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Proston Centenary
"Proposed Date"

Sep 30th - Oct. 1st
2023

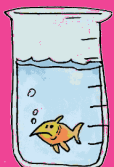
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Current
Capacity

27%

In the
Rain
Gauge

At Proston
Post Office
Aug
5.6mm
Sept
8.2mm
2019 Total
247.3mm

This time last
year to the
end of
September
2018
388mm



Pinking Up Proston

Proston will be turning all shades of **PINK** over the coming weeks as businesses, homeowners and community groups are invited to "Pink Up Proston." Pinking the Region in the South Burnett runs from the 1st to 11th November. Residents are invited to pink up their homes, fences, trees and especially themselves. The best decorated shop window will be judged by our local "Pink Lady", Cr. Kathy Duff, and prizes will be awarded. Entry is free, but a donation would be appreciated. If any community groups would like window space, please call Carmel on 0412 763 736 or Helen on 4168 9593. Spaces are filling fast. Everyone is invited to join in the fun of Proston's first **Pink-nic in the Park** on **Saturday 2nd November**. Bring a picnic or pre-order one from Jacaranda Tearooms, relax and enjoy some fun in the park, then stay on for the movie sponsored by Proston Lions Club (gold coin donation). The Pink-nic is presented by The Proston Men's Shed who will be manning the barbecue for tea while the Scouts will be selling cold drinks & popcorn. Donations from the day will go to The McGrath Foundation to help fund the wonderful work of Breast Care Nurses.

JOIN IN THE FUN AND ...

Let's Pink Up Proston!

1-11 November 2019
(as part of Pinking the South Burnett)
Pink up your homes, fences, trees and especially yourselves!
Prize for best decorated shop window.

And let's get together as a community to enjoy a

PINK-NIC IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
FROM 4PM IN RAILWAY PARK

- ENJOY A RELAXING LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING IN THE PARK. BYO PICNIC OR PRE-ORDER FROM JACARANDA TEAROOMS
- MOVIE "RACING STRIPES" 6.30PM, SPONSORED BY PROSTON LIONS CLUB, GOLD COIN DONATION
- POPCORN & COLD DRINKS - SCOUTS
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE - PROSTON MEN'S SHED

Presented by The Proston Men's Shed in support of "Pinking the Region." All donations from the day go to The McGrath Foundation.

NB Department Store Opens

After almost 9 years of trading as NB Inspirations, the store has re-opened with a new name, fresh new look, new departments and new stock. NB Department Store has four departments - Anita Lauren Boutique for beautiful and very affordable ladies wear; Men's Wear catering for tradies, surf, city

and country clothing & accessories; Home & Lifestyle with a gorgeous range of homewares perfect for entertaining; and Play, Grow, Learn, Kids which has a fantastic range of children's clothing, games, toys and books. And don't miss the Eco-Inspirations candles - they smell amazing!

It was great to see the town so busy and Anita reported that Jacaranda Tearooms had it's busiest day ever, even eclipsing the Tearoom's opening day. Anita and Nick invite you to call in soon and check out all the store has to offer. Make it your one stop Christmas shopping destination!



28 keen little riders and their much-loved ponies and horses spent the long weekend at a camp organized by the Proston Pony Club at Proston Showgrounds. Saturday was an instructional day with groups rotating through activities including farrier work, jumping, agility course, polo, chasing a mechanical cow, flat work and craft (making hobby horses). Dinner and a movie finished off a big day. On Sunday they competed in a Mini Gymkhana. The camp was attended by pony clubs from across the region including Mundubbera, Bundaberg and Nanango. Well done to the dedicated parents, instructors and volunteers who made this a great weekend for the kids.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

I have had people say to me lately that they think that Proston is the most community minded town in the South Burnett. That is quite a big statement. I would also like to proclaim my faith in the wonderful Proston community. Proston people are resilient, strong willed, community minded and passionate. Proston is fast approaching its Centenary where we will celebrate the pioneering spirit that established the community.

We will also celebrate the pioneering spirit of the Proston people of today as you face new challenges, new frontiers and new ways of doing business. At a time when small rural towns are struggling, Proston is forging ahead with a powerful community network and innovative ideas and ways to do business. I think this demonstrates in paramount proportions the "Spirit of the Bush". Congratulations to the

fabulous community of Proston and my best wishes for an exciting future!!

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.**

DATE CLAIMER
Charity Golf & Fun Day for Breast Cancer Research Proston Golf Club Saturday 16 November 10am
A fundraiser for "Tee Off for Breast Cancer Trials." The whole community is invited to get behind this event. More details to come.

'Leven Little Lonsdales



Five of the Lonsdale siblings attended the book launch. From left: Rodney, Matthew, Merle, Sidney and Gaynor.

A large crowd gathered at the Proston Community Hall on 29 August for the launch of a book written by Merle Johnson (nee Lonsdale). Titled 'Leven Little Lonsdales, the book gives a glimpse into the joys, as well as the trials and tribulations, of Ned and Doris Lonsdale and their family of 11 children when they farmed in the Abbeywood district and later when they moved into Proston. It provides an interesting snapshot of life in a large family from the 1950's to the mid 1980's. Four of Merle's siblings were present for the occasion - Rodney, Sid, Matt and Gaynor. Merle set up a wonderful visual display of the family in order of their birth and shared some entertaining anecdotes from the book. Cr Kathy Duff was present to officially launch the book and a copy was presented to Mrs Julie Manning for the Proston Library. Morning tea was served afterwards which included the family tradition of Bran Rolls. "Leven Little Lonsdales is a great read and if you would like your own copy of the book, they are available from Jacaranda Tearooms at a cost of \$25.

Storm Boy delivers a storm



Smiles all round from the Proston P&C ladies Felicity, Lyn and Laine, serving up a lovely barbecue tea.

The name of the movie - Storm Boy - might have been an omen, as right on cue at around 6pm, a line of storms moved through the district, forcing the Moonlight Cinema event into the Community Hall. The rain may have deterred a few movie-goers but a crowd of approximately 75 people set up their chairs and blankets in the

hall and enjoyed a great night. The P & C served up a lovely barbecue tea and the Scouts satisfied the movie munchies with popcorn and cold drinks. **The next Moonlight Cinema movie "Racing Stripes", will be shown on Saturday 2nd November as part of the "Pinking up Proston" festivities. Sponsorship thanks to Proston Lions Club.**

Bull Sales

Two Proston Santa Gertrudis Studs held very successful Bull Sales during September, despite a tough season. Chris & Elisa Fox, Cooina Santas, kicked off the sales on 2nd Sept, followed by Scott & Rebecca Dunlop, Dunlop Santas on 7th Sept. Both sales attracted crowds of over 200 people with repeat and new buyers ensuring a 100% clearance. Local charities who benefitted from the catering were Proston Relay for Life and the Wheatlands State School.



Work is progressing well on the transformation of the newly acquired shops in our main street. Shop 44 is sporting a fresh coat of paint and is almost ready for new tenants. Well done to John, Wayne, Carmel & Helen and everyone who helped. It looks amazing!

A raffle, with prizes valued at \$680 donated by Liquid Life and Leisure and Boaties Group, is running to raise funds towards the cost of the renovations, insurance etc and your support would be much appreciated. Did you know you can become a member of Proston QLD Ltd for just \$50 a year? Membership forms are available from Jacaranda Tearooms or the website.

It's an exciting time for our village and if you would like to offer help - perhaps selling raffle tickets - please phone Carmel on 0412 763 736 or Helen on 4168 9593. Keep up to date with the all the happenings by following the Proston Village Facebook page or their blog posts at prostonqld.com.au.

WANTED

Up
PoP
ShOp

**We've got the space
Have you got the idea?**

Social Snippets

- * Congratulations to **Nicholas and Nikita Hockey** on the arrival of their baby son "Thomas Russell", on 24 September. Thomas is a little playmate for Jayden, Kathleen and Alexandra.
- * **Lyn Manthey** is currently enjoying the trip of a lifetime on a wonderful 7 week world cruise. Enjoy your trip Lyn and safe travels.



Happy 80th Birthday to Irene McDonald who celebrated with family and friends at a very special High Tea organised by her family in the Proston Community Hall recently.

* **Kathy Crane** has returned from an amazing 18 day Qigong Study Tour to China. Qigong is a form of Tai Chi. Highlights of the trip were learning the medical Qigong form at the Research Institute in Shanghai; sleeping in a yurt and riding a horse on the grasslands of Inner Mongolia; visiting monasteries and temples; and the daily practice of Qigong. Thanks to Nurse Robyn, who filled in at the clinic and made the trip possible. *Photo Kathy Crane*

* It is with sadness that we record the passing of long-time Proston resident, **Leroy Pidgeon**. The Pidgeon name has been associated with Proston since the very early days. We extend our sympathy to Leroy's family.

* Proston community was also saddened to hear of the passing of **Rob (Thommo) Thompson**. Rob was a popular member of our community for many years and loved his golf. Our thoughts are with Martina and family.

* September has been a busy month for fundraising activities. **The Proston Men's Shed** raised \$700 from their Car Boot Sale, Auction and sausage sizzle which will go towards construction costs for their new shed. Building is expected to commence any day now.

Proston & District Heritage Assn held a very successful Street Stall and Raffle, raising \$400. Winner of the raffle was Nola Bleys.

The Trivia night organised by the **Proston P&C** and held at the **Golf Club** was a fantastic night both socially and financially. They would like to say a massive thank you to all the sponsors who supported their night.

All of these organisations are very grateful for the support given to each of these events by the community.

At the Library

Save the Date: Proston Lions Community Christmas Carnival Sat 14th December



Some very industrious little crafters show off the "Creature Catchers" they made at the school holiday activity at the Library. Photo Julie Manning

- * **Card-making** is back again at the Library on **Thursday 17 October at 10am**. There is no charge for this workshop and all materials are kindly supplied free of charge. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited, so call Julie promptly if you would like to attend.
- * **Conversations** are held on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month. **Guest Speaker** at the next Conversations on **Wednesday 16 October** will be **Katherine Watson**. Katherine, who is the **Lifeline Community Development Facilitator**, will speak about the range of services Lifeline offer.
- * Just a reminder that **Rhyme Time** is on at the Library on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday** of each month.
- * **Contact Julie on 4168 9103 if you would like to know more about any of these events.**

PROSTON QCWA PRESENTS

A PINK MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
PROSTON COMMUNITY HALL
10am

FASHIONS OF THE FIELD
PRIZES FOR MALE AND FEMALE (PINK THEME)
RAFFLES SWEEPS

\$20 head for a 2 course meal
Bookings by 27th October with deposit please to
Coral Graham on 0429 689 558

Get to Know a Local!



Jim Nielsen is just beginning his fourth season as Manager at the Proston Pool. Keeping the Pool spotless at all times and a safe place to visit is something Jim takes great pride in. He has installed a Defibrillator and is also stocking a range of not for profit Family and Camping First Aid Kits. Call in and check them out - especially the Snake Bite Kit! Jim also offers a good cup of coffee at a great price as you relax by the pool.

Name: Jim Nielsen

Lived in Proston: 5 years

Occupation: Pool Manager

Favourite Pastime: Fishing - any time in the boat is time well-spent.

Favourite Food: Mongolian Lamb

Favourite Music: Any music

Favourite Sport: Fishing

I can't live without: My wife and family

My secret talent is: My family reckon I'm a pretty good cook.

Best Quality: I'm pretty straight down the line. I like to follow rules.

Worst Quality: I sometimes hold a grudge.

Proston needs: More people making it their home

What I like most about Proston: The dam (Lake Boondooma) and the Pool. It's where I spend most of my time.

Dates for your Diary

Mosaic Workshop Friday 11th & Saturday 12th October

Pinking up Proston 1st to 11th November

Proston Pink-nic in the Park Saturday 2 November

Proston CWA Melbourne Cup Lunch Tuesday 5 November

Proston Golf Club Charity Day for Breast Cancer Saturday 16 November

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 27 October & Sunday 24 November

Church Service Times:

Catholic 8am Mass every Saturday

South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday

Baptist 10am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2pm Bible Study on 3rd Sunday

100 Years Down The Track
 We are collating a book for our centenary and would love your Proston story!
 500 - 1000 words
 Please email your story along with any supporting photos to
theprostonhc@gmail.com

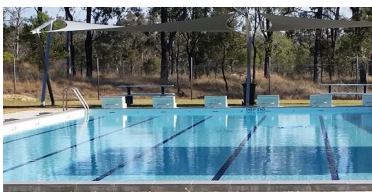
Proston Heritage Assn are collating a book for the Centenary and are looking for anyone who would like to contribute their Proston story/memory. In 500 to 1000 words tell us about your memories of Proston and submit it as soon as possible. Please email your stories, along with any photos you would like to include to theprostonhc@gmail.com



A happy group of weavers used cat's claw vine and piccabean to create these unique baskets at the Weaving with Natural Fibres workshop held recently. Thanks to Tracy Lewis for a fun and creative day.



21 people attended the safeTALK Workshop on suicide prevention presented by RHealth in Proston on 5 October. Organisers were delighted that this was the biggest audience they had presented to so far, exceeding attendances at much bigger centres. Following the workshop, the Proston Village group catered a delicious dinner. A free concert with country singer Brendon Walmsley rounded off a great community day. Photo Andrea McGee



PROSTON POOL OPENING HOURS
MON TO FRI 6-8AM & 3-6PM
WEEKENDS, SCHOOL & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1-5PM
SWIMMING IS GREAT EXERCISE
GET FIT FOR SUMMER!



Those were the days.....

Decorated bikes lining up in Beresford Street ready for the 2004 Spring Fair Parade which wound it's way through town finishing at the Showgrounds. The Spring Fair was a popular event in Proston's social calendar and was held each September. Photo courtesy Proston Heritage Collection



Anyone we know? Proston Scouts and their Dads created this amazing scarecrow for the Scarecrow Competition at the Dairy Museum Festival recently. You can see him in person now on Robyn & Jason Maneylaws fence in Wondai Road. Wonder if he's going to turn pink? Photo Amy Banks

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 Inspirations or Jacaranda Tearooms or alternatively email it to glrea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.