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**Lake
Boondooma
Current
Capacity
34.31%**

In the Rain Gauge

**At Proston
Post Office
Feb
33.4mm
Mar
128.8mm**

**2019 Total
164mm**



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.



You're a good Scout, Jirrah

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 group. Everyone present then enjoyed a Harmony Day feast, sampling foods

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.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

I would like to dedicate this article to my Dad, Mick Duff, who passed away peacefully on the 27th 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.**



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 11am. 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.

Proston Regatta in the Park
20th April 2019 Railway Park

A great family fun day

\$2.50 per event Everybody wins a prize in a lucky dip

Hosted by the Covert Creek Community Development and Social Club Inc.
covertcreek@btinternet.com or ph41689574

Proceeds to the Proston Men's Shed

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."

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.

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

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. 1st & 2nd prize in the under 16 junior handlers went to Chloe Scanlan and Kayla Delsureto respectively.



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

volunteers to stage a community event of this size. Let's get excited for 2020!

Social Snippets



CWA PROSTON BRANCH

**INVITE YOU TO OUR EASTER EVENT
EASTER PARADE**

WHEN: SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2019
TIME: 9.30 am for PARADE START at 10.00 am

PARADE STARTING AT BAPTIST CHURCH
AND TRAVELLING ALONG BLAKE STREET
DOWN TO CWA ROOMS AND SURROUNDINGS

PRIZES FOR:
BEST DECORATED FLOAT
BEST DECORATED BICYCLE
BEST FANCY COSTUME

TO BE IN THE PARADE:
\$2.00 LARGE FLOAT
OR \$0.50 FOR SMALL FLOAT
TO HAVE A STALL: **\$5.00**

STALLS
FOOD & VARIETY
CRAFT ACTIVITY TABLE

GAMES
THONG TOSS (foot type of thong)
EGG & SPOON RACE
SCAVENGER HUNT

RAFFLE ON THE DAY
BASKET AND BUNNY TOY PLUS
GOODIES
TO THE VALUE OF \$60.00

EASTER HAT PARADE AT 11.00 AM

**TO REGISTER A FLOAT
OR BOOK STALL SITE**
CONTACT: KATHY CRANE 0407 091 019

Coverty Social Club are organising a Dry-Bed Regatta in Railway Park on the same day



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, daughter-in-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.

* 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.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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!

About National Day of Thanks – Saturday 25 May 2019



Proston Bowls Club

Social Bowls

is being trialled every

Wednesday evening from 6.30pm. Cost \$5.

All welcome!



The original 'Spirit of the Bush'
Balladeers & Heritage Muster 2019
Historic Boondooma Homestead
8462 Mundubbera-Darlong Road, Boondooma QLD 4662
6 DAYS of Entertainment from 23 to 28 April 2019
 Poets' Breakfast, ANZAC Service 9.00am entertainment to follow

also featuring ...

Entertainers - Ashley Cook, Tony Wagner, Bernie Muller, Alec Becken, Volco B Brian Letton, Lea K, Amanda Faulkner, Jeff Brown
Poets - Brenda Joy, Paul Fleming, Brian Weir, Suzanne Honour, John Bidgood
Band - Key Groves, Alan Blowers, Ian Wilson

Plus the memorial Homestead walkup balladeers and poetry competitions. Walkup artists are welcome onstage. Chord sheets must be organised for their set. ALL materials must be of Australian content.

Licensed Bar - B&O - Stalls - Chips/Drinks (stall holders welcome, insurance required)
Camp oven meals by Boondooma Camp Oven Cooking Team
Vintage cars and engines - photographic and historic displays
 Bring your own mug and get **FREE** tea and coffee ALL weekend

ADMISSION \$105 per person for the full festival. Includes camping from Monday 22 April to Monday 29 April 2019. Children under 14 years are FREE. Free festival camping rate is \$5.00 per person/night and applies to Sunday 21 April and after Sunday 28 April. Day rates are also available. Bush Camping Available.

CONTACTS
 Caretakers on 077 4168 009
 info@boondoomahomestead.org.au
 Pattie Brown 077 4168 023, 0408 090 719
 pattie_mits@westnet.com.au

Discover South Burnett

TENNIS

DID YOU KNOW????
 Proston has a great set of Tennis Courts which are currently not being used.
BUT The lights have been fixed and the power is back on, so let's have a hit!
 Just bring yourself and your racket along on Thursday nights from about 6.30pm.
COST?? a gold coin donation to cover the cost of balls and power.

For more information you can contact Hec Dionysius on 0427 595 220

Those were the days.....



The Smithfield Feedlot entry in the 2004 Spring Fair Parade. John Ramke (left) and Phil Lambert (right) herd their charges through the gate.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Proston

Friday & Saturday

24th & 25th May

4 to 5 hours each morning

Starts 9am



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



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

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 girea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.