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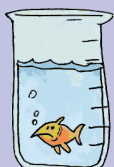
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In the Rain Gauge

At Proston Post Office

**Feb
227.6mm
Mar
29mm**

**2022 total
281.7mm**



2022 “A Showstopper”

The 2022 Proston Show was a stand out success; a wonderful day and evening filled with everything you’d expect to see at a top country show.

Show President, Mortimer Duff, commented “Given that we were one of the only shows to go ahead, amongst the challenges of the vaccine mandates and widespread flooding in the weeks prior, we timed our event to perfection.”

Mortimer thanked everyone who helped in any way to make the show so successful.

“I would especially like to thank the Campdraft Committee for their initiative and work to upgrade the cattle yards. We are very grateful for that,” he said.

The Show Society will be seeking funding for further improvements to the grounds in time for next year’s show. “The community should be very proud of the way they supported their show, and we look forward to an even better event in 2023 for Proston’s 100th year” Mortimer said.



Stephanie Lang proudly displays her beautiful latch hook wall hanging. Stephanie was awarded the Lady Bjelke-Petersen Trophy for Champion Pavilion Exhibit and went on to win the Cliff Perkins Trophy for Champion Exhibit of the Show for 2022. Congratulations Stephanie!

On Stage at “The Platform”



Some of the crowd who attended the Bush Poet’s Breakfast and opening of “The Platform” in Railway Park on Sunday 27th February. Bush Poet Marco Gliori, as well as some local poets, entertained the crowd during breakfast. This was followed by the official opening, with the ribbon-cutting honour being carried out by 11 year old Harry Dunlop. A draft of a poem, specially penned by Marco for the occasion, was read out and when completed it will be displayed at The Platform.

The lovely timber sign at the back of the stage is the work of local craftsman, Murray Anderson, who kindly made and donated it. The Proston & District Heritage Assn is very grateful to all those who supported this project and helped to make it a reality. It has been a real community effort. Bring on the entertainment now!

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Happy Easter

I would like to wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Easter and every blessing for the Easter celebrations. A big shout out to the Proston community for decorating the main street to bring the spirit of Easter into the community. I particularly love the decorated garden stakes that the school children did to add some colour to the Blake St gardens.

Proston Show

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make the Proston Show such a great success. The old adage that the Show must go on certainly was put to the test, with

the rain and COVID making it a very challenging exercise. It was an amazing Show and I particularly wanted to mention my nephew, Mortimer Duff, Show President and the whole committee who supported him to make it all happen. Thank you also to the stewards, sponsors, exhibitors and spectators for supporting the show through this challenging time.

Proston Campdraft

Two weeks later and another amazing event for Proston. Well done to everyone involved in organising the Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft. I loved the way

the Proston Campdraft Committee worked with other businesses and community groups to ensure that everyone got a chance to raise some funds over the weekend.

Thank you Heck Dionysius for your service to Council and your community.

Well done Heck! You should be proud of your wonderful contribution to Proston and the surrounding communities over your many years of service with Council. Enjoy your retirement and may you look back on your career with pride.

*** I can be contacted on 0437 020 705.**

A Golden Weekend of Drafting

The Golden Spurs Campdraft Committee are to be congratulated on putting together 3 very successful days of campdrafting. The planning and hard work by the committee, combined with excellent cattle and favourable weather, drew a huge number of competitors.

Winner of the Golden Spurs Open was Mick Connolly riding Rhadman. Just 3 points behind was local competitor Kay Radke on Seligmans Shanell, while Richard Blanch on Jackson took out 5th place.

The combination of Richard Blanch and Jackson was successful again in

winning the Restricted Open.

Other results were:

Novice Draft—Brad Baker on Jacky Don Tucker

Maiden Draft—Kyrrah Rockemer on Nandeye Redeem

Graham Blanch Junior Draft—Beau Meyers on Concetta

Jamaica Blue Juvenile Draft—Cody Ryan on Savannah

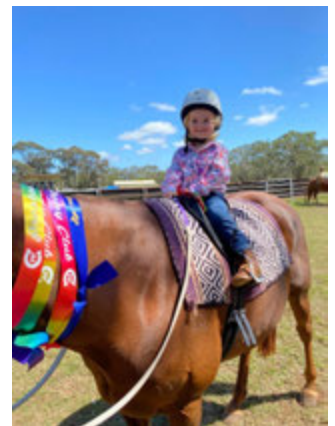
Minis—Willow Brooks riding Sugar.

The kids happily saddled up their ponies again on Sunday and enjoyed some Pony Club events.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the weekend in any way.



Proston competitor Richard Blanch, riding Jackson, holds the trophy for his win in the Restricted Open Draft.



Grace Boyce, a future Campdrafter, having a wonderful time with her horse "Teardrop" at the Pony Club events on Sunday.

Photo by Olivia Frahm

Come along to the Relaunch of the Proston Round Table and be part of the discussions and sharing of ideas for our community. All welcome!



Thank you to everyone who attended the community information morning on Saturday 26th March, for volunteers for the town's Community & Information Centre & Proston Heritage Assn.

It was very encouraging to see such a well-attended meeting.

Thank you to all the caring volunteers for showing support for your town. All volunteers will be contacted prior to the opening date. This date is yet to be finalised!

The Proston Qld Ltd AGM took place on the same day. Elected officers for the next 12 months are:

President: Carmel Parnell

Secretary: Helen Roth

Treasurer: Lyn Da Bonde

Congratulations to all our officers and thank you!

Helen Charity

On behalf of Proston QLD LTD

Social Snippets



* A warm welcome to a brand new Proston resident, Austin Leo Blanch. Baby Austin was born to proud parents Megan Batterham and Richard

Blanch on 31st March 2022. Congratulations. A future campdrafter!

* Sorry to hear that much-loved locals John Power and Carmel Parnell have suffered damage to their home in Lismore during the floods. Our thoughts are with them both as they tackle the huge job of cleaning up and repairing. We look forward to seeing you back in Proston Village again soon.

* Congratulations to the lovely Kaylea from Jacaranda Tearooms, who has successfully attained her Certificate III in Business. Well done on working hard and achieving your goal Kaylea.



Join in the Easter holiday craft fun at the Proston Library on Wed 13th April at 10am. Make an Easter mask and take part in a Treasure Hunt.

Mum's & Bub's Group begins on Thursday 5th May at 9.30am and every following Thursday for the month of May. A variety of topics will be covered.

If you would like to attend either of these events, you will need to book. Please contact the Librarian, Julie Manning on 4168 9103.



The Proston/Hivesville area was the base for the Veteran Car Club of Queensland's 3 day rally in early March. A total of 28 cars took part, all pre-1919 models.

Jacaranda Tearooms was the venue for breakfast on the last morning of the rally and it was wonderful to see these lovingly restored cars lining the street. The Veteran Car Club members were a great group of people who were obviously enjoying every moment of their trip.

Come back and visit our village again soon!

* Proston QCWA ladies would love to see you at their Easter Stall, Tuesday 12th April from 9am in Blake Street, Proston. Craft ... Baked Goodies Marshmallow Easter Bunnies and lots more.



* Our sympathy goes out to the family of Betty Scott, a former long time resident of Proston, who passed away peacefully on Sunday 3rd April at the age of 98 years. Betty and her late husband Jack and their family had a farm on Okeden Road before retiring to town.

* Congratulations to Louise Wright who has completed her Certificate III in individual support aged care and is now officially an AIN (Assistant In Nursing). Louise has enjoyed the study and learning and plans to begin an enrolled nursing course in the future. Great to see you achieving your dreams Louise.

* Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate Proston Village for Easter. The Easter Bunny should be very impressed!



Get to Know a Local!

Name: Margaret Christie

Lived in Proston: 6 years

Occupation: Retired

Favourite Pastime: Reading and Knitting

Favourite Food: Curry and Rice

Favourite Music: Pop music

Favourite Sport: Gymnastics, swimming

I can't live without: My family

My secret talent is: Looking after family

Best Quality: Being a good listener

Worst Quality: I don't like being told what to do

Proston needs: More activities for children & teens

What I like most about Proston: It's a friendly community



A ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day will be held at Proston State School on Friday 22nd April commencing at 10am. Morning Tea will be served afterwards in the School Library.

A dawn service will take place at the cenotaph in Collingwood Street, Proston on Anzac Day, Monday 25th April commencing at 5.30am.

Proston Scout Group would like to invite all community members to march with them from the Scout Den to the Cenotaph on Anzac morning for the Dawn Service. Assemble at 4.50am at the Scout Den. All welcome.



* Proston Local Ambulance Committee have successfully raised \$5500 to purchase a Raizer Emergency Lifting device. The equipment will be presented to Proston Ambulance on Saturday 9th April in Blake Street followed by a demonstration of its use. The committee would like to thank all those who supported the project.

MUM'S N BUB'S GROUP



WHERE: Proston Library

WHEN: Every Thursday during May

START DATE: Thursday 5th May at 9.30am

CALL: Kathy Crane for more info on 4168 9288 or 0407 091 019

COST: FREE

A variety of relevant topics will be discussed each week. All welcome!

Mobile Women's Health Nurse
Marcia Hunt will visit Proston on
Monday 23rd May 2022.

Marcia is available to discuss any
women's health topics.

For appointments or more information,
please contact Kathy at the Clinic on
41689288 or mobile 0407 091 019.

Proston Mental Health

Peer Support Group

@ Proston Community Hall

For further information please contact:

Kathy Crane
Proston Outpatients Community Health
30 Wondai Road, Proston Q 4613
Ph: 07 41689288—Mob: 0407 091 019
Kathleen.Crane@health.qld.gov.au

Proston Mental Health Peer Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Proston Community Hall. Next meeting will be Wednesday 20th April at 10am. Dr Tim Driscoll will return on Wednesday 18th May at 9.30am to present a workshop on Depression & Anxiety. All are welcome to attend these meetings and workshops.

Did You Know?

Parkrun happens every Saturday morning in Proston now. Start time is 7am and participants can run, jog, walk or push a pram over the 5km course.

Some of our participants have celebrated some milestones recently. Kay Whiteside has notched up her 200th run, Amanda Bleys has 25 runs on the board and young Patrick Banks has 10 runs. For the volunteers, Geoff Rea has volunteered 25 times.

We welcome visitors to our course almost every weekend and we'd love to welcome you too. Come and join us soon!



Patrick Banks completes his 10th parkrun.



100 Years Down The Track

We need your story!

Proston & District Heritage Assn are collating a book for the Centenary in 2023 and would love to include your Proston memory or story.

In 500 to 1000 words, please share your memories or anecdotes of Proston.

Please email your story along with any relevant photos to
prostonheritage@gmail.com



**Deadline for stories is
30th September 2022**

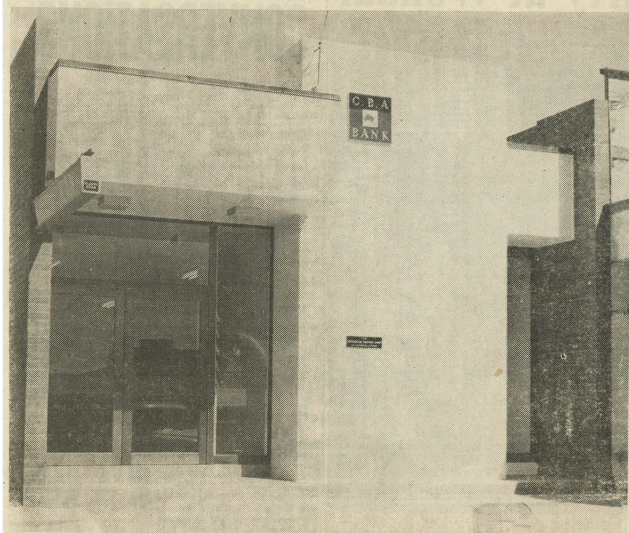
**A REMINDER THAT THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS ARE
30TH SEPTEMBER & 1ST OCTOBER 2023**

For more info please email
prostonheritage@gmail.com or phone
Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019 or
Linda Rea on 0428 689 280



NOW is the time to start writing down your memories of Proston. We've received some great stories. Do we have yours yet?

New Bank at Proston



(The Leader newspaper 29th March 1967)

The new Commercial Bank at Proston which will be officially opened by the works & Housing Minister, (Mr J Bjelke-Petersen) next Tuesday morning. The attractive looking building and its furnishings cost in the vicinity of \$28,000. The bank's State Manager, Mr William Love, will attend the opening. The "Commercial" started business in the Proston district at Hivesville in September 1922 before moving to Proston in July 1928. The first manager was Mr Frank Doherty. The present manager is Mr L Pilgrim.

Those were the days



The Commercial Bank later became the Westpac Bank and when the Proston branch was closed in 1993, the property was purchased by the Wondai Shire Council. It was then transformed into a Library at a total cost of \$40,000. The new Library was opened on the 1st June 1994.

Read "The Proston Post" online at www.prostononline.info or "Like" and "Follow" the Proston Connection Facebook page.

If you have an item or photograph that you think may be of interest to your community it can be left at either NB Department Store or Jacaranda Tearooms or alternatively email it to grea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.