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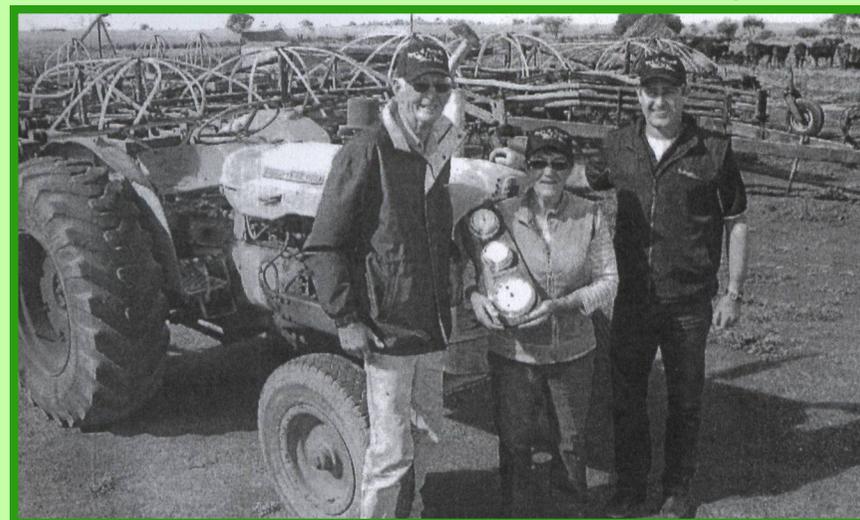
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Ryan
(Victoria)

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FARMING HISTORY

Yuna farmers Gerald and Ann Ryan



Gerald and Ann Ryan accept a new barometer from McIntosh & son and New Holland salesman Brad Forrester to commemorate the Ryan Generations' 100th year of farming in West Australia. Gerald has been a New Holland customer for more than three decades.

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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Family Tree

Where can you find out about the blood relations of an Englishman?

in the Family Tree.

Where can you find out about the blood relation of an Irishman?

In the Dublin Phone Registry

Second Opinion

An elderly businessman buys a large house. The house is situated on a cliff overlooking the sea. One evening, the old gentleman is out for his usual walk before going to bed. The evening is a very blustery one. He ventures a little too close to the cliff's edge, loses his footing and falls over the brink.

Fortunately, he is able to grasp a very slender sapling that is growing out of the cliff, which stops his fall; The old gentleman hangs there for a few moments, terribly shaken. Eventually he calls out "Is there anybody there?"

At once a great voice seems to fill the whole of the firmament. It comes out of the clouds, out of the sea and out of the cliff itself. It says in measured tones, "there is always someone up here, my son. All that you need to do is release your hold upon that small tree and you will descend safely to the shore below."

The old gentleman considers this for a moment and takes a look down at the jagged rocks 200ft below him. Then he looks up again and says, "Is there anybody else up there?"

Who's your Daddy?

Did you hear about the morning after pill for men? It changes your genes.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FARMING HISTORY

Farm Weekly—
July 22, 2010

BY Ken Wilson

With 100 years of farming history behind them, west Yuna farmers Gerald and Ann Ryan can only speculate what the future holds.

“But what has been achieved so far is probably only a taste of what is to come,” Gerald said.

“I believe agriculture has an exciting future.”

It is this energy and vision that has been a trait with Gerald and Ann and Gerald’s ancestors.

It was in 1907 that Jeremiah Joseph Ryan came out from Ireland where he had been a successful tea, wines and spirits merchant.

JJ, as he became known, quickly established a hotel in Perth but 12 months later joined the gold rush, seeking his fortune at sandstone, which ballooned in population to 14,000 people.

While he didn’t strike gold, teetotaler JJ again established a successful pub.

Then in 1910, he changed the course of future Ryan generations by buying 640 acres (260ha) of land at west Yuna on the advice of a surveyor.

The change of tack remains a bit of a mystery with the Ryan clan and even Gerald admitted that as a young bloke, he would have liked to have followed in his grandfather’s footsteps and opened a pub.

“The surveyor probably told him it was a good investment opportunity, which in hindsight was spon on,” Gerald said.

JJ employed contractors to clear the York gum and Jam tree county to run sheep and cattle.

Gerald’s father Jim who was born in Ireland in 1906, was earmarked by JJ to run the farm and at the tender age of 12 became a full-time “employee” after a stint of education at New Norcia.

In the late 1920’s, Jim took over full responsibility for the farm as JJ returned to his roots as a publican in several Perth hotels before returning to Geraldton to open a hotel in Marine Terrace, a site now occupied by the National Bank of Australia.

While Jim looked to expand his landholdings during the depression, JJ’s wanderlust saw him buy 1200ha (3,000 acres) near the now Busselton town site to run a dairy, then beef steers and crossbred lambs enterprise.

JJ lived out his years in Busselton until he died in 1942, aged 71.

Meanwhile, Gerald’s father continued to run his sheep enterprise mixed with cropping on Tammao-Mallee CP blocks he bought in the late 1930’s.

Gerald came on the scene in 1963 after a school education in Perth and within a year had



Any photograph of a bagged wheat mountain will immediately trigger memories of bad backs from filing, sewing and carting the bags to the “mountain”.

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(Official Branch of the Clan Ryan, Tipperary, Ireland)

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Culinary Corner

Ready in: 3 hours 30 mins

Ingredients

- 1 kg chuck steak, cut into cubes
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 2 large onions, peeled and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 375ml stubby of Guinness or any stout
- 2 cups chopped carrot (about three medium)



Beef and Guinness Irish Stew

Preparation method

1. Toss the meat cubes with 1 tablespoon of the vegetable oil. In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, salt, pepper and cayenne pepper. Roll the meat in this to coat.
2. Heat the remaining oil in a deep frypan or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the meat and brown on all sides. Add the onions, and garlic.
3. Stir the tomato paste into a small amount of water to dilute then pour into the pan, stirring to blend.
4. Reduce the heat to medium, cover and cook for 5 minutes.
5. Pour ½ cup of the beer into the pan, and as it begins to boil, scrape any bits of food from the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon.
6. Pour in the rest of the beer, and add the carrots and thyme. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 2 to 3 hours, stirring occasionally.
7. Taste and adjust seasoning before serving. Garnish with chopped parsley.

This stew is traditionally for St. Patrick's Day but any time the mixture of the beef and Guinness is awesome! I usually add more beer than the recipe calls for and serve it with mashed potatoes.

established his own wheat crop. Dad had 3000 breeding ewes and by that stage, the farm had grown to 6000 acres (2400ha),” Gerald said. “It wasn’t long before dad bought another 3800 acres (1500ha) in the Chapman Valley to concentrate on the sheep and a few cattle while I looked after the Yuna property.

In the early 1970’s I sold the sheep but kept 250 Hereford breeders and expanded the cropping program to 3000 acres (1200ha).

With more than 40 years of broad-acre farming under his belt, Gerald has been a significant contributor to increasing the productive wealth of country, earmarked by a surveyor more than 100 years ago as a good investment.

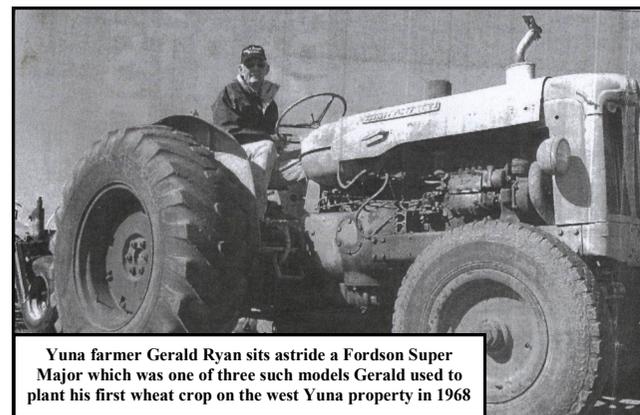
He also considers himself lucky to have been in an age which saw a remarkable acceleration of technology in agriculture.

When he came onto the Yuna farm, horses were giving way to mechanisation and for him, the days of Fordson and Chamberlain tractors, Chamberlain combine seeders on Fabcast hitchers and Western Ploughs, were godsend not only to improve production but also to improve health.

“Dad always told me to buy anything that made work easier and saved the back,” Gerald said.

So right from the start, Gerald was always willing to adopt new technologies he considered met the criteria set by his father.

“I put my first crop in, with the help of two cousins, using three 14-disc Sunderseeders each pulled by a Fordson Major,” Gerald said. “We did 2000 acres (800ha) and took off eight bags (1.8t/ha) using two Massey 585 PTO headers with 21ft (6.3m) comb fronts”.



Yuna farmer Gerald Ryan sits astride a Fordson Super Major which was one of three such models Gerald used to plant his first wheat crop on the west Yuna property in 1968

“And when Chamberlain brought out its first airconditioned cab model, the 8040, it also found a place on the

farm”.

Gerald’s chronicle of machinery purchases tells the story of his pursuit of new technology linked to operator comfort.

Tractors, for example took major leaps in horsepower with “designer” cabs featuring ‘cushion-comfort’ seats.

“We bought our first Versie (Versatile) in 1980,” Gerald said.

“It was a 555 and was rated at 210hp (157kw) and we used it to pull two 35-disc Western Ploughs and two 28-run Chamberlain combines on a Fabcast hitch.

“{We also had a couple of 24-run units hitched up behind a Ford TW35.”

The exponential surge in tractor horsepower is reflected in his tractor purchases: Ford 876 (208kw, 280hp); Versatile 9682 (268kW, 360hp); New Holland T9050 (364kW, 489hp), which pulls a 13.6 metre (45ft) Flexi-Coil seeding bar and an eight

tonne Flexio-Coil 2320 bin.

On the combine harvester side, the metamorphosis started with a Massey Ferguson 585 PTO header, pulled by Countryman 6's and ranged from a New Holland 8040 (Circa 1981) through to the NewHolland TR98 and 99 to the CR960 and the latest CR9060 series. Front sizes also have increased to 10.9m (36ft). The other component of farming is spraying, but Gerald has always opted for contractors.

"In the early days all we used was two 44 gallon (200L) drums of ester for radish control and it was mixed with Banairl to control double gees," Gerald said.

"Now there's a stack of stuff that is used to control all sorts of weeds and it has become pretty expensive"

Looking back, Gerald considers the move into knife points and one-pass seeding in the early 1990's as one of the defining moments in the history of agriculture.

"It certainly gave us a chance to improve the soil structure and set up a more sustainable cropping system," he said.

But the one constant throughout his career has been cost pressures.

"My first crop which yielded eight bags was worth \$90 a tonne and even though we're nearly double that farm average today, we're only getting \$245/t for the Hard wheat varieties we grow.

"Apart from the variable seasons, the biggest battle has always been terms of trade.

"It has forced us to look for better ways to do things to reduce input costs because at the end of the day that's all we can control.

"Certainly the new technologies that have been introduced to farming over the years have provided us with more tools to farm smarter and, in many ways, it has been part of the reason why farming is such an exciting life.

"You get the challenges, but you also get rewards."

Last weekend, Gerald and Ann celebrated the 100year Ryan link to agriculture in WA, with friends and relatives on their Innisfail property. The main machinery shed became a focal point of activity to talk over old times and raise a glass to JJ, who remains the focal point of a wicked suggestion that he may have started a pub upstairs.

NEW MEMBERS

"Cead mile failte romhat!"
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

262 WINIFRED REID

263F Lorraine & Stewart Boyd
GERARD & RYAN
VAL

264 PETER RYAN

CAMBERWELL

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WHELLERS HILL

Queensland Branch

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

Neville—Ryan.

The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866-1939) Saturday 17 February 1912 p 15 Article

... Mrs. J. Neville, of Ashgrove, Dalby, to Miss D. **Ryan**, second daughter of Mr. M. Ryan, Rockhampton, ... (the Right Rev. Dr. J. DwWig). The bride, wSo was given away by her brother (Mr. M. J. **Ryan**), wore an ... orange blossoms. Miss A. **Ryan** attended her sister as bridesmaid. Mr. P. J. **Ryan** (the bride's brother) ... 182 words

MEAGHER—RYAN.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864-1933) Tuesday 26 July 1932 p 16 Article

... **MEAGHER-RYAN**. The wedding was solemnised at the Juandah Hotel, Wandoan, the original home of the ... Taroom' and Miss Cecelia (Celie) **Ryan** (youngest daughter of Mrs. G. Lawton and the late Mr. J. T. **Ryan**, Wandoan). The Rev. Father M'Govern (Chinchilla) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her ... 177 words

Fogarty—Ryan.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864-1933) Thursday 11 May 1933 p 18 Article

... **Fogarty-Ryan**. A picturesque wedding took place in St James and St John's Roman Catholic Church ... was married to Miss Ellen **Ryan** (youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick **Ryan** (Willow Springs, ... bridesmaid and Mr P **Ryan** (brother of the bride) acted as best man The reception was held at the ... 168 words

RYAN-OLSEN.

The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866-1939) Saturday 20 September 1924 p 6 Article

... **RYAN-OLSEN**. A wedding of considerable interest to a wide circle of friends on the Downs and in New ... Edward Olson, of Chin chilla), and the groom was Mr. Ernest William **Ryan** (second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. John **Ryan**, of Beirac). The bridegroom is well known in Twoowoomba as "the juvenile veteran," ... 121 words

represent New South Wales In the championships to be contested in this State .te during this month. ... 30 words

Ryan—Murphy

The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912-1954) Saturday 24 November 1928 p 3 Article

... street, South Plympton, and Cuthbert Charles **Ryan**, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick 'F. **Ryan**, of Adelaide. Father Vincent Barry officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Leo ... shades. Mr. Bernard **Ryan** (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The travelling frock of the bride was ... 184 words

Newspaper items concerning Ryans.

Taken from [://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper](http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper)

Lyons—Ryan.

The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1933-1954) Friday 8 September 1933 p 18 Article

... **Lyons-Ryan.** In St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on August 2, the Rev. Monsignor Potter solemnised the marriage of William John Lyons, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lyons, Gladfield, and Cecelia **Ryan**, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. **Ryan**, Clintonvale. Mrs. H. Bloomfield presided at the organ. ... 131 words

Ryan—McMahon.

The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1933-1954) Thursday 28 September 1933 p 20 Article

... **Ryan-McMahon.** St. Mary's Church, Warwick, was the scene of a picturesque wedding on September 6, when Mr. Denis **Ryan** (second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. **Ryan**, Allora) . was married to . Miss Mary ... carried a bouquet of pale pink hyacinths, Miss Maisie **Ryan**, who attended as bridesmaid, was frocked In ... 187 words

KENNEDY—RYAN

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848-1954) Monday 23 October 1939 p 7 Article
... KENNEDY—RYAN GORDON, Sunday. Sunday- Miss Mary Irene (Rene) **Ryan** second daughter of Councillor and Mrs P J **Ryan** of Millbrook and Mr John Kennedy of Gordon son of Mr and ... Lande performed the ceremony The bride wore a white lace gown Miss Brenda **Ryan** of Geelong sister of the ... 89 words

Text **last corrected** on 26 November 2009 by JulieMWhyte
O'SHEA—RYAN.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864-1933) Saturday 3 December 1927 p 24 Article

... Miss Kathleen **Ryan** (third daughter of the late Mr. Larry **Ryan** and Mrs. **Ryan**). The bride wore a frock of ... white flowers. Miss C. **Ryan** (Brieter of the bride) was bridesmaid, and she wore a frock of mauve ... 155 words

O'KEEFE—RYAN.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864-1933) Wednesday 3 July 1929 p 22 Article

... **O'KEEFE-RYAN.** At the Church of the Sacred Heart, Rosalie, on June 29, the marriage was solemnised of Mr. Edwin O'Keefe (second son of Mr. William O'Keefe, Dalby, Bowenville) and Miss Mary **Ryan** (eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Laurance **Ryan**, Mt. Sylvia, Gatton), Monsignor Lee officiated, ... 151 words

Welcome Winifred, Peter, Gerry and Val

It is a great pleasure to welcome Gerry Ryan and his two siblings, Winifred Reid and Peter Ryan to our Clan. The family hales from Bendigo and are the children of Jack and Madge Ryan. Gerry has achieved very highly and is a Ryan of whom we can all be proud. I eagerly await Winifred's promised introduction to the rest of the family.

By way of introduction here follows a little snippet from Wikipedia.

In 1975, Jayco Australia Ltd was founded by Gerry Ryan OAM, (who remains the Managing Director). In 1976 Jayco Australia developed its first camper trailers and production commenced in January 1976. Jayco of Australia quickly established a reputation for producing high quality, competitively priced caravan and camping products, and within a few short years it had become the #1 player in the Australian camper/caravan industry. Now in its fourth decade, the company - with some 850 employees - is one of the great success stories of Australian manufacturing.

My trip across the Nullabor April 2011 *by Berniece Ryan-Charles*

I thought I would share with you what turned out to be a wonderful confidence booster and a fabulous trip. My daughter Sarah and I drove her car from Gympie to Perth, as she is now residing in Rockingham south of Perth.

I had never needed to think about doing a trip as Ray always took care of every aspect of travel, and I just went along for the ride. My confidence was non-existent, and I did not think I would be able to accomplish such a journey without my husband by my side.

Sarah was not fazed as from pre-birth to school age and beyond she was on the road more often than not. She is also young enough to be bullet-proof. So it was unpowered sites and roadside camps for the two of us. I have always loved camping, the rougher it was, the better I liked it.

With a little experience gained from watching Ray and some help from Sarah's mechanic friends, we and the car were ready to go. Sarah couldn't help herself, as her joy rose within her, little snippets of song escaped her lips, "On the road again, can't wait to be,..... on the road again". So sweet!

The road was good, the car gave no trouble, and the countryside was green and beautiful. The Nullabor was exciting and green and vegetated, contrary to my imagined, desolate brown and treeless plain. It was quite isolated with only small refuelling stations across the km from Ceduna to Bordertown. The greatest joy of all was that it rained all the way across, surely a most unusual and auspicious event. We saw emus, dingoes, foxes and many birds. The viewing of the cliffs of the night was exhilarating.

Recently cued into the Jayco caravans being linked to RYAN, we did a little survey and at least 3/4 of the caravans we encountered were Jayco. Yeah! Go Gerry!

My time in Perth was exciting, I took in Fremantle and its Zoo, the City, The Library, the Art Gallery, and ran out of time for the Museum. I had some dancing at Sarah's Ballroom Dancing—Starlite Ballroom. I discovered how unfit I was, and after staggering off, out of breath after 3 rounds of the Barn Dance, I lost my partner of three dances after declaring "Thank God, I didn't think I was going to make it!" I don't blame him for not asking me for a fourth.

Sadly, I didn't meet our Member, Ray Lowe, of Bunbury. I did go to see the memorial to the Wild Geese and it is an awesome monument. A beautiful work of art and a fitting tribute to our Irish Ancestors. I did make contact with Ray Lowe and we promised that we would get together on my next trip to Perth. I flew home to Brisbane in about 6 hours, amazing after a road trip of 5 days!!!





From the President's Desk

A cháirde/Greetings Ryan Friends

Greg Ryan Hello and welcome to our mid year edition of the Ryan Rag. I am pleased to advise that I have come through my recent health scares with only a few hick ups. However as I say when asked how I am doing my reply is usually, I am above ground and upright and well on my way to recovery. I will take this opportunity to thank Neil Ryan (VP) and Gil Neiland (Sec/Tres) along with other members of the executive for keeping things on track during my down time. They ensured the annual luncheon was a resounding success again, which I will report more on later in the rag and other important issues remained on track.

The most exciting thing I would like to announce is that we are finally on line. **Yes!!! You heard me we have a website up and running.** You can find it at <http://www.clanryanaustralia.org> . I have been informed that it will take a bit of time before we can be goggled (searched) on the web as we will not appear in search engine for a while. So all I can suggest is you write down the site web address and tell all you meet where to find us.

So dear clan's folk we are most open to feed back about the site, but, until we get a local moderator (site minder) it will take some time to make changes to what is now up. We are aware of some typo's and information that is ambiguous or absent, we hope to fix those issues soon. Kim Navin and his son who generously put this site together "gratis" for the clan are temporarily monitoring the site from NSW. He cannot make small changes but is happy for anyone to rewrite any section with all necessary changes and he will substitute it to the web page.

This is only phase ONE of a three phase process, this first phase was solely designed to be simple and give us a presence on the web, to let people know we exist and provide contacts for inquiries and prospective members. We also only have basic historical and general other information lifted from our inaugural president Edward (Ted) Ryan's original personal website. It is our intention to get this phase bedded down and as good as we can before we move on and increase the complexity of the site.

Please have a look and call, email or write to the executive with your constructive feedback we would love to hear your thoughts. Finally can I put out the call to any member who possess some advanced computer skills and is willing to help out in the short to medium term as we need an initial local moderator of our site, to ensure we can clean up and add information quickly. If there is anyone who could offer their services in this area for a period of time to monitor and train other interested persons please get in contact with me as soon as is convenient.

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

Clapping Games

Hand clapping game; short, simple, cute and clever

Coca cola

Coca cola went to town

Pepsi cola shot him down

Dr. Pepper fixed him up

and changed him into Bubble up

This is another handclapping game.

A Sailor Went To Sea

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea. To see what he could see, see, see. But all that he could see, see, see. Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

Continuation

3 sailors went to chop-chop-chop to see what they could chop-chop-chop and all that they could chop-chop-chop is the bottom of the deep blue chop-chop-chop

3 sailors went to knee-knee-knee to see what they could knee-knee-knee and all that they could knee-knee-knee is the bottom of the deep blue knee-knee-knee

3 sailors went to China to see what they could China and all that they could China was the bottom of the deep blue China

3 sailors went to sea-chop-knee-china to see what they could sea-chop-knee-china and all that they could see-chop-knee-china was the bottom of the deep blue see-chop-knee-china

Jokes

What kind of money do snowmen use?

Ice lolly

What did the elf use to make him taller?

Elf raising flour

What did the traffic light say to the car?

Don't look! I'm changing.

How do you catch a squirrel?

Climb up a tree and act like a nut.

Which soldiers smell like salt and pepper?

Seasoned troopers

What do you call a nervous witch?

A twitch

Who was the first underwater spy?

James Pond



Kids Kubby



Fair Brown and Trembling - An Irish Fairystory

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"What news have you to-day?" asked the henwife of the sisters when they came from the church.

"Oh, we saw the grand strange lady again! And it's little that any man could think of our dresses after looking at the robes of satin that she had on! And all at church, from high to low, had their mouths open, gazing at her, and no man was looking at us."

The two sisters gave neither rest nor peace till they got dresses as nearly like the strange lady's robes as they could find. Of course they were not so good; for the like of those robes could not be found in Erin.

When the third Sunday came, Fair and Brown went to church dressed in black satin. They left Trembling at home to work in the kitchen, and told her to be sure and have dinner ready when they came back.

After they had gone and were out of sight, the henwife came to the kitchen and said: "Well, my dear, are you for church to-day?"

"I would go if I had a new dress to wear."

"I'll get you any dress you ask for. What dress would you like?" asked the henwife.

"A dress red as a rose from the waist down, and white as snow from the waist up; a cape of green on my shoulders; and a hat on my head with a red, a white, and a green feather in it; and shoes for my feet with the toes red, the middle white, and the backs and heels green."

The henwife put on the cloak of darkness, wished for all these things, and had them. When Trembling was dressed, the henwife put the honey-bird on her right shoulder and the honey-finger on her left, and, placing the hat on her head, clipped a few hairs from one lock and a few from another with her scissors, and that moment the most beautiful golden hair was flowing down over the girl's shoulders. Then the henwife asked what kind of a mare she would ride. She said white, with blue and gold-coloured diamond-shaped spots all over her body, on her back a saddle of gold, and on her head a golden bridle.

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Report on Annual Clan Gathering

30th April 2011



On the 30th April 2011 members of Clan Ryan Qld got together for a right royal Craic at the Irish Club. We had aprox 30 people in attendance at any one time as some had to come later and some had to leave earlier than others. Current clan members and prospective members came from surrounding districts and interstate and it was wonderful to have them all there to hear the announcement that we had a website finally. This was received with great enthusiasm and the address:

<http://www.clanryanaustralia.org> was copied down so people could circulate it around. We can thank our always on the ball member Debbie Henry for having her iphone available so member could actually see what the site looked like first hand.

The very brief meeting at which this announcement was made at the commencement of the luncheon gave way to all moving to the Bunratty bistro and taking up a substantial portion of the bistro to partake of good meals at seriously good prices. The only oversight was no-one officially remembering to bring a camera to record the occasion for posterity. Thank fully our always reliable member Terry Emerson had his happy snapper with him and kindly rec-

orded some of our happy campers enjoying the three "GC"'s good company, good chow and good conversation.

All and sundry I believe had a wonderful time as the official conclusion was 2pm but most stayed on till well passed this time. I was very grateful for this as it gave me the chance to catch up with almost all who attended which is usually very hard to do as the time literally fly's by so quickly. Among the many Carson and his delightful wife Rita attended and a lucky few were provided with his famous jams and preserves. Needless to say there were a number of apologies from those that wished to attend but for various reason found they could not do so on the day. Shall we say to those who missed the day there is always next time so don't miss out again.

I would like to conclude this report by saying; my recent health scare has driven home to me a most salient truth. It is that the chance to socialise, laugh and spend quality time with both close and extended clans folk should be embraced with great relish. I only realised this when I sat amidst my treasured family on this most enjoyable day and cast my eyes around the group gathered there in friendship. I thought to myself what a wonderful clan we have. How fortunate I was that my god had seen fit to allow me once again spend time in the company of a group of truly delightful people. So please embrace you family and hold them close, reach out to the clan and get involved you will be the poorer for it if you overlook the opportunities to experience belonging.

Greg Ryan (President)

Letters to the Editor

A good friend approached us to see if I knew anything about the Ryans at Hillgrove NSW. Hope someone may be able to help. I thought the following in the Rag might bring some information. Shar and Brendan Ryan .

In researching my wife's family tree I have found that Rhonda's paternal grandfather, Stanley Benjamin West had brothers who lived in Hillgrove near Armidale in the early decades of the C20th. In 1905 one brother, Alfred John West, aged 26, married Lydia May Ryan, aged 19. (Lydia's parents were James and Ellen Ryan.) This couple lived in Brisbane (Nundah) for many years prior to Lydia's death in 1961 and she is buried in the Lutwyche cemetery. In 1903 there was another Ryan / West marriage in Hillgrove when Matthew Ryan married Mary Ann West and I was wondering if either the Ryans or the Wests in this union were also related.

We would love to contact descendants of these families and find out more about our relatives. If you can help please contact

Terry and Rhonda Boyle

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can you help?

From: Shar & Bren Ryan

50th Wedding Celebrations.

M^cLaughlin—Ryan

Carson and Rita (nee Ryan) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 10th September 2010. Their Family made the day very special.

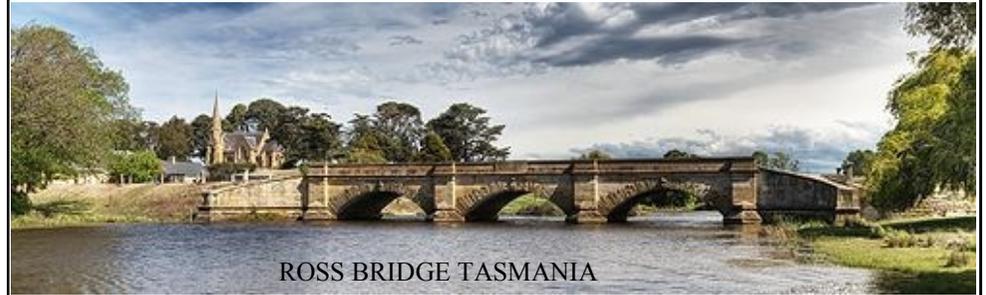


In fifty years together
You've shared so many things
That's why this very special
Anniversary brings
To you, a wish that love,
Laughter, joy, contentment too
Will be yours to share throughout
The years ahead of you!

"Congratulations Carson and Rita"

Thomas Ryan, (1790 - 1846) http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/browse_people_R_12.htm

THOMAS RYAN, (1790-1846), soldier, was born on 26 August 1790 in County Fermanagh, Ireland. At 15 he joined the 104th Regiment as an ensign and became a lieutenant in the 50th Regiment in October 1808. He was promoted captain in September 1819 and major in August 1830. He served in the Walcheren expedition in 1809 and later in the Peninsular war where he received several wounds at Fuentes De Onoro. After ten years service at Jamaica, he was appointed K.H. and went to Van Diemen's Land with his wife and son in the *George the Third*, which struck a reef near the southern entrance to D'Entrecasteaux Channel on the night of 12 April 1835 and became a total wreck; only 161, including 81 convicts, were saved out of the ship's complement of 295.



ROSS BRIDGE TASMANIA

In December 1835 he was appointed to command the troops in northern Van Diemen's Land and made a justice of the peace. He remained in command there until 1839, interested himself in the building of the Ross Bridge and, when he departed, was given a farewell address by the northern residents and cheered by the convicts for his just administration. In 1838, while in temporary command of the Hobart Town garrison, he administered the oath of allegiance to Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Franklin on the accession of Queen Victoria. Next year he superintended the building near South Port of a monument to those lost in the wreck of the *George the Third*. In June 1839 he joined the headquarters of his regiment in Sydney. Franklin was not sorry to see him go. 'I am heartily glad Major Ryan is going away not I trust to return ... He got into a sad scrape at Launceston ... through some intrigue with a man's wife and the story says was thrashed. He certainly had the marks of a Black Eye when he dined on the *Pelorus* ... What an old Debaucher he must be'. Ryan was commandant at Norfolk Island from September 1839 to March 1840 when Captain Alexander Maconochie succeeded him.

He left for India with his regiment in January 1841, was promoted brevet lieutenant-colonel in April 1844, and fought at the Maharajpore in December 1843. On 10 February 1846 he was severely wounded at the battle of Sobraon, and died from his wounds before hearing that he had been appointed C.B. in April. On a monument at Canterbury Cathedral his name headed the list of officers and men of the 50th Regiment who fell in the Sutlej campaign.

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A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY/TREASURER ON SOME VERY IMPORTANT POINTS

RE:
GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER SAT 22ND 2011
UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

There are some very important projects which will invite a lot of member input, on the agenda. Our constitution regulation and bylaws no 5. clearly states that Management Committee is required to consider whether to terminate that membership IF IT IS MORE THAN 3 MONTHS IN ARREARS.

At this point there are 25 memberships that are almost SIX MONTHS IN ARREARS. We have put a lot of effort into the area of arrears including

- Advice quarterly in the magazine as to current status, see address label on magazine
- Numerous magazine articles almost begging members to renew what is a very modest fee of \$15 and most of which is spent on magazine printing and postage.
- A common due date for renewal - i.e 31st December each year. Therefore, any member who knows when New Years Eve is, knows that the annual fee is due. Simple?

All of our work is voluntary and I for one, would much rather spend our time and money doing constructive things for the Clan than the constant phone calls to remind members of their unfinancial position.

I will be proposing to the executive that we take corrective action on arrears as required by our bylaws. Obviously we would much prefer to be thanking our members for keeping their fees up to date. IT IS UP TO YOU.

WEBSITE

We should be discussing future developments of our website and any further developments particularly in how to manage the site. We urgently need a competent computer person to help us with this job. Go to www.ryanclanaustralia.org

EMAILING RYAN MAGAZINE

At our 2010 AGM we undertook to look at this issue. We are trialling this now and need to know who if anyone, would prefer the email versus post. There are various issues coming up like controlling who should get access to our 'Rag' other than financial members.

Any other issues should be forwarded to the secretary for inclusion on the agenda. Over and out

GIL NEILAN
SEC/TREASURER



Death Notices

Clan Ryan mourns the loss of our Member Fr. Kevin Ryan of Gatton. *CATHOLIC Leader* columnist and prison chaplain Fr Kevin Ryan died last (March 12-13).

The Clan extends our sympathy to the family of our Member Jennifer Ryan of Ipswich. Beloved wife of Shane. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We wish to express our condolences to the family of Anthony David Ryan, brother of member Rita McLaughlin. Tony passed away in November 2010 in the Carnarvan Hospital West Australia. Due to Floods and bad weather he could not be buried until January. Tony was the youngest son of Jack and Ella Ryan and brother to John, Pat (dec.) Rita, Carmel and Bernadette (dec.) Sadly Missed.



In Memorium

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

In memory of my Beloved Husband, Raymond John George who passed away 21st May 2010. Deeply missed by his loving family. Berniece Ryan-Charles

OBITUARY: REV FATHER KEVIN RYAN

FATHER Kevin Ryan led a humble life of faith, yet was an inspiring example to others. He was born in Allora in 1934 and died in Gatton in 2011.

- Marcus Kuczynski
From: [The Courier-Mail](#)
- April 14, 2011 12:01AM

FATHER Kevin Ryan led a humble life of faith, yet was an inspiring example to others and touched the souls of people through the written word.

As an empathetic pastor and talented scribe, he lived according to theologian Karl Barth's maxim, which urged Christians to preach to others holding the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.

Father Ryan's popular column that he penned for The Catholic Leader newspaper over a period of 17 years made him a Catholic household name around Australia.

Kevin Ryan was born in Allora and raised at Gladfield in a family of simple, down-to-earth, farming faith on the southern Darling Downs. It was a devoutly religious area from which a dozen young men have joined the Catholic clergy.

Kevin was the eldest of three sons the others were Cyril and Brian (deceased) born to Michael and Brenda Ryan.

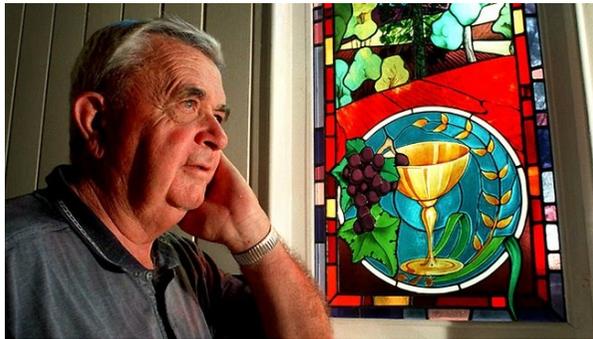
He recalled how the recitation of the daily rosary kept the family close to God. So it came as no surprise when from school he entered Banyo Seminary in Brisbane to train for the priesthood.

He was ordained a priest in 1960 in St Mary's Church, Warwick, and from there went on to serve in the parishes of St Patrick's Cathedral in Toowoomba, St Mary's in Warwick, Clifton, Oakey, St George and Kingaroy.

He also served as a navy chaplain from 1969. In 1977 he was appointed a full-time chaplain to St Mary's College, Toowoomba, and in 1981 to St Edmund's College, Ipswich.

Moving to Brisbane, Father Ryan took up a school chaplaincy appointment in Scarborough (now the Redcliffe City Parish).

He was fond of study, prayer, reading books and sport. As a school chaplain, he tended to look after the less-skilled athletes and established a basketball team for those who



couldn't play in the higher grades.

His talent as a writer came to the fore after he took on the role as a columnist for The Catholic Leader newspaper in 1994.

He quickly gained a strong following, writing more than 800 columns for the paper. Many a devoted reader would phone The Catholic Leader if their regular copy did not arrive, citing they did not wish to miss a kernel of Father Ryan's wisdom.

Father Ryan believed the pen was mightier than the sword. His style was that of a classic storyteller, writing about real-life events and experiences.

Through his column he developed a reputation as a practical man of God who was never afraid to tell things the way they were.

Father Ryan never missed a deadline. A small batch of his hand-written columns would arrive by post at The Catholic Leader roughly every fortnight or whenever he felt inspired by someone he had met or something he had read in the news.

Looking back on 50 years of priesthood last year, he described his role as "being a bridge between God and people, between this world and the next".

For the last 15 years of his life Father Ryan served as a prison chaplain in southern Queensland, a role he said made him see the good in every person, especially those condemned by society.

Father Ryan's non-judgmental attitude and empathy earned him a reputation among prisoners as someone who could be trusted with the most intimate details.

He helped many to find accommodation and a job upon their release and provided temporary shelter in his home for those who did not have anywhere to stay.

Even those who were not religious learned to respect the man.

He died peacefully in his unit at Gatton on March 12.

After his funeral in St Mary's, Warwick - the same church where he was ordained a priest - he was buried at the Garden of Remembrance in Toowoomba.

Kevin Ryan is survived by his brother Cyril.

MAN OF TRUST: Father Kevin Ryan ponders another insightful piece for The Catholic Leader. Picture: Barry Pascoe

