Fires

by John Ryan (Pres) CRVic.

The rebuilding of peoples lives after the worst fires in Australia's history has begun. New fences for farms, shed's but more importantly peoples lives. The way people opened their heart's with gifts of time, products and money is beyond words. Our little Kilmore Celtic night raised over \$20,000.00. The gift from the the Q'land clan was very much appreciated. I'm am so proud to be a Ryan.

Excitement Plus

New Website

Comming Soon

Report by Gil Neilan

As you are aware Kim Navin and his son, from (ACT) has generously given his expertise and time in developing our new website.

The executive have recently approved the registration of the website on the Domain.

Full details will be provided in the September magazine and a presentation will be given at our AGM on 18th October 2009.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Be there

...And share

Clan Gathering

Can Anyone Help?

I'm trying to locate some old Biographies and I thought maybe one of your readers may be able to help. (1) The "Confession" of St Patrick by J.F.X. O'Brien,S.J. and (2) St. Brigid of Cill Dara by John Ryan,S.J. I am willing to pay any costs.

Does Anyone Know?

Greatgrandfather James Bernard Ryan, enlisted in the army from a residential address of Clifton, Toowoomba in 1870. It is believed that our family came from Irish-town in Toowoomba. No one seems to know where Irishtown was located. Could it be that it was Clifton? Does anyone know?

Any Fresh Leads?

Has anyone found anything about Janet McKenna's missing Family? Story Vol.14:Issue 4 pp 14-15.

Any leads on the above Items can be addressed to the Editor.

**Our Lady of the Wayside,
for the sake of the Child
You hold in your arms,
take hold of my hand
For the rest of the road.**

**This aspiration was written in an old Irish Messenger Publication
'Another hour with the Sacred Heart'**

Welcome to the Clan Leonie Eklom Rochedale



Leonie is connected to the Ryan family by the Gibbs. Leonie is the mother of 4 boys who keep her on her toes. and are late to fly the nest.

Leonie works with an Employment agency in Brisbane.

Last Year she made a trip to Europe and Britian following the Motorcycle Races. Husband Paul is a Mechanic.

Professional Printing Our Magazine is now being outsourced for printing. The cost of ink to us was more than employing the services of the a commercial printer. The Editor, Berniece Ryan-Charles still prepares all of the artwork and edits the magazine. - by Gil Neilan

Original



Colleen Ryan Design cloisonné jewellery for our next Financial Members 2010 Prize

Colleen has very generously donated a piece of her exquisite range of cloisonné jewellery as a Financial Members Incentive. Cloisonné is enamel work in which coloured areas are separated by thin metal bands, fixed edgewise to the ground. Colleen is a very talented artist and jewellery has become her passion. Thank you Colleen.