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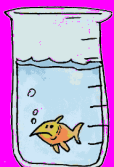
**Lake Boondooma Current Capacity 31.3%**

**In the Rain Gauge**

**At Proston Post Office**

**August 23.4mm  
September 49.2mm**

**2020 Total 500.3mm**



## Tourists flock to Proston Events



*Organisers of the Pig Races Di & Andy Grant present Michael Nott with a gift and certificate in appreciation of his super effort helping out.*

The first weekend of September saw Proston buzzing with excitement as the town hosted two major events. The weather was great and lots of visitors took advantage of the free camping offered in Railway Park and at the Golf Club.

The Proston Golden Spurs Hotel Licensees, Di and Andy Grant, put in a huge effort to organise the Pig Races. The family friendly event attracted an enthusiastic crowd for a fun weekend of activities, from the pig races on Saturday afternoon to a pig-on-the-spit dinner that night and a Father's Day breakfast on Sunday morning. Due to their hard work and the public's support a massive \$10353 was raised for Rural & Remote Mental Health.

Well done Di and Andy and all your helpers. Great to see Proston becoming a destination for special events like this.

Meanwhile, out at the Proston Golf Club, the caravans were rolling in for the Grey Nomads Golf Carnival. Club members worked hard to ensure their guests had a great weekend. Nine holes of social golf was played on Friday afternoon, while a 36 hole competition was played across Saturday and Sunday. Sarah and the ladies made sure everyone was well fed and looked after for the weekend and plenty of positive feedback was received. (See Wikicamps review at right). President Brian Garland was justifiably proud of the big effort put in by all club members.

### *Feedback via Wikicamps from a recent visitor to the Proston Golf Club Camp:*

*"Thank you Proston Golf Club. What a great place to camp. Lovely meals on Friday nights. Allan the caretaker was very friendly and helpful. Free firewood and plenty of fire buckets available. Clean amenities. Water available. We happened to turn up on a golf tournament weekend so lots of campers but still plenty of room. Courtesy bus from the local pub available to have a huge meal at the pub. We had a great time."*

## Lookout for Proston!

One of the pleasures of driving into Proston is coming over the hill and looking out over a panorama of beautiful farmland to the hills in the distance. If you happen to catch one of our amazing sunsets it's even more breathtaking.

The Proston & District Heritage Association are working with the South Burnett Regional Council to establish a Lookout on the Proston Abbeywood Road, just a short distance from the main Wondai Proston Road. The Council have slashed the area and are preparing a plan to enable easy access for cars and caravans. The Heritage Association is seeking funding for signage which will depict the geological structure and history of the area as well as a brief history of early settlement. It is also hoped to add a covered picnic table. This should be a popular spot with tourists, locals and keen photographers and a welcome addition to our area.





# Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

### Pinking up the South Burnett!!

It was inspiring to see Proston really getting into the spirit of pinking up last year to raise awareness and money for the fight against breast cancer. This year we have decided to pink up our region for the whole month of October. Thank you to Sue Cox who is our local breast cancer nurse. Sue does a wonderful job working to help the fight against breast cancer and we will be working with Sue again this year. If you are planning a morning tea or a fundraiser just let us know and

we can like and share it on the 'Pinking up South Burnett' Facebook Page. Sue Cox can help you with how to bank donations and will attend your event and help if she can. Her phone number is 0467 718 068.

### Australia Day Nominations

Nominations are now open and will be closing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 pm. The South Burnett Regional Council Awards night is being planned for the eve of Australia Day next year at the Wondai Town Hall. There will also be local Australia

Day events held across the region, subject to the situation with Covid at the time. Nomination forms can be picked up at any Council Customer Service Centre and they are also on Council's website. If you know a volunteer or an organisation that is deserving please think about putting in a nomination. 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 0437 020 705.**

## Proston Show Society AGM

Mayor Brett Otto chaired the recent Annual General Meeting of the Proston Show Society at the Golden Spurs Hotel. Congratulations to the new executive - President Viv White, Vice Presidents Lyn Manthey and Cheryl Simpson, Secretary Glenda McArdle and Treasurer Eileen Vos.

Congratulations to Peter and Lyn Manthey (pictured right) who were awarded Life Membership of the Society. Well deserved recognition for a couple who have worked tirelessly for the Proston Show Society for many years.



Proston Miss Showgirl 2020, Cassie Wilcox, was also sashed as the ABC Wide Bay Virtual Showgirl at the meeting.

## Pinking it up again!



Pinking up Proston has begun! We have one small window left, and available for your not-for-profit group display. A donation tin is located in Shop 44 - all proceeds go to the McGrath Foundation to support the employment of Breast Cancer nurses.

Work is continuing on Shop 40 with internal painting nearly complete. Fit out of the kitchenette is next.

A full members meeting will be held in November at a date to be announced.

*It seems nothing is safe from being pinked up in Proston at the moment, with the pub roof even sporting a coat of pink paint. Residents are once again embracing the "Pinking up South Burnett" initiative for the month of October to raise awareness and funds for the McGrath Foundation Breast Care nurses.*



# Social Snippets

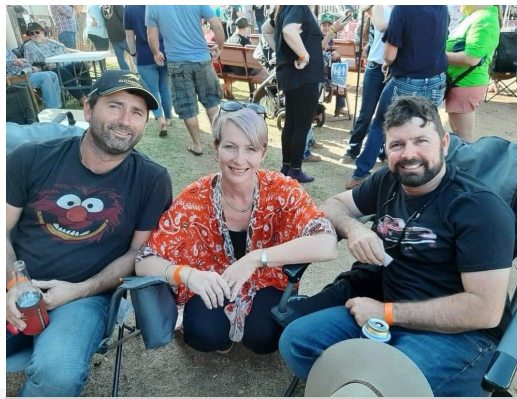


Nikita and Nicholas Hockey have welcomed a new addition to their family with the birth of Henry Alexander Hockey. Congratulations all!

\* **Proston Men's Shed** held their **AGM** recently. The executive remains unchanged with **President Paul Julian, Vice Presidents Gordon Horne and Geoff Rea, Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Julian and Assistant Treasurer Gordon Horne.** Painting and construction of the new shed is continuing.



Come & meet **Petal** (above). She is the work of **Margaret Christie** and is a guest in the Library for October's pink celebrations. Librarian **Julie Manning** has done a fantastic job of "pinking up" the Library and it is well worth a visit.



**Great to see former Prostonites Clinton, Stacy and Grant Melville getting together at the Pig Races recently.**



Residents of the district have been saddened to hear of the passing of long time resident **Brian Hansen** on 8th September 2020 at the age of 75 years. Brian is remembered as a hard working, down to earth man who would help anyone who needed it. He lived and worked on his beloved farm at Okeden Road for all of his life. He had a special way with animals and was often called on for help which he willingly gave. Our thoughts are with Brian's wife **Jenny**, children **Nikki, Peter and Krystle** and his beloved grandchildren. Rest in Peace **Brian**.

\* Sad to hear of the passing of **Maree Perkins** (nee Geary). Maree grew up on the family farm at Okeden Road and attended Proston State School. We extend our sympathy to her family.

\* Our community nurse **Kathy Crane** advises that a grant has been received to work towards making Proston a dementia friendly community. If you are interested in being part of this project or would like more information **Kathy** would love to hear from you. She can be contacted at the clinic on 4168 9288 or mobile 0407 091 019.

\* **South Burnett Regional Council** will be conducting a survey in the near future regarding **Railway Park** and the small piece of land owned by council between the pub and the old town hall. There is some funding available for parks and gardens in Proston at present and council representatives **Mr Peter O'May** and **Cr Kathy Duff** are seeking ideas from the community on what they would like to see in those areas, so that a plan can be formulated. A great opportunity to have some input into our parks.



**Mega Bowls is coming! October 24th at Proston Bowls Club.** Get along and enjoy a night of fun while supporting the **Proston State School Agriculture Dept and Cattle Show Team.** Details back page of this issue.



**Proston Heritage Assn** are collating a book for the **2023 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](mailto:theprostonhc@gmail.com)

## Get to Know a Local!

**Name:** Janet Strauss

**Lived in Proston:** Has lived in Proston and surrounds for 15 years

**Occupation:** Pharmacy assistant at Proston Health & Beauty and sales assistant at NB Department Store

**Favourite Pastime:** Relaxing and listening to music

**Favourite Food:** Chinese

**Favourite Music:** I like all music

**Favourite Sport:** Cricket

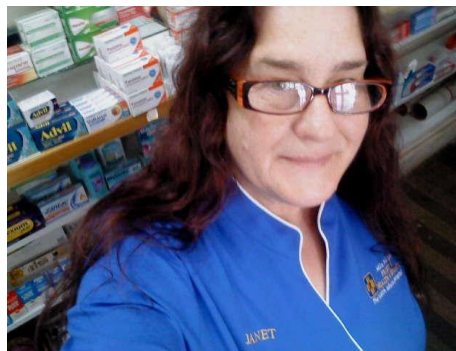
**I can't live without:** Music

**My secret talent is:** Music Trivia

**Best Quality:** Ability to adapt and make do

**Proston needs:** A revamped kids play park

**What I like most about Proston:** The quiet, friendly atmosphere



**The friendly face of Janet Strauss, part-time pharmacy assistant at Proston Health & Beauty.** Janet and her family came to the Proston area 15 years ago and have now purchased a home in Proston.



**Proston branch of the QCWA** are planning on having a **Melbourne Cup Luncheon** in Proston on **Tuesday 3rd November** depending on **COVID-19** restrictions at the time. Details coming soon.

**President:**  
**Eileen Vos 0429 856 770**

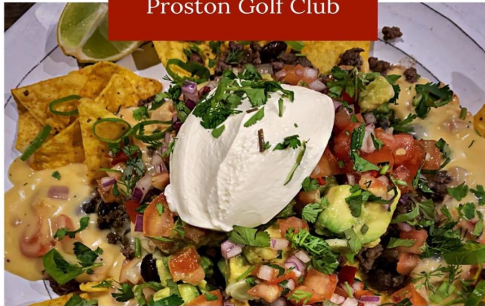
**Email:**  
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**Proston Golf Club Friday afternoon Social Golf - Tee off 2pm - Bar opens 2pm - Dinner from 5.30pm - Takeaway available - Call 0474 741 822 to book or order.**

**DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY**

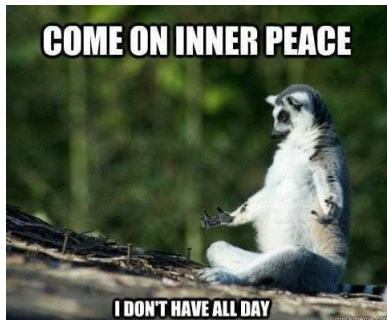
**Friday Night Meal  
Proston Golf Club**



**Call 0474741822**

**Football Grand Final Night at the Proston Golf Club - Sunday 25th October 6pm - Meals and takeaway available - Bar open.**

**Family Golf Day - 2pm Sundays - No experience needed - Loan clubs available - Food - Bar open.**



**Those were the days**

**BOONDOOMA MUSEUM & HERITAGE ASSOCIATION INC**  
invites you to an  
**OPEN DAY**

**FREE ENTRY**

**SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2020  
9.00AM TO 4.00PM**

**Boondooma Homestead  
8262 Mundubbera Road Boondooma QLD**

❖ Morning teas and light Lunches will be on sale      ❖ History Tours will take place during the day

Come along and share your stories about the history of Boondooma Station. If you or your family hold any items of memorabilia particularly about WW1 soldiers that would be of interest, please bring them along for display.

**MARKET STALLS** are welcome. \$10 per stall. Own Public Liability Insurance required. Register with Jo Stubing, caretaker on (07) 4168 0159.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Open Mic. Local entertainers/performers are invited to come along to the homestead and perform. We would love to see you there. Let us recognise the local talent in the district. If you would like to be involved, give Jo Stubing a call on (07) 4168 0159.

**CAMP SITES** will be available. \$5.00 per person. No powered sites, no showers; come with full water tanks. Membership and volunteer opportunities will be available.

**COVID-19** restrictions will apply. Social distancing will be required. All visitors will be required to register on entry to the complex. If you are not well or showing any flu like symptoms, please do not come.

**ALL ENQUIRIES TO  
(07) 4168 0159 or  
info@boondoomahomestead.org.au**

**GOLDEN SPURS HOTEL  
OPEN MIC NIGHT  
Saturday 31st October 6pm to 10.30pm**

**Mega Bowls  
Team Barefoot Bowls  
Competition**

**October 24th from 5 PM**

**It's time to get your team together!!!**

- 4 to a team - You can alternate players in
- Every team will play 2 games of 10 ends
- \$20 per team to be paid on the night
- Extra points will be awarded for teams in costume
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Lucky Loser
- We will have to cap the amount of teams so please nominate early.
- To nominate please either call or text Katrina on 0457 530 680 or email khayw29@eq.edu.au

**Mega Bowls  
Pig on the Spit  
and BBQ**

**October 24th from 5.30 PM**

**Come and enjoy a delicious pig on the spit or juicy steak**

**\$15.00 per adult/ \$10.00 per child**  
Purchase meal tickets at the entrance.  
All meals include:  
Either roast pork, steak or sausages  
Your choice of salads  
Bread roll  
Dessert

Even if you didn't want to play bowls or bid on an auction item....come on down for a delious meal!!



**The South Burnett Dairy Co-operative float for the 1959 Queensland Centenary Parade held in Proston on 17th October 1959. The float depicts a life size cut out of a dairy cow. The South Burnett Dairy Co-operative operated the Proston Butter Factory from 1934 until it's closure in 1968. To learn more about the history of the Proston Butter Factory see the current Heritage Association display in the window of Shop 38.**

**Mega Bowls  
Mega  
Auction**

**October 24th at 7pm and 8.30pm**

**Auction Details**

Lots 1 to 26 will be sold at 7pm and lots 27 to 52 will be sold at 8.30pm. All items will be on display with item numbers. All bidders will need a bidding card. Items won will need to be paid for on the night via cash, cheque or proof of electronic transfer. Delivery on larger items can be arranged.

**Auction Items**

|               |                  |                     |               |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Barley Hay    | Bull Credit      | Prize Packs         | Mystery Items |
| Jewellery     | Spotlights       | 50 Split Posts      |               |
| Photo Session | Wine and Spirits | ATV Ramps           | Vouchers      |
| Blower Vac    | Anipro           | USA Nail Vouchers   |               |
| Hedge Trimmer | Buffel Seed      | Bags of animal feed |               |

Come and join the fun and support the Proston State School Cattle Show Team and Agriculture Department.

Read "The Proston Post" online at [www.prostononline.info](http://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](mailto:grea6@bigpond.com) for possible inclusion in the newsletter.