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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity 33.9%

In the Rain Gauge

At Proston Post Office

June
13.9mm
July
22.1mm

2020 Total 427.7mm



Visit by Ken O'Dowd



Cr Kathy Duff hosted a visit to our area from Federal Member for Flynn, Mr Ken O'Dowd MP on Thursday 30th July.

Mr O'Dowd looked at a number of possible projects in the Hivesville and Proston communities. He met with the Hivesville Progress Association, who are looking for funding to improve facilities in Memorial Park. Also discussed were the proposed rail trail from Hivesville to Proston and a more secure water supply for Hivesville.

In Proston, Kathy had the opportunity to show Ken the wheelchair-friendly grandstand at the Showgrounds and thank him for assisting with funding from the Building Better Regions Fund. He also inspected the plan and proposed site for an off-leash dog park in Railway Park (photo left), as well as dropping in on local businesses.

Lake Boondooma Re-opens

From Saturday 1 August, Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park has re-opened for cabin accommodation and powered and unpowered camp sites.

Managers Doug & Kath Hughes said "Our COVID-safe plan is in place which means that a number of changes must be implemented for the safe management and operation of the park. The cooperation of all visitors to ensure COVID-safe practices for good hygiene and social distancing will be of paramount importance.

Making a booking in advance of your arrival is essential for all types of accommodation, including unpowered camp sites. This is required to manage visitor numbers and gather all necessary contact details and COVID health declarations."

For bookings and information, please visit www.lakeboondooma.com.au. Doug and Kath look forward to welcoming you back to beautiful Lake Boondooma soon!!



Congratulations to Doug and Kath Hughes who are returning as Managers of Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park. Photo South Burnett Regional Council

Lions Club Support

Proston State School Rural Studies Program is the recipient of a \$2500 donation from the Proston Lions Club. Rural Studies teacher, Katrina Hayward, expressed her gratitude for the support.

"Unfortunately, the school does not attract any additional funding from the government to run the Agriculture Program, as we simply do not have enough students in our secondary department. So we have to effectively fund ourselves through fundraising and selling the animals that we breed and buy" Katrina explained.

The program also offers students the opportunity to be part of a very successful Cattle Show Team. The support provided by Proston Lions is very much appreciated.



Proston Lions members Jan Barsby & Irene McDonald presented \$2500 to teacher Katrina Hayward to support the Proston State School Rural Studies Program.



Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

The new Council team has just delivered our first budget. I was really pleased that we were able to deliver a zero rate rise. Some properties, particularly rural ones, may still be higher than last time due to the fact that we averaged the valuations over three years to minimise the impact of the new valuations.

I am excited to let you know that we have funding for a dump point that will help to attract more travellers into town. It is planned to be located directly behind the public toilets in Rodney Street. Council has also

continued to provide a large proportion of the budget for rural roads to support our agricultural industries and our outlying areas.

The dams are open again and congratulations to Doug & Kath Hughes who won the tender to continue their great work at Lake Boondooma. The Festival of the Dams is being held from Friday 14th August to Sunday 16th August at Lake Boondooma. The entries are filled but there is still an opportunity to be part of the festival with live entertainment on Friday night and draws and

raffles on Saturday evening.

The global pandemic continues to cause concern across our nation and indeed the world. This is an opportunity to enjoy the attractions that we have in our own communities. Please try to shop locally to support our local businesses and most of all stay safe and healthy and look out for each other.

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 QCWA AGM



Pictured from left: Cheryl Simpson, Eileen Vos, Julia Ashcroft (Divisional President), Viv White and Wilma Papworth.

Proston QCWA members gathered in the Proston Community Hall on Monday 20th July for their Annual General Meeting. Divisional President Julia Ashcroft chaired the meeting. Incoming Office Bearers are Eileen Vos (President), Cheryl Simpson and Judith Marek (Vice Presidents), Tess Smith (Secretary), Judith Marek (Asst Secretary, Publicity & Marketing), Viv White (Treasurer), Wilma Papworth (International Officer), Eileen Vos (Catering Convenor) and Viv White (Purchasing Officer & Asst Catering Convenor).

A special award, "The Quiet Achiever Award", was presented to Val Klein by the Divisional President in recognition of her service to CWA. Val was a member at the age of 16 and has held many positions over the years.

Proston Lions give generously

Proston Lions Club have made donations totalling an impressive \$6917 during the last financial year.

Recipients of their generosity are:

- * Yeppoon Lions Club - Bush Fire Appeal
- * Australian Lions Disaster Fund
- * Proston Play Group
- * Proston State School Awards Night, State School Agriculture sector
- * Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Committee
- * Proston Relay for Life - assisted a local family in need
- * Lions Eye Health Program
- * Proston Car Rally
- * Lions Hearing Dogs
- * Wondai Garden Expo
- * Proston Show
- * Road Show Films - Movie night in Railway Park
- * Supported local families with back to school expenses



Two history books "Proston Branch QCWA The First Fifty Years" and "Proston QCWA Debutante Balls" have been compiled by Joyce Penman. Joyce, whose father Jim Smith was a partner in Smith & Duffy's Store, was a Proston resident in the 1940s and 50s. She recalled her mother's involvement in the CWA and said she always considered herself a "CWA kid". Joyce was disappointed to be unable to attend the recent Proston CWA AGM.

The books are the result of many hours spent reading meeting minutes, newspaper reports and tracking down photographs. They are available for purchase at Shop 44 in Proston for \$10 each and all proceeds go to The Proston & District Heritage Assn. For more information please phone Linda Rea on 0428 689 280.

Social Snippets



* Congratulations to Paul & Kathy Julian who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 27 June.



* **Happy Birthday to Mikaela Ross who turned 21 on July 16th. Mikaela is a Teacher Aide at Proston SS and a valued member of the Rural Studies Program.**

Library News



Proston Library are delighted to announce that our Conversations group will be holding our first meeting on Wednesday 19th August at 10.00 a.m. in the Proston Library. As COVID-19 restrictions apply to this gathering, numbers and attendees have had to be pre-determined and therefore we are unable to invite any drop-ins to join in this first group. Updates will be provided should restrictions be eased or upgraded.

Julie Manning
Librarian Proston

Get to Know a Local!

Name: Michael Nott

Nickname: Mick/Notty

Lived in Proston: Approximately 35 years

Favourite Pastime: I like helping out in the community

Favourite Food: Fish, Crumbed Steak

Favourite Music: Country music- Lee Kernaghan

Favourite Sport: I like playing Tennis and going to the Car Rally.

I can't live without: My motorbike

My secret talent is: Timekeeping at the Golden Spurs Campdraft. I can ride a horse and I like to help with mustering.

Best Quality: I just like helping people

Proston needs: Fuel station

What I like most about Proston: Everyone's very friendly.



Congratulations to Nick and Anita Blanch on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. A special welcome to Addison May who is a fifth generation Proston resident for both the Blanch and Welch families.



"Doing it in the dirt" at another successful Proston Car Rally weekend recently. The Rally attracted record entries. Photo courtesy Kathy Duff.



One of Proston's most well known and loved characters is Michael Nott. Michael is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs it and can always be relied upon to help out at community events. Michael is a quiet achiever whose cheerful outlook on life is appreciated by everyone he comes into contact with. Thanks Michael!

* The CWA ladies are grateful to South Burnett Ministries for the temporary use of their building. The larger space has enabled the ladies to once again hold their craft days while ensuring social distancing.

* Proston Men's Shed Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday 12th September at 10am at the Cultural Centre. All welcome to attend.

*** Proston Mental Health Peer Support Group meets again on 19th August at 10am in the Proston Community Hall. Cuppa available before the meeting.**



* The next meeting of the Proston Round Table will be held at Proston Bowls Club on Thursday 13 August. There was considerable discussion on the park area between the pub and the old town hall at the last meeting and this discussion will continue. All are welcome to attend - 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Meals will be available for purchase and the Bowls Club would welcome your support. Meal bookings are required by Friday 7th August.

We're Here to Help..

Emergency Relief Outreach Service

PROSTON

Shop 40, Blake Street

12 August 2020, 9 September 2020 ... 14 October 2020 ... 11 November 2020
9.30am - 2pm

*Food & Utility Bills Assistance

*No Interest Loan Scheme

Contact us: 07 4169 8400

0447 683 492



email: admin@grahamhouse.org.au

GRAHAM HOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
Supporting our community.

A new Emergency Relief Service, provided by Graham House, is commencing in Proston. The service can be accessed once a month commencing on **Wednesday 12 August** between the hours of **9.30am and 2pm**. Future dates are 9th September, 14th October and 11th November 2020. **Please note: Initially the office will be in Shop 48 but will move to Shop 40 when renovations of that shop are completed.**

THE GOLDEN SPURS HOTEL

FREE CAMPING BOOK NOW

SAT 5TH SEPT

FATHERS DAY WEEKEND

FAMILY FUN

4168 9069

* PIG ON A SPIT
* RAFFLES/AUCTIONS
* PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
* CHARITY DONATIONS
* LIVE MUSIC (NIGHT)
* COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

PIG RACES

NOAH'S RACING SHOP

RURAL MINDS
Rural & Remote Mental Health SUPPORTING CHARITIES

Set aside Father's Day weekend for a weekend of family fun at the Golden Spurs Hotel Pig Races. Free camping available.

GREY NOMADS
2 DAY STABLEFORD EVENT

5th & 6th September 2020

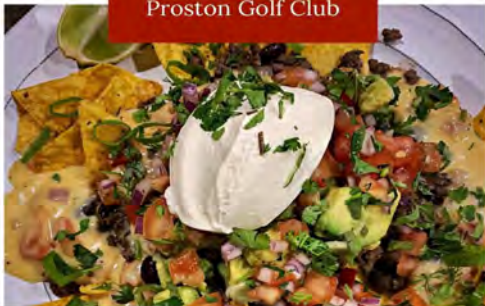
Grey Nomads 2 day Stableford Event.
5th September lunch & dinner. 6th September lunch. \$40.00 p/p
Green fees \$10 p/p per day. Register your interest on 0474741822 or email prostongolf@gmail.com



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DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY

Friday Night Meal
Proston Golf Club



Call 0474741822

It's a dog's life beside the firepit at Proston Free Camp!



ANNOUNCEMENT

FESTIVAL OF THE DAMS

15TH-16TH AUGUST - BOONDOOMA DAM

15 & 16 August at Lake Boondooma.
Prizes & Raffles on Friday & Saturday Nights - Live Music Saturday Night.
Please Note - Event is subject to COVID-19 conditions.
This event is proudly sponsored by the South Burnett Regional Council.

A meeting of the minds ...



From left: Gordon Buchanan, Cliff Perkins, Mick Boisen, Percy Iszlaub, Margery Grimes, Gerry Grimes and Eric Cridland.

Mr & Mrs Gerry Grimes hosted a lunch at their home, "Corrunovan", for this group of Wondai and Proston residents. All had played a part in the history of the district and they would have enjoyed sharing their many memories and anecdotes. I am unsure of the date of this photo but it is possibly around early 2000.

Discover the Diversity of Gardening in Queensland's Best Backyard!

Wondai 2020 Spring Garden Expo

Wondai Sportsground, Bunya H'way, Wondai

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September

Quality Stalls of all descriptions for Garden and Home

& the Horticultural and Photography Show

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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 Department Store or Jacaranda Tearooms or alternatively email it to grea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.