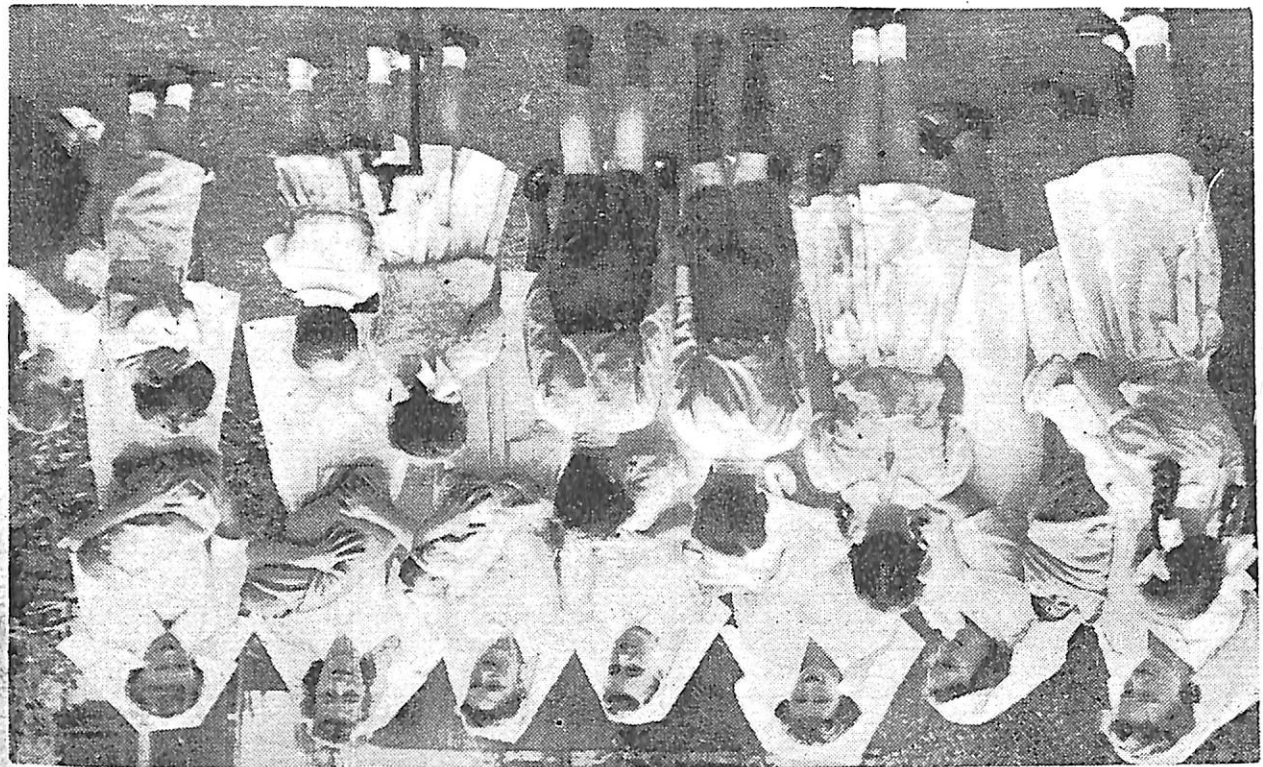


Family Revisits Birth-Place



10TH BIRTHDAY of St. Vincent's Maternity Hospital, East Melbourne, was celebrated at the week-end. Highlight was the visit of Mrs. K. Ryan, of Dandenong, with her nine children, all of whom were born at the hospital. The eldest girl, Margaret, was the second baby born there; nearly 10,000 more have arrived since. Above: Nurses showing the Ryan children the seven babies born on Saturday, the anniversary. Left: Mrs. Ryan and her nine children, including twins Peter and Paul, on the knees of Sisters McCormick (left) and Hoey (right); two original sisters.



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The 10 children of Kel and Molly Ryan [three girls and seven boys] are gathering in Dandenong in early January 2005 with their respective families for the first reunion of all of them together in 30 years.

The 'children' who are all in their 50's and 60's live in various states of Australia and overseas. It is expected that there will be some 200 immediate family and cousins and friends at the reunion.

I have sought some information from The Dandenong Journal of the late 1930's and 1940's to establish if there is any articles or photos of the Club Hotel and my parents. I am yet to receive a reply from that source.

I will be staying with my sister Margaret Bolch in Edward Ave Dandenong over the period 19-23 August doing some preparation work for the Reunion. If possible could I speak to someone regarding this during my stay.

I apologise for the late notice but will call the number 9794 8967 on arrival. My contact number whilst in Dandenong is 9792 3611 or 0418 759 120.

Yours sincerely,

Kel Ryan

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Together again: (back from left) Michael Ryan, 63, Margaret Bolch, 67, Timothy Ryan, 56, (not in original photo), Catherine Norman, 65, and John Ryan, 64. Front: Paul Ryan, 58, Kelvyn Ryan, 60, Leo Ryan, 57, Angela Nyssen, 61, and Peter Ryan, 58. Picture: JESSICA O'DONNELL

Ryan clan a perfect 10

Ella Rose

ONE's one, two's fun and three's a household, but as far as the Ryan children are concerned, their brood is a perfect 10.

After almost three decades of separation over thousands of kilometres, all 10 Ryan brothers and sisters were reunited last Sunday.

Joined by 110 of their relatives and friends at the Heritage Hill Museum in Dandenong, the Ryans attended mass, followed by a garden lunch.

They came together from Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney, as well as Thailand and the US.

A black and white photograph of nine of the children in 1947 shows Margaret Ryan posing with her two sisters and six of her brothers.

As one of the first



Back then: the photo from 1947 with (standing, from left) Michael, Margaret, Catherine and John. Sitting: Paul, Kelvyn, Leo, Angela and Peter.

babies born at St Vincent's new maternity ward, built in 1937, Margaret Ryan was integral to its 10th anniversary and the photograph was taken at the festivities.

Assuming similar positions to those in the 1947 photograph, the Ryans replicated the

moment — but this time with the baby of the family, Timothy, who was not born when the original was taken.

Though he was born months later, Timothy always felt he was part of the memory.

"I always thought that I was in the photograph

until I started counting," he said. "It feels marvelous to be in the photo this time. At last!"

Almost 58 years have passed, yet the Ryan siblings remain as close as ever and feel as though nothing has changed.

"We're still the same, we have just gotten older and greyer," Angela said.

Timothy added: "When I saw the photo I could instantly recognise everybody."

Sunday's reunion coincided with both Michael Ryan's 63rd birthday and the 94th birthday of their father, Kelvyn, who died in 1961.

The Ryans can trace their ancestors back to convict John Power, an Irish political prisoner who arrived in Australia in 1825.

They also claim relatives such as bush-ranger Ned Kelly.

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