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- **A roundup of events in what has been a very busy couple of months in our village!**

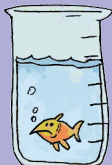


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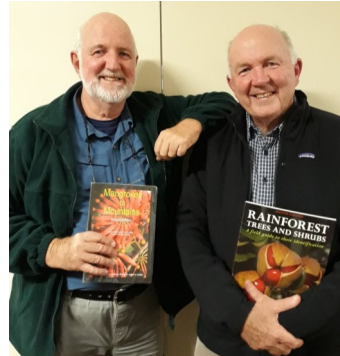
**31.7%**

### In the Rain Gauge

**At Proston Post Office**  
**April**  
**17 mm**  
**May**  
**11.6mm**  
**2019 Total**  
**192.6mm**



## Special Visitors to Reinke Scrub



*Glenn Leiper (left) and Dr Bill McDonald with some of the books they have co-authored.*

Friends of Reinke Scrub were very fortunate to have a visit from two highly qualified gentlemen to assist with

identifying plants in Reinke Scrub.

Author and photographer Glenn Leiper along with botanist Dr Bill McDonald spent Friday 31 May in the scrub listing the species growing there. Reinke Scrub Conservation Park is classed as a vine thicket and is regarded as an endangered ecological community. At the end of a very enjoyable day, well over 60 plant species had been noted as well as fascinating anecdotes about many of them.

That evening, an interested group shared a hot pot dinner in the Proston Community

Hall. Glenn gave an informative powerpoint presentation on the species most common in Reinke Scrub. Bill spoke on the various types of rainforests he has encountered in his vegetation mapping program. Many of those present took the opportunity to purchase a copy of "Mangroves to Mountains", the book Glenn has co-authored. He also took most of the photographs contained in it.

On Saturday 1 June, Bill and Glenn led an enthusiastic group of native plant lovers on a guided walk through the scrub. Thanks for visiting Proston. It was greatly appreciated.

## Petero in Proston

Proston residents recently shared a special night with Australian former professional rugby league footballer, Petero Civoniceva. Also on stage was Mary O'Brien founder of "Are You Bugged Mate?" who shared her wonderful poem. The well attended event was facilitated by Agforce SEQ and Lifeline as part

of a series of "resilience events" across the SEQ region. Petero's lovely manner won the hearts of all those present and it was hailed as a fantastic, informative and very entertaining evening. Well done also to our local caterers who provided a delicious dinner. Thanks to everyone involved in bringing this event to



*Barb Hockey is dwarfed by gentle giant Petero Civoniceva at the recent "Dinner with Petero" event in Proston. Photo Agforce SEQ*

## Turning of the Sod



Progress for The Proston Men's Shed on Saturday 1 June when Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff donned her pink hard hat and picked up her pink shovel to turn the first sod. The site, fronting Murphy's Way, has been leased to the Men's Shed by the SBRC. The men are looking forward to work commencing on the foundations for their building in the near future. *Photo courtesy Kathy Julian.*

# Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

There have been many exciting things happening in Proston lately. I am pleased that our Council has been able to replace the roof on the pavilion at the Showgrounds and as part of the project, there is now insulation and whirly birds. The outdoor movie screen and equipment is another exciting project that our Council has supported as well as a new PA system for the Campdraft and funding

towards the cattle yard upgrade. The other exciting project that is finally happening and Council is helping to support through the building and planning process is the Proston Men's Shed. I had the awesome job of turning the first sod to symbolise the start of building it. I even had a pink shovel and a pink hard hat to do the job. It is amazing what can be achieved if we all work

together. I encourage everyone to support the local community groups and the local businesses and to continue to work together to help Proston grow as we move towards the centenary in 2023!! Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am keen to hear your concerns and to work closely with you.

**\* I can be contacted on 0437020705.**



**Cr Kathy Duff presents a cheque from the SBRC Community Grant fund to Proston Men's Shed for the purchase of their outdoor movie equipment.**

## Easter Parade & Regatta

The QCWA Easter Parade and the Proston Regatta in the Park was once again an outstanding success. It was great to see so many families out enjoying the day and participating in the activities. Lots of kids got excited and decorated their bikes for the parade and competition. Some paraded their regatta boats as well. The parade finished at the CWA Rooms and the fun activities began. The scavenger hunt, egg & spoon races and thong tossing were popular. Judges awarded prizes for the best decorated bike and hat and the best floats. The raffle was won by Mrs Jean Withers. It was re-drawn at her request and was won by Mr G (Sheriff) Walters.

The Regatta got underway with some very competitive teams resorting to fair means and foul to try and gain the advantage. The Regatta has such wide appeal, with all age groups diving in and having fun. A presentation morning was held on May 11 to award prizes and recognise sponsors and volunteers. The perpetual trophy was won by Ruger Constructions with their boat manned by John Power. Proston & District Heritage Assn was presented with the not-for-profit \$50 award. Lucky winner of the Di Di silver necklace raffle prize was Linda Rea. President of Proston Men's Shed, Paul Julian, was very excited to accept a cheque for \$1000 from Julie Chippindale,



Covertly Creek Community Development & Social Club, who hosted the event. The Easter Saturday family event has now become a fixture on our town's calendar and the whole community should be proud of the way in which so many organisations have worked together to ensure the success and future growth of the day.

## Moonlight Cinema

A large crowd of families gathered under a beautiful starry sky in Railway Park to enjoy Peter Rabbit - the latest offering in our regular outdoor movie experiences. The event was presented by the Proston Men's Shed and it was exciting to see the new movie equipment in use. Thanks to the P & C who did a wonderful job with the

sausage sizzle and to the Scouts who absolutely nailed the popcorn. Good job Robyn Maneylaws! What a great beginning to the Easter school holidays. Thanks to everyone for your support. Watch this space for the next Moonlight Cinema event - when the weather is warmer!



Despite the cool start on the first day of winter, 15 pooches enjoyed a warm shampoo and blow dry courtesy of Aleesha Clark and her helpers. All funds raised help Aleesha get to the World Scout Jamboree in America. Thanks to Kate Tallar for her photo of Phoebe in the tub.



# Social Snippets

- \* Farewell to Wendy Dawkins who has made a sea change and is now living on Macleay Island. QCWA members and friends held an afternoon tea in her honour and presented her with a parting gift. Thanks for your contribution to our community during your time in Proston, Wendy.
- \* Welcome to new residents in Wondai Road, Scott and Renee Smith, Grace and Hannah. We hope you are settling in well and enjoying your new home.
- \* A big step for Nicole Urban and Jonathan Hams who are now proud homeowners following their purchase of a home in Collins Street. Congratulations to you both. Enjoy your new home!
- \* The garden beds in our business area have been replanted and should add a bright spot of colour to our lives in the coming weeks.



Congratulations to Robin & Jason Maneylaws who were married in the lovely bush setting of Reinke Scrub on 18 May. We wish you and your beautiful family a wonderful future together. *Photo Madison Smith.*

\* Election Day saw the town buzzing with activity - voting at the Town Hall, voters grabbing their democracy sausage at the Men's Shed Car Boot Sale, motorhomes in the free camp area and to top it off, a wedding in Reinke Scrub. A special visitor at the Men's Shed was John Elliott, the Camel Man and his dog, Bruski. John is trekking solo across Australia from Bundaberg to Coral Bay in W.A. with 4 camels and his trusty dog. You can follow his adventure on [www.johnelliott.com.au](http://www.johnelliott.com.au).



# Heritage Assn News



Proston & District Heritage Assn held a very successful Street Stall recently. Many thanks to those who so generously supported the stall. A big thank you to Cec Sullivan who arranged a very generous donation of mandarins from his daughter's orchard in Gayndah. Cec was kind enough to transport them to Proston too. Good job everyone!

\*Proston Angels Relay for Life team hosted the Biggest Morning Tea recently in Blake Street. Guest speaker was palliative care nurse, Kylie Wolski, as it was also Palliative Care Week. Eric and Carla Cross, the faces of this year's Relay for Life, also attended and shared their own personal cancer stories.



Pictured are Kylie Wolski (palliative care nurse), Irene McDonald (Proston Angels), Carla Cross, Leanne Rubesaame (Blue Care) and Eric Cross.



Have you been wondering what this is? It's the site of the Proston Labyrinth which has been prepped and is ready for the pavers to be laid. Thanks to Heath Sanders of Sanders Bobcat & Mini Excavator Hire for his efforts.

\* Good to hear that QCWA President, Coral Graham, is on the mend after taking a tumble at the Easter Parade activities. She is recovering from feeling a bit bruised and battered and would like to thank everyone for their concern.

\* We are saddened to hear of the passing of Ken McClure on Monday 3 June. Our thoughts are with Jillian at this time. Ken's presence will be missed, particularly at Proston Men's Shed.

# Get to Know a Local!

**Tracie Hoyland and her husband David, have taken a leap of faith and shown their commitment to the Proston community by becoming the new owners of Proston Rural Supplies. Proston is fortunate to have this great little business. It's a friendly one-stop shop for all your farm and pet needs.**

**Name:** Tracie Hoyland

**Nickname:** I've never had a nickname

**Lived in Proston:** Lived in and

*around Proston all my life*

**Occupation:** Business owner - Proston Rural Supplies

**Favourite Pastime:** Fishing and 4 wheel driving

**Favourite Food:** Chinese

**Favourite Music:** Evanescence (soft rock)

**Favourite Sport:** Any type of motorsport

**I can't live without:** My husband

**My secret talent is:** Rebuilding engines and being a general handywoman.

**Best Quality:** I'll give anything a go and I'm friendly.

**Worst Quality:** I procrastinate - a lot!

**Proston needs:** A fuel station

**What I like most about Proston:** It's a great community!





# Dates for your Diary

**Proston State School Golf Day** Saturday 15 June

**Proston & District Heritage Assn Information Night** Tuesday 18 June

**Hivesville Country Market** Sunday 23 June & Sunday 28 July

**Natural Weaving Workshop** Saturday 17 August

## Church Service Times:

**Catholic** 9am Mass every Saturday

**South Burnett Ministries** 9.30am every Sunday

**What's your story?**

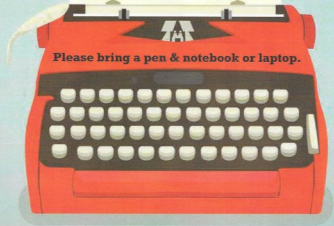
Information Night and Mini Workshop

To assist in writing your family memories/aneecdotes around life in Proston and surrounds in preparation for the Proston & District Centenary Book.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm

Proston State School

Please bring a pen & notebook or laptop.



Contact: Kathy Crane 0407 091 019



Proston State School Show Team have had one of their most successful starts to the year and they are hoping it continues into the second half of the season. The team has competed successfully at Proston, Gaydah, Kingaroy, Biggenden, Blackbutt, Childers and Gin Gin Shows, taking home a swag of prizes. They will now concentrate on preparing their team for the Brisbane Exhibition in August.

Proston students also competed in an inter-school equestrian event (the cow horse competition) for the first time. The team of 5 girls and their horses

did a great job to place 3rd overall in a big field of other schools.

Congratulations to all the teachers, students and parents who go the extra mile to facilitate these amazing experiences. The Proston community is proud of you.

**Proston State School Golf Day**  
**Saturday 15 June from 12.30pm**

**Bar and Musical Entertainment**  
**Auction at approx. 5.30pm**  
**Multi-draw raffles**  
**All proceeds to the Year 6**  
**Canberra Trip**  
**More Information from Cindy**  
**Weaver on 0428 680 272 or**  
**Felicity Blanch on 0407 574 133**

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## Those were the days.....



From left: John Reinke, with South Burnett Dairy Cooperative members Bill Browne, Brian Mobbs, Geoff Rea and Bill Keys. The crop-dusting plane in the photo was owned & operated by Richard Shute, Gympie.

Opening of the Proston Airstrip on 21 December 1981.

The strip was used mainly by crop-dusting planes. The spraying was organised through the local branch of the South Burnett Dairy Cooperative, which also supplied the chemicals. The airstrip was built on property owned by John & Carol Reinke, which is now known as Proston Gardens. The strip finished on the top of the hill, where John & Beryl Leyden's house stands today.

**Proston Centenary**  
**\*Proposed Date\***



Sep. 30th - Oct. 1st  
2023

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