

controversies that have been worked up over the matter which indicates there are certain influences in the community that are anxious to make this recruiting move on the part of the Minister a failure. Personally I take not the slightest notice of such attacks, but I certainly do think that they tend to destroy that harmony in the community that is so essential at the present time. The more they demonstrate their bias the more likely they are to damage their cause, and the greater will be the body of public feeling behind the Government. In my opinion the Government is backed more solidly by public opinion to-day even than it was on March 16.

**MELBOURNE, May 10.**

Mr. Mackinnon (Director-General of Recruiting), replying to statements that the recent boom in recruiting was due to the fact that boys of 18 were allowed to enlist without the consent of their parents, said that for the week ended May 4—that was before regulation 8 came into effect—498 had enlisted in New South Wales. Of these 339 were single men, 171 being between the ages of 21 and 35 years, 121 between 18 and 21, and 47 between 35 and 45.

**SYDNEY, May 17.**

A novelty which contributed considerably to

great display of popular enthusiasm during a big effort in the city on Friday to raise recruits was a number of official motor cars, gay with miniature flags, and bearing a prominently displayed invitation to "jumpin"—to jump in, meant that a man, in a few minutes would be at the central recruiting depot, and in record time he would be converted into a soldier. It was the close of a very much improved recruiting week in the State, and was known as "Five Hundred Day," the objective being to raise 500 recruits throughout the State.

**"RYAN'S THOUSAND"**  
**Northern Territory Times and Gazette (Darwin, NT : 1873 - 1927) Saturday 11 May 1918 Page 10** Recruits BRISBANE. Friday.

The Federal Minister of Recruiting (Mr. Orchard) visited Brisbane this week and a recruiting rally was held in the Exhibition Hall last night.

The Mayor presided and the A.I.F. reinforcements and bands took part. The Governor (Sir Hamilton Gould Adams) was present with the Recruiting Minister, and Mr J.M.Hunter represented the Queensland Government.

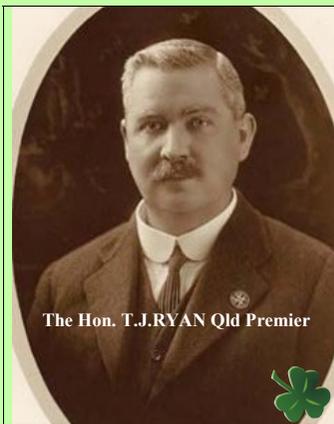
A feature of the demonstration was an announcement which Mr. Orchard said would thrill Australia and show Premier Ryan's sincerity in the matter.

Mr. Hunter made the an-

nouncement which had roused anticipation and interest. It proved to be to this effect: That Mr. Ryan, at the request of Mr. Orchard, had consented to the first thousand recruit's under the new scheme being called Ryan's thousand. The announcement met with a mixed reception.

The Mayor had to appeal for order and unity. The Opposition Leader (Mr. McCartney) announced that his party would join wholeheartedly with the Premier and his friends in the recruiting work and he hoped that the thousand would be raised.

Mr. Orchard's plans include a recruiting depot in Albert Square brilliantly lighted, with chairs and bands to get recruits at night interspersed with recruiting appeals. A meeting of business men has been called to consider means for insuring every recruit for £200. The enlistments last week were 92 fit and 43 unfit; total 135 offering .



The Hon. T.J. RYAN Qld Premier

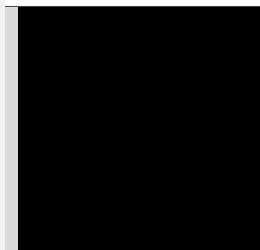
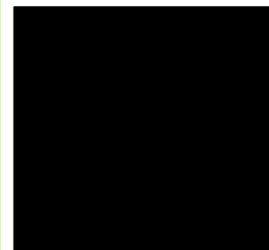


# The Ryan Rag

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Clan Ryan (Victoria)



## Who's behind this eye?

**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.**



Advance Australia Fair  
Eireann go Brach



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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
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- \*To assist Members in every way possible in their search for information relative to their Family
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# THE "RYAN THOUSAND."

Subject sent by Elizabeth Pidgeon

The need in Europe, for World War 1 troop reinforcements, brought a request from Britain for an Australian contribution. The then Labour Prime Minister, Billy Hughes, although Labour was philosophically against it, sought to introduce conscription.

The conscription issue attracted to Ryan considerable opprobrium from conservative quarters. From 1915 he threw his weight behind the effort to defeat Germany, through the recruiting drive. In 1916 he visited Australian troops at the front, where he began to see and hear reasons against compulsory enlistment. Ryan supported the plea for reinforcements, but only on a voluntary basis. As the only premier in Australia opposing conscription he came under great pressure; elsewhere Labor parties split over the issue, but Ryan was able to hold together his organization despite numerous charges of disloyalty and treachery. Although he tried not to play a leading part in the first conscription referendum (1916), Ryan's stand led to a serious breach with Hughes. This was intensified in the second referendum in 1917 when he came out as a leading opponent of conscription. On the conscription issue Ryan spoke widely, being acknowledged as the *de facto* leader of its opponents. He sought to elude Hughes's censorship measures by the publication of a special issue of Hansard, but the printing office was raided by Commonwealth officers. Hughes accused Ryan of conspiracy and took him to trial; Ryan replied with contempt charges. Other extreme allegations were also made: Ryan was called a stooge of the Industrial Workers of the World, a tool of Sinn Fein, a friend of Germany (and later of the Bolsheviks). Bitter dissension was raised throughout the whole community but there was an even larger 'No' majority for conscription than in the previous year.,

Some service files still exist, with the "Ryan Thousand" marked on them. The following are excerpts from the newspapers of the time which reflects the story of the "Ryan Thousand". Reference: Ryan, Thomas Joseph (Tom) (1876-1921} by W. Ross Johnston and D.J.Murphy.

### The Queenslander (Brisbane Qld : 1866 - 1939) Saturday 25 May 1918 Page 12 THE "RYAN THOUSAND."

The Premier made a statement on Tuesday regarding the recruiting position, with particular reference to what is called "the Ryan Thousand." He said he had had an interview with the recruiting committee during the morning. As he had already stated, Mr. Orchard had asked him some time ago .to consent to his name being given -to the first thousand recruits raised, all recruits offering from that date (when Mr. Orchard had seen him) to go towards the "thousand." He had given his

assent. Subsequently he saw Mr. Orchard in Sydney and was given to understand that all recruits, except those who specifically objected, were to be included in the "Ryan Thousand."

It was pointed out to Mr. Ryan at this stage that the statement that all recruits offering from the date of his interview with Mr. Orchard were to be included in the "Thousand" had not previously been officially made, so, consequently, there might have been some misapprehen-

sion.

Mr. Ryan, in reply, said he made a note of the matter at the time of the interview, and that was how he understood it. Continuing, the Premier said he did not think there should be any question of simultaneous rival "thousands". "If any one else," he said, "wishes to have a thousand under his name I will be quite willing to give way to him. It was not a matter of my seeking at all. I was not responsible for the request. I regret to see the con-



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- Opening Prayer
- Roll call (attendance Book) - Apologies
- Adoption 2010 minutes
- Business arising
- Reports a). President  
b). Secretary  
c). Treasurer
- Business arising

- General Business :  
Update new Data Base  
Clan Ryan
- Unfinancial Members -  
termination of member  
ship.
- Any other Business (Mid  
year gathering of Clan)
- 2011 AGM - Date and place

Any business you wish to bring up please forward to Secretary for inclusion or at meeting.

LUNCH AVAILABLE AT CLUB  
1 - 1.30PM

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Membership Number & Type		Surname & Initials
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(Official Branch of the Clan Ryan, Tipperary, Ireland)

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SURNAME (Block Capitals): .....

Given Names: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Telephone - Home: ( )..... Mobile: .....

Email Address: .....

Born: ..... Where: ..... Occupation: .....

#### Applicant's Parents:

##### FATHER:

##### MOTHER:

SURNAME..... MAIDEN SURNAME: .....

Given Names: ..... Given Names: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Place of Birth: ..... Place of Birth: .....

Date Married: ..... Place Married: .....

Occupation: .....

#### Spouse

SURNAME: .....

Given Names: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Place of Birth: .....

Date Married: ..... Where: .....

#### Parents of Spouse

Father: ..... Mother: .....

Born ..... at ..... Born ..... at .....

**NOTE:** Please enter details of any Children on the back of this form in the space provided.

# Clan Ryan Australia

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This website is devoted to the interests of the Great Ryan Family. Its aim is to provide information on a diversity of subjects ranging from genealogy to current events. The website will complement the "Ryan Rag", our quarterly magazine providing historical information and will act as a forum for what's happening to Ryan's around Australia today.

This all, of course, relies on the active participation of Clan members so please join us and join up to contribute your bit to the effort.

I have tried to bring to you the face of the Website Home Page. Although I have not succeeded entirely, the image is resemblant of the homepage of our new website. Please visit the site and see for yourself what it has to offer and to see our hopes for the ongoing development of our presence on the www. I am very excited and hope that it will bring a breath of freshness to our organization. - Editor

## Birth Notices

'We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today'. ~ Stacia Tauscher

10.08.2011



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## Cooper Ryan Luke Shuttlewood

After a relatively short labour Cooper Ryan Luke Shuttlewood was born at 10:17 am on Wednesday morning the 10th of August 2011 in the Mackay Mater hospital. Birth weight was 3770 g and 53 cm long. Cooper was born naturally with a minimum of pain relief used by Alex.

Cooper and Alex have both recovered well from the birth and Cooper is sleeping and feeding well and putting on weight. Cooper is lucky to have his grandparents, Lawrie and Alexis Shuttlewood and Neil and Colleen Whitworth living close by and they are all head over heels in love with him. All of Cooper's names carry significance to us, his first name is in recognition of John Cooper Taylor who was the MC at our wedding, his second name Ryan is to recognize our Irish heritage through Grandie, and his third name Luke is the last name of Alex's grandparents Bob and Iris Luke. We have both been truly blessed with such a beautiful and healthy boy to call our own.

Thank-you to everyone for their kind and heart felt well wishes.

Ashley and Alex Shuttlewood

## Death Notices

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

## In Memorium

'To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die'  
~ Thomas Campbell

# John Tighe Ryan, (1870–1922)

by Michael McKernan



John Tighe Ryan (1870?-1922), journalist and editor, was born at Miltown, Clonoulty, Tipperary, Ireland, second surviving son of nine children of Phillip Ryan, landowner, and his wife Margaret, née Tighe. After her husband's death in 1881, Margaret Ryan brought her children to Queensland, settling eventually at Ipswich. Tighe, as he was known, was educated at St Joseph's Christian Brothers' School, Brisbane, and worked on newspapers there and on the *Queensland Times* at Ipswich.

In Sydney by 1893, Ryan joined the staff of the *Daily Telegraph*, contributed to the *Review of Reviews* and met leading politicians and Federationists. He corresponded with Alfred Deakin in 1893 about Federation and requested copy for the *Antipodean* (1893, 1895), an illustrated annual that Ryan edited with George Essex Evans and to which he persuaded Robert Louis Stevenson to contribute. Later Ryan was Australian representative for the *Pall Mall Gazette* and the *Westminster Gazette*. Accepting the editorship of the *Gundagai Times* about 1895, Ryan moved to the Irish heartland of southern New South Wales.

Recommended by P. J. O'Donnell, a local grazier, Ryan in 1897 was appointed editor of the *Catholic Press*, founded in 1895 by Sydney priests who desired a cheap, effective newspaper for laymen who could not afford the sixpenny *Freeman's Journal*; the paper sold for threepence. Ryan followed the standards and tone set by its first clerical editors. The *Catholic Press* met its readers' expectations, supporting Home Rule for Ireland, Australian Federation and protection for local industries. He opposed Britain's role in the South African War, as did many Irishmen who chose to see the Boers fighting for self-determination.

As the *Bulletin* put it, although Ryan 'was extremely combative he was physically frail, so that he had to do all his fighting with tongue or pen'. The fight against conscription in 1916 and 1917 became his great crusade. When war broke out he adopted the Christian consensus view that saw the war as necessary, and likely to produce a world-wide religious revival and show Australia as loyal to the Empire. More inclined to print articles from Catholic thinkers such as G. K. Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc than to concentrate in detail like the *Freeman's Journal* on local matters, Ryan nevertheless reprinted many of Archbishop Kelly's loyal and platitudinous war sermons and in mid-1915 gave qualified support to compulsory enlistment, arguing that the burden of war should be apportioned equitably.

By June 1916 sentiment at the *Catholic Press* was changing, perhaps as a reaction to the Easter tragedy in Dublin. Arguing that it was neither the shirker nor the worker who was impeding the war effort but the commercial system, Ryan called for fairer distribution of wealth and political justice for the Irish nation. In July he depicted the 'heroes' of the uprising in Dublin.

turn the paste over in two folds, throw some more flour over the table, and roll the paste out half-an-inch thick, throw some more flour over the paste, fold and roll again, and repeat this once more; now add one-third of the suet as before, fold and roll again three times; then add the remainder of the suet, fold and roll again three times; it will thus have been folded and rolled nine times, and all the suet and flour will have been used, it should then be left in a cold place for ten minutes, then rolled out, and the pie covered.

This way of making paste is good for all kinds of paste, either made of butter, lard, or dripping, intended to be baked; the only care must be, in the first instance, when the water is mixed with the flour, the paste must be of the same hardness as the butter, &c. One pound of paste made in this manner is equal to two pounds made in any other way. The pie should not be made longer than half-an-hour before it is placed in the oven, and the oven must not be too hot, if so it is better to cover the pie with paper. The pie should first be placed in a hot part of the oven, to prevent the fat becoming greasy and melting; then after about five minutes, placed in a cooler part to cook more slowly. In all meat pies a hole should be made in the paste to allow the unwholesome gas generated by the confined meat cooking to escape.

**Instructions to Military cooks in the Preparation of Dinners at the Instructional kitchen Aldershot, War Office, 1878. p.37..**

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**Conrad Bladey (Peasant)**

Professor of Irish Culture, Expert in Irish Cookery, Crafts, Stories and Traditions of celebration. Tin Whistle Player and Storyteller

## Culinary Corner

### Real Traditional Irish Cooking <http://realirishfood.blogspot.com/http://realirishfood.blogspot.com/>

Posted by Conrad Bladey (Peasant) The Place for real traditions. Irish Culture begins in prehistory. First was a paleolithic mindset-based on hunting. The spirits of animals aid in this. Groups had totems- birds, boar, for identity. Next came a Neolithic awareness- crops, agriculture, farm animals. Villages and lineages. Multiple gods became single gods with many powers. Chieftains by birth ruled. Next the Bronze age with rule by heroes. We got cookbooks and recipes left the mind. How do we know what to do? That's our purpose.



#### Irish Chieftain's feast

#### NO. 32 IRISH PIE

- 16 1/2 lbs. Meat
- 4 lbs. flour
- 1 lb. suet
- 2 lbs black pudding
- 2 lbs onions
- 4 lbs potatoes

Cut the meat from the bone into slices lengthways, and slanting against the grain, beat it well, cut the fat into pieces of about one inch in thickness, cut the puddings, onions, and potatoes into slices, place a layer of meat in the bottom of the dish, season with pepper and salt, then a layer of pudding and onion, another of meat seasoned, another of pudding and onion, until all is used, then add the slices of potatoes, and 12 lbs. of water. Make some paste with the flour as follows : Chop up the suet or fat from the meat very fine, and roll it. Place 3 lbs. of flour on the table, make a hole in the middle, throw in a little salt, and if the flour is good, a pint of water, mix it lightly; when well mixed, and it forms a smooth paste, sprinkle some flour on the table, roll out the paste half an inch thick, sprinkle some flour over the paste, take one-third of the suet, and distribute it over the paste,

By September the case against conscription was being forcefully made in editorials, letters and news reports, despite Kelly's support for W.M.Hughes's and the *Freeman's Journal's* enthusiastic pro-conscription stance. Articles included 'Conscription: the racial and industrial suicide of Australia' and 'Conscription is slavery'. Ryan also became Archbishop Mannix's Sydney champion and led the cult of personality that enveloped Mannix during his public appearances in Sydney in 1918. In 1917 the *Catholic Press's* circulation had doubled over the past year, indicating how well it was satisfying Catholic readers.

The degree to which Ryan's advocacy of the anti-conscription cause influenced lay Catholic opinion must be a matter for conjecture, but he certainly showed the depth of Catholic feeling and in this, perhaps, educated his archbishop. A close friend suggested that his health was undermined by the pressure of the conscription campaigns. He died of cerebral haemorrhage on 20 September 1922 in St Vincent's Hospital and was buried in Rookwood cemetery. The bulk of his estate, valued for probate at £4459, was bequeathed to the poor schools in the Sydney archdiocese. Three of his sisters had entered the religious life and the *Bulletin* regarded Ryan as 'a priest in all but ordination'; he never married and lived with his mother until her death in 1908.

### Life Summary de tails

Birth **1870**  
**Miltown, Clonoulty,**

**Tipperary, Ireland**

Death **20 September 1922**  
**Sydney, New South Wales,**  
**Australia**

Cultural Heritage Irish

Religious Influence Catholic

#### Occupation

- anti-conscriptionist
- journalist
- newspaper editor

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# Letters to the Editor

09/08/2011

Hi there, I write with excitement to find on the world wide web a site for the Ryan Clan.

With my sons embarking on natural learning we have started to discuss our family tree and it was great to show him the webpage dedicated to his heritage. I look forward to using this site as my boys seek more information on their heritage and what it all means to be a little Irish.

I also love the idea that our Rag will be available in electronic form as it is great to be able to choose to be a little "green" in the receiving of the publication. The boys and I enjoy receiving the Rag and they especially love the Kids Corner. Your coverage of the such historical events in the March issue was touching, I also like reading about a "famous Ryan" each issue.

Thanks for the Rag.  
Naomi Granger

## 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'.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

**"Cead mile failte romhath!"**  
(A hundred Thousand Welcomes)

# Please Recruit New Members

Lorraine & Stewart Boyd

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

Queensland Branch  
As Logo



# Felting is F-U-N



Elja Granger (3)

*This is a fun activity that you can enjoy and make gifts for any occasion. Christmas is coming!*



Finished Amulets

## Felt Pouch Amulet

### Materials:

- Wool roving (desired colours).
- Cake of soap.
- Semi Precious stone of your choice.
- A bowl each of hot and cold water.

### Method:

This project is to felt around a smallish smooth stone such as a rose quartz. (About the size of an almond in it's shell). Take the wool and tease it out into two lengths to the width of 4cm and a length of 40 cm. It should be a fine thickness. Wrap the wool flatly and firmly around the stone. Then take another length and wrap this across the uncovered sides of the stone. Make sure that it does not twist. Now you are ready to do your water work. Have a bowl each of hot and cold water and a bar of soap. Lather your hands with soap, pick up your wrapped stone, immerse it in hot water and move it gently between your hands. When it begins to ball apply pressure and roll in between your cupped hands. Keep your hands soapy. Treat it gently like a little baby. As it gets more formed dip it into cold water, now you can be a little rougher. Repeat the rolling process alternating between hot and cold water. Apply pressure and roll until little hairs form - it looks hairy and it is no longer soapy.. Get a towel and pat and squeeze dry. Cut a slit. Which will reveal your beautiful gem.

Make a cord by rolling The required length of wool between your hands like a slithery snake, until it is felted. Knot the ends, sew to the sides of your pouch and there it is!

**Volar! Your Amulet Pouch.**

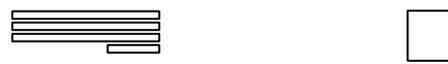
# Jokes



From KEELI WALLER age 9

Thank you Keeli for your lovely selection of jokes.— Ed,

When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?
When it's a FRENCH fry.
What does it mean when you find a horseshoe?
Some poor horse is going barefoot
Why did the elephant wear his green sneakers instead of his red ones?
The red ones were in the wash
Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
Because it had no guts!
How do you make time fly?
Throw a clock out the window!



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



# Kids Kubby



## Fair Brown and Trembling - An Irish Fairystory

*Continued from issue 164*

The mare stood there before the door, and a bird sitting between her ears, which began to sing as soon as Trembling was in the saddle, and never stopped till she came home from the church.

The fame of the beautiful strange lady had gone out through the world, and all the princes and great men that were in it came to church that Sunday, each one hoping that it was himself would have her home with him after Mass. The son of the king of Emania forgot all about the eldest sister, and remained outside the church, so as to catch the strange lady before she could hurry away.

The church was more crowded than ever before, and there were three times as many outside. There was such a throng before the church that Trembling could only come inside the gate.

As soon as the people were rising at the end of Mass, the lady slipped out through the gate, was in the golden saddle in an instant, and sweeping away ahead of the wind. But if she was, the prince of Emania was at her side, and, seizing her by the foot, he ran with the mare for thirty perches, and never let go of the beautiful lady till the shoe was pulled from her foot, and he was left behind with it in his hand. She came home as fast as the mare

could carry her, and was thinking all the time that the henwife would kill her for losing the shoe.

Seeing her so vexed and so changed in the face, the old woman asked: "What's the trouble that's on you now?" "Oh! I've lost one of the shoes off my feet," said Trembling.

"Don't mind that; don't be vexed," said the henwife; "maybe it's the best thing that ever happened to you."

Then Trembling gave up all the things she had to the henwife, put on her old clothes, and went to work in the kitchen. When the sisters came home, the henwife asked: "Have you any news from the church?"

"We have indeed," said they, "for we saw the grandest sight to-day. The strange lady came again, in grander array than before. On herself and the horse she rode were the finest colours of the world, and between the ears of the horse was a bird which never stopped singing from the time she came till she went away. The lady herself is the most beautiful woman ever seen by man in Erin."

After Trembling had disappeared from the church, the son of the king of Emania said to the other kings' sons: "I will have that lady for my own." .....*Continued next issue*

# A Double Celebration

## Eightieth Birthday



**Rita O'Donoghue** is celebrating her birthday on Sunday 4th September. It will be a very busy weekend as family and friends gather to celebrate both her birthday and her Golden Anniversary. We wish you every happiness for the occasion Rita and many more birthdays to come. Happy Birthday.

## 50th Wedding Celebrations.

### O'Donoghue—M<sup>c</sup>Coy

Eugene and Rita (nee M<sup>c</sup>Coy) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 5th August 2011. Their Family made the day very special.

Fifty year it does not seem long  
 Since you heard the sweet notes of your bridal song.  
 Life's ups and downs is a memory stored  
 The love you share, is your reward.  
 Your Anniversary brings wishes, made just for you  
 For love, laughter, joy and contentment too  
 Throughout the years ahead of you!

Happy Golden Anniversary



*"Congratulations Eugene and Rita"*



**The Giant behind the Dinosaurs**

**To say that Gerry Ryan OAM is a Giant is a ginormous understatement**

Gerry started his career in business as a boy, selling newspapers in his home town of Bendigo, Victoria. In 1975 he founded Jayco Australia Ltd.. It had a team of eight people producing a camper trailer each day and soon became the Number one player in the Australian camper/caravan industry, becoming one of the great success stories of Australian manufacturing. He's also the chairman of RV (Recreational Vehicle) accessories specialist, Coast to Coast, which operates retail outlets across four States.

In a speech delivered at his induction into the Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame in 2006, Gerry admitted he got into the RV manufacturing industry "by accident".

In the early 1970s he was "serving time" in the accounting department of AMP. With the minerals boom in full swing and feeling a "bit restless", he decided to join one of his brothers "earning big dollars" in the West.

Instead, he walked into a "fill in" job on the production line at Sunwagon Camper Trailers in Melbourne.

After quickly rising to foreman and then production manager, responsible for 100 employees, he was sent to the US to study the

# Keep on Smiling!

Sent in by Paddy Ryan—Budrim

## AN IRISH LOVE STORY

An elderly man lay dying in his bed.

While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite scones wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning on the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

With laboured breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite scones.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his devoted Irish wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in rumped posture. His aged and withered hand trembled towards a scone at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked by his wife with a wooden spoon.

"Leave off, she said, "they're for the funeral."

## THE IRISH MILLIONAIRE.

Mick, from Dublin, appeared on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 pounds.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for a million pounds you've only got one life-line left -phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question....will you go for it?"

"Sure," said Mick. "I'll have a go!"

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?"

- a) Sparrow
- b) Thrush,
- c) Magpie,
- d) Cuckoo?"

"I haven't got a clue." said Mick, "so I'll use my last lifeline and phone my friend Paddy back home in Dublin ". Mick called up his mate, and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Fookin hell, Mick!" cried Paddy. "Dat's simple.....It's a cuckoo."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm fookin sure."

Mick hung up the phone and told Chris, "I'll go wit Cuckoo as my answer."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Chris.

"Dat it is, Sir."

There was a long - long pause, and then the presenter screamed, "Cuckoo is the correct answer! Mick, you've won 1 million pounds!"

The next night, Mick invited Paddy to their local pub to buy him a drink.

"Tell me, Paddy? How in Heaven's name did you know it was da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?"

"Because he lives in a Fookin clock".



## From the President's Desk

Dia dhuit (hello)

*Greg Ryan* Well have you all had a chance to check out the Web Site <http://www.clanryanaustralia.org?>

I hope so it is a wonderful start and your input is keenly sort. If you find inaccuracies of any sort please dear clan's folk we are most open to comment about the site. I was deafened by the silence relating to my request for interest in being the local moderator. Thankfully the developer of the site Kim Navin has assured me not to worry as he would be happy to moderate the site for a while yet. It just means making changes will take some time as it has to go the executive then on to Kim who will upload changes to the website. So if anyone is interested in the role step up to the plate we need you.

I am continuing to improve every day from my surgery and getting back to my usual demeanour of cheek and bad manners. The most important issues remain on track such as the website, membership and planning for the AGM. I have mentioned the website I would like to take a few lines to mention our membership and associated issues. As you would appreciate from other presidential ramblings the state of our membership is never far from my mind. While we maintain a membership of around the 100 mark give or take, we will maintain a viable clan.

Our numbers have sadly been dropping for two reasons. The **main** reason is simply natural attrition. In other words we aren't getting any younger and eventually the lord cancels our membership and we join his club. The only thing we can do about this is actively encourage a family member who may be less involved than they could be to carry on in your memory and keep the clan afloat. The **second** and more sinister is failing to pay your membership on time. This effectively reduces the clan's incoming finances but the outgoings remain the same. All I ask is that we stick with the clan and support it financially by paying membership on time. This will allow the executive to concentrate on the issue which we need to resolve rather than chasing up fees.

I truly believe the clan can evolve from a group dedicated to maintaining and enhancing family bonds to an organisation that can make a real difference to our member's lives by ways I have not even thought of yet. My challenge to you all is to develop a deeper personal commitment to seeing that we stay relevant and to try seeking out others to become new members. In the meantime encourage your children to be more informed and involved in the clan.

To finish can I remind you all that the AGM is coming up very soon the 22<sup>nd</sup> October to be precise so mark it in your calendar and give the clan 2hrs of your year to plan for our future and mingle with your kin.

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

American RV industry.

He returned with "a head full of ideas" but with seemingly little interest in Sunwagon, at age 24 he decided to go it alone and "started Jayco in an old shed in Cranbourne".

"Determined to take the plunge", Gerry started building the first prototypes in 1975 and by January 1976 had set up a factory and was rolling the first Jayco campers off the line.

At the time there were just eight workers – six of whom were still with the company 30 years later!

He's a former President of the Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers' Association of Australia, and a founding member and former chairman of the national leisure and tourism body, Caravanning Australia.

Gerry's influence extends well beyond the RV industry and he's been one of Australia's biggest individual supporters of the entertainment and sporting industries as well as the local community over the past 20 years.

Various sports from elite to local level including cycling, basketball, netball, motocross, AFL and rugby league, have benefitted from his generosity and enthusiasm. Gerry has been involved with Road Cycling in Australia, supporting the careers of many of our now prominent riders. He is presently forging ahead to put together a team of Australian riders for the next Tour de France. The team 'Green Edge' is underwritten by up to \$60million from his own deep pockets, to fund an Australian team on the UCI World Tour for three years. His commitment and energy has been behind the Melbourne Storm, he has also supported women's netball.

Gerry hit the headlines last year when his horse Americain won the Melbourne Cup . It is said that he intends to make a bid for this



GERRY RYAN

years big race at Flemington, yes, the 2011 Melbourne Cup. Gerry also earned the title of 'Australia's top earning entertainer' as the major investor behind the wildly successful, animatronics arena production Walking with Dinosaurs.



Walking with Dinosaurs

How to train your Dragon

King Kong

Gerry is the chairman of Global Creatures, which owns the cutting-edge Creature Technology Company and The Creature Production Company, the twin creative forces behind Walking With Dinosaurs, The Arena Spectacular. The dinosaurs are not the only high point in his year: According to BRW, he is probably not someone you have heard of, but in Australian showbiz you don't get much bigger.

When it comes to turning a dollar in entertainment, Gerry has eclipsed the likes of Nicole Kidman, Cate Blanchett, Hugh Jackman, the Wiggles and even AC/DC to top the list of Australia's top 50 highest earning entertainers for this year.

According to the list, published in *BRW* magazine, his majority-owned production company, Global Creatures, raked in \$140 million this year with ticket sales worth \$350 million.

That is not all, his company is about to launch his next arena spectacular based on the book 'How to train your Dragon', next year 2012. It opens in Brisbane in March. Work has already begun on his third production 'King Kong'.

His support of local community initiatives includes acting as the founding chairman of the Visy Cares Centre in Dandenong, which provides youth support services in Melbourne's south-east.

As I contemplate this great man I am in awe when I think of the contribution he has made to contemporary Australia, when I think

of the wealth that he has created for us all to share and when I think of the enormous number of jobs that he has provided to the Australian people, I am in awe.

To say that Gerry Ryan is a giant is indeed an understatement To say that he has the 'luck of the Irish' does not speak of the hard work, the business acumen, the creative vision, the humility, generosity and philanthropy that is embodied in this Colossus who strides across Australia and the Globe.

Personally I think that it must be the genes of the great king of Ireland Cathir Mor, running through his Ryan veins. I also suspect that Gerry has captured a leprechaun or two for he always finds the 'pot of gold' in all of his endeavours. Gerry is a RYAN of whom we can all be proud, he is a standard-bearer of the great Ryan family, to whom we can all aspire.

With the bar as high as Gerry has set, it would be no disgrace if we should fall short.

*Compiled from information sent by Winifred Reid and various internet sources by Berniece Ryan-Charles;*

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