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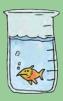
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In the Rain Gauge

At Proston Post Office Feb 33.4mm Mar 128.8mm

2019 Total

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### A Golden Weekend of Campdrafting

The Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft Committee has once again staged an outstanding draft despite the challenge of very dry weather. The hardworking committee raised an incredible \$43,000 which will be donated to the Sisters of the North, a charity providing on the ground support to landholders and communities in north west Queensland impacted by the recent flood. Coincidentally, the major prizes in the Drafts were taken home by ladies.



During the weekend Mr Nev Evans, pictured left with President John Ramke, was honoured

with Lifetime Membership of the Association.

A SBRC community grant made it possible to upgrade facilities for the weekend including a



Thank you to Ken O'Dowd MP, Kathy Duff and Noel & Helen Young for contributing grants & donations to make the wheelchair accessible grandstand possible.

new PA system and panels. With generous donations of time, materials and expertise from many local suppliers & businesses a new camp area at the Golf Club was established and connected to the showgrounds by a walking trail. Great to see several organisations working collaboratively for the benefit of the whole community.

The committee would like to acknowledge and thank all those who assisted in any way, whether by hard work or donations, to make this 3 day event so successful.



group.

Proston Scout Group gathered at their Shed on Monday night 25 March for two very good reasons. As well as celebrating Harmony Day, they were also saying farewell to one of their leaders, Jirrah (Sharon Zoldak). Jirrah is stepping down after 19 years and although she is sad to be leaving, she is very happy to hand over to new leaders. "Although I will miss everyone, I

know I am leaving the group in very good hands." Jirrah said.
Leader Lou Brown said Jirrah would be missed but they were very grateful for the foundation she had laid. Tracy Anderson thanked Jirrah for her contribution and presented her with gifts on behalf of the

Everyone present then enjoyed a Harmony Day feast, sampling foods

You're a good Scout,
Jirrah

from different cultures.

There were also 2 new Joeys invested - Lucilla Maneylaws and Patrick Banks, as well as a link up to an older unit - Polly Brown. A group of enthusiastic and committed leaders is ensuring that Scouting in Proston is growing. If you would like to know more, go along to the Scout Shed on Monday evenings from 5.30pm.

Cr Kathy Duff

### **Councillor Kathy's Comments**

I would like to dedicate this article to my Dad, Mick Duff, who passed away peacefully on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 in the Kingaroy General Hospital. This was the hospital where Stephen, Susan, Toni, Michael and I were all born. It was also the hospital where he met our mother, the lovely Sister Sippel, who was nursing there as a Theatre Sister. Dad has lived at "Di Di" Station, Proston for the whole of his 87 years. He

was an incredibly hard worker who loved life on the land and was totally dedicated to his children, his grandchildren and their extended families. He has guided us all to have a strong faith and inspired us all with his strength, courage and determination. It is now up to us to continue that legacy and live a life that would make him proud. Our family would like to sincerely thank everyone

for the overwhelming support, love, prayers & tributes that we have received from the community xx 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.



Proston Regatta in the Park

20th April 2019 Railway Park

A great family fun day

Procedes to the Proston Men's Shed

## Easter Family Fun Day

Easter Saturday promises to be a fun-filled day out in Proston for the whole family. The day kicks off at 10am with the QCWA Easter Parade along Blake Street finishing at the CWA Rooms. Prizes are on offer for the best decorated float, bicycle and fancy costume. The fun continues in the park after the parade with a thong toss, egg & spoon races, a scavenger hunt and judging of the Easter Hat parade at I I am. Stalls and food available too.

Following this, set sail for the Proston Regatta in the Park. This is fun for the whole family and follows on from a very successful inaugural event last year. Get your crew ship-shape and navigate your boat around a set course in the park to win some great prizes. Cost is \$2.50 per event and everybody wins a prize in the lucky dip. Ever fancied being a Mermaid or a Pirate? Here's your chance with a prize for the best nautical themed costume on offer. Come join the fun!



Proston Playgroup children did a great job of painting the sides of their boat for the Proston Regatta in the Park.



Mrs Kristy Frahm opens the 61st Proston Show. "Life in Proston is what we make it, and it's a good life."

#### Wonderful 61st Show

Proston has once again risen to the occasion and staged an amazing Show despite some difficult seasonal conditions.
Secretary/Treasurer Mrs Helen Young said "The feedback I am receiving from far and wide is that we had a wonderful Show, and that it is one of the friendliest and best managed Shows on the country circuit. This comes from stallholders, exhibitors and visitors."

The Crackup Sisters were a special attraction this year and an appreciative crowd applauded the 3 performances of the

sisters special brand of Australian larrikinism.

The show was officially opened by Mrs Kristy Frahm who spoke on the importance of getting together and sharing community spirit. During the official proceedings, Les & Del Blanch were recognised for their hard work over many years for the Proston Show Society by being awarded Life Membership.

First time Show President, Mrs Tabitha Bleys is to be congratulated on a wonderful day. It takes a lot of work from a large team of committed



Proston State School students had a great start to the 2019 show season. Ist & 2nd prize in the under 16 junior handlers went to Chloe Scanlan and Kayla Delsureto respectively.

volunteers to stage a community event of this size.

Let's get excited for 2020!

#### **Social Snippets**



#### Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

This is a great program developed here in Queensland by Prof. Matt Sanders, which

gives parents some real life strategies for dealing effectively with a range of issues which arise in our family's and children's lives every day. The Triple P Program has been around for some time and has been proven to be effective.

The program will run across 4 sessions at the Proston Playgroup on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to know more or to register for the program, please contact Kathy Crane at the Clinic on 0407 091 019.



Proston and district residents were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Sue Heit on 24 February. Sue was a much loved member of our community for over 35 years and dedicated 20 of those years to the staff and students of Proston State School, where she will be sorely missed. Sue was also the manager of the swimming pool for several years and was a second mum to the many children who spent time there.

A large crowd honoured her at a farewell service in Kingaroy and shared memories afterward at the Proston Golf Club. We extend our sympathy to her son Jamie, daughterin-law Nicola and grandchildren Finlay and Grace. Sue will be greatly missed in our community.

Footnote: Sue's beloved dog Jak is now residing in Karratha, WA with Jamie and his family.

#### **Big Scrub Garden Club**

Meets on the last Friday of each month at 10am. Venue is a different member's garden each month. We are a very friendly bunch and everyone is welcome to come along.

Contact Kathy Julian on 4168 9110 for more information or to join the mailing list. \* Great to see the Proston Men's Shed receive a South Burnett Regional Council community grant of \$2990 to purchase outdoor movie screen equipment. The equipment will be used by the Men's Shed to present the next "Moonlight Cinema" experience in Railway Park - a screening of "Peter Rabbit" on April 6.



- \* At the last meeting of the Proston & District Heritage Assn a tentative date was set for Proston's Centenary celebrations (see above). The next meeting will be held in the Cultural Centre on Tuesday 30 April at 6.15pm. All welcome.
- \* Congratulations to Glenys & Brian Blanch on their 45th Wedding Anniversary and also to Barb & Lindsay Nott who recently notched up 50 years of married life.



\* Nice to see Wendy Wockner (Blanch) home for the Campdraft and catching up with Dad Graham and brothers Richard and Paul. Wendy and her family live on a property in the Julia Creek area.

**Favourite Food:** I honestly do not know.

**Favourite Music:** There is not much music I do not listen to and I love seeing live music.

**Favourite Sport:** To play - Netball. To watch -Football, V8 supercars, T20 cricket

I can't live without: My family and music

My secret talent is: Well it's not singing! My husband says it's patience.

**Best Quality:** I believe I am a friendly and welcoming person .

Worst Quality: I am scared of nearly

everything.

**Proston needs:** *Employment services* 

outreach on a regular basis.

What I like most about Proston: How safe I feel.

Get to Know a Local!



Tabitha Bleys is a young Proston woman who is willing to step up and contribute to her community in a big way. Despite working part time and being a mum to one year old Hannah, Tabitha last year took on the role of Show President. She enthusiastically led a team of volunteers to make our 61st show a very successful and enjoyable day.

Name: Tabitha Bleys (Smith)
Nickname: Tab/Tabby/Tabs
Lived in Proston: 7 years

**Occupation:** Administration/customer

service

**Favourite Pastime:** Watching my daughter

Hannah learn something new.

#### Dates for your Diary

Moonlight Cinema Saturday 6 April

Easter Parade & Regatta in the Park Saturday 20 April

Wondai Garden Expo Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 April

Spirit of the Bush, Boondooma Homestead 23 to 28 April

Anzac Day Thursday 25 April

Mosaic Workshop Friday 24 & Saturday 25 May

National Day of Thanksgiving Saturday 25 May

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 28 April and Sunday 26 May

**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 the 3rd Sunday

The next meeting of the Proston Round Table Forum will be held on Thursday 18 April at 6.30pm at the Cultural Centre, Proston. All welcome!





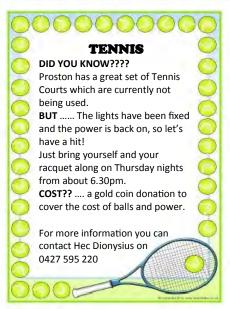
Social Bowls is being trialled every Wednesday evening from 6.30pm. Cost \$5. All welcome!



#### Those were the days.







#### MOSAIC WORKSHOP Proston

Small to medium terracotta pot, or payer, or flattish item to mosaic Tile cutter – the type with a wheel is preferred Smoko & Lunch

Friday & Saturday 24th & 25th May 4 to 5 hours each morning



COST \$25 (to be paid when booking please **Bookings** essential

To confirm your place in the workshop please contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019

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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.