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Wishing all our readers a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

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In the Rain Gauge

At Proston Post Office

**October 105.2mm
November 12.2mm**

2020 Total 617.7mm



Proston State School and Smithfield Cattle Company have entered into a partnership to improve the school's competitiveness in the Show ring in 2021. Smithfield have purchased 2 steers at the Blue Ribbon sale at Pittsworth for a total of \$7600 and have donated them to the Proston State School's Agricultural program.

Agricultural teacher Katrina Hayward is excited to be showing these steers during the coming 2021 show season as well as at the Ekka and Beef 2021. "We have to say a massive thank you to Smithfield Cattle company for purchasing these two exceptional steers for the 2021

Show Team. We are really excited to have the opportunity to exhibit such quality animals and it is only because of Smithfield's continued support and belief in our program," Katrina said.

The cattle show team is made up of eight students from Years 7 to 10 and they have already started working with the steers and are impressed with their quiet temperament.

"Showtime" was bred by the Evans family "Jen-Daview" Limousin Stud, Kingaroy and "Sapphire" was bred by Cathy Yarnold from Kingsthorpe.

2021 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the teachers and students of the Proston State School Agriculture Program.



"Showtime" (above) and "Sapphire" (below).



FRRR Grant for Proston Men's Shed

Proston Men's Shed are delighted to announce that they are the recipients of a grant of almost \$60,000 from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

President Paul Julian welcomed the very generous grant and said it would enable the men to finish the shed and the attached amenities block. Paul thanked FRRR for their support and said all members looked forward to seeing the new facility completed in 2021.

Movember success



Proston District Golf Club members ran a very successful fundraiser for the "Movember" cause, raising funds for Men's Health Awareness. Thanks to everyone for their support of Wayne, Geoff, Mick and Brian who sported moustaches for the month of November. An amazing \$2078 was raised, far exceeding the target of \$1000. This came on the back of \$854.50 raised during October for the McGrath Foundation. The club is grateful to Dale Murray, South Burnett Steel Fabrication & Gravel for his sponsorship. Congratulations all on a great effort!

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER 6PM TO 8PM**

**Hosted by the Golden Spurs Hotel
This is a community event for all the family -
bring your kids, your parents, and a chair or a
blanket.**

**Special guests Sonia McMahon & Christian
Anderson (Miss 'N Hymm Duo).
Kids - Don't forget your glowsticks!!**



Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

The Spirit of Proston

Everyone is talking about the spirit of Proston. Proston has led the way on many fronts with the pinking up of the South Burnett, followed by Pat Henry and the Golf Cub recently blueing up for mental health. The topper was Christmas in Proston Village with Linda Rea leading and encouraging everyone to bring a Christmas tree and decorate the main street. It was inspiring to be part of that event and to see the enthusiasm of individuals and groups working together to bring Christmas cheer to the community.

Covid Christmas and Community

The Barambah Ministers Association have put together an online Christmas which will be live streamed on the Martoo Review Facebook page on the afternoon of the 11th December. Details can be found on the page. It has been a challenging year, in many ways, but I think Covid has taught us all to appreciate what we have in our own backyard. It has taught us the importance of supporting our local businesses and the importance of our family and our community. It has showcased the safe environment that we have in the country that

is now the envy of our city cousins.

Christmas Blessings

I hope you all enjoy some precious time with your loved ones but please reach out this Christmas to those who might be doing it tough or are lonely or isolated. I would like to extend my Christmas blessings and wish everyone a Happy, Holy & Safe Christmas & a brighter 2021!!



Lions Club News



The Club continues to fundraise with Cash for Cans

The Proston and District Lions Club have been in action during the Covid shut-down, with meetings being held to progress the normal business of the Club. It was disappointing that the District Conference could not be held in Proston in October, as much work had gone into the planning and it would have been a great opportunity to showcase the Proston community and its many attractions to all of the visitors who would have attended. Raffles have recommenced at the Golden Spurs Hotel, and the Lions Christmas Cakes, Puddings and Mints are again available from local outlets. If you wish to place a special order for any of these, please phone Jan on 0438 681 840 or Helen on 4168 9297.

providing a steady source of income to replace the discontinued glass recycling project. Recent donations have been made to the Proston State School to support the Rural Studies projects, \$500.00 to ALCCRF to support childrens' health research, and Medical Record booklets have been purchased to be donated to the Proston Outpatients.

The Proston Lions Park has a new and colourful focal point with the development of a Rose Garden which was achieved with a lot of effort by just a few members and volunteers. The Roses are making a beautiful display, and are for the enjoyment of all who stop at the Park. Please take nothing but photos!

It was with regret that the Club decided not to manage the Community Christmas Carnival this year, but Covid has seen to the cancellation of many of these events.

The Club has received vouchers from Bunnings, who support the Club by hosting Sausage Sizzles. These will be used to purchase some much needed equipment for the Club, and to supply prizes for a Christmas raffle, with the first prize being a trolley of goods to the value of \$150.00, and vouchers of \$50.00 each for 2nd and 3rd prizes. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each, and the winners will be drawn on the 18th December.

For more information on our Club please phone Jan on 0438 681 840

Contributed by Helen Young



One of the fantastic cars in the Variety Bash which had a lunch stopover at the Proston Showgrounds recently.

The Proston State School P&C catered for lunch and students enjoyed an excursion to see the great variety of cars.

The Variety Bash raises funds for children and families in need.

Photo courtesy Felicity Blanch

Railway Park Survey

The South Burnett Regional Council has received a \$50,000 grant to be spent on beautifying and upgrading Railway Park in Proston.

In early November, Mayor Brett Otto, Councillor Kathy Duff, CEO Mark Pitt, General manager Community Peter O'May and interested community members met in the park to hear suggestions and discuss possible ideas.

Feedback was also received from students at Proston State School as to what they would like to see in the park.

A survey has been developed for the wider community to have their say on these suggestions and also add their own ideas.

Surveys are available at the Proston Library and will also be dropped in town letterboxes.

This is your opportunity to have some input into the future development of our park and your feedback will be welcomed and valued.

Please return surveys to the Proston Library by Friday 22nd January 2021.



As we wrap up 2020, Proston Village Committee would like to thank you for your support through a difficult year. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Our AGM will be held in early February 2021. All positions will become vacant and nominations will be called for prior to the AGM. Further details will be advertised on Proston Village Facebook page and website.

Social Snippets

The Christmas Tree Project - a Round Table initiative to add a festive feel to our main street - has been very well supported by both Proston & Hivesville organisations.

A small army of enthusiastic volunteers soon had their trees up and decorated. Thanks to you wonderful people, our street looks amazing. Maybe this could be the start of a new tradition for Proston.



* A farewell for Ron & Katrena Mumford, who have sold their farm and are relocating to Delaneys Creek near D'Aguiar, will be held in Railway Park on Sunday 6th December at 11am. Please BYO chair and something to eat. All welcome to come along and show your appreciation for the contribution made by this lovely couple to the Proston community over many years.



NB Department Store and Jacaranda Tearooms will be open 7 days right up until Christmas. **Trading hours for NB Department Store are:** Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am to 12pm. **Jacaranda Tearooms will be open** Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 4pm, Friday 6.30am to 4pm, Saturday & Sunday 8am to 12pm.



South Burnett Regional Council wish to advise that the Proston Public Library and Council office will be closed as of midday on Thursday 24th December 2020 and will re-open at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2021.

Julie Manning
Librarian



* Congratulations to Kimberley Fisher who is Dux of the Proston State School for 2020. Kimberley also received Year 10 subject awards, the Long Tan Award, Long Tan Innovations Award and the P & C Industry Award.

* Despite some rain earlier in the day the **Mega Bowls event** was a huge success. It was a great night of fun and entertainment which raised an amazing \$13,777.65 for the Proston State School Ag Department. Guests enjoyed a pig on the spit dinner, auction, multi-draw raffle and cent auction. Organiser Katrina Hayward, thanked all those who supported the event in so many ways.

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who recently celebrated their graduation from Proston State School. Best wishes for the future.

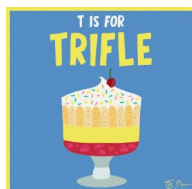


MERRY MONDAY SALE

21st December 7am-7pm

NB Department Store, Proston Health & Beauty, Jacaranda Tearooms and 44 on Blake will all be open.

All purchases between now and Christmas Eve go into the draw for a Hamper of goodies donated by these stores.



Craving Christmas Trifle?? Proston Heritage Assn will be selling individual Trifle serves on Monday 21st December in Blake Street.

Get to Know a Local!

Name: Cheryl Simpson
Nickname: Kazza
Lived in Proston: 3 years and 4 months
Occupation: Retired
Favourite Pastime: Craft
Favourite Food: Italian
Favourite Music: All except heavy metal, rap and opera
Favourite Sport: Not into sport
I can't live without: Family
My secret talent is: I'm a good listener
Best Quality: Empathy
Worst Quality: Procrastinating
Proston needs: More local involvement from the community
What I like most about Proston: Feeling safe, low crime rate, new friends.



Peter and Cheryl Simpson are relatively new residents of Proston and can often be found enjoying morning coffee at Jacaranda Tearooms with their much loved dog Bubbles. Both are enjoying a relaxed, retired life in Proston Village.

Name: Peter Simpson
Nickname: Simmo
Lived in Proston: 3 years and 4 months
Occupation: Retired
Favourite Pastime: Renovation of our home
Favourite Food: Italian
Favourite Music: Most types of music
Favourite Sport: Cricket
I can't live without: Family
My secret talent is: Electrical fault finding
Best Quality: Good listener
Worst Quality: Procrastination
Proston needs: More community involvement
What I like most about Proston: A sense of community

CLAIRE'S COLLECTIBLES

- ◆ Jewellery - good quality stainless steel and gold-filled jewellery
- ◆ Huge range of scarves - all half price
- ◆ English china, crystal and glassware
- ◆ Ceramic ornaments
- ◆ Ceramic dolls
- ◆ All things vintage
- ◆ Range of DVDs and CDs
- ◆ Books - donated by Claire's Dad, Noel Fisher. All proceeds of book sales to Proston Village.



Claire is a former Proston girl who spent her childhood on a farm at Stalworth. She has returned to open a pop-up shop in Shop 48 in Blake Street.

Call in and check out Claire's lovely stock. Open every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday right up until Christmas.



Please note: New summer trading hours for our Spar Supermarket.

**7am to 7pm weekdays
8am to 4pm weekends
and public holidays.**



*Love a local
Christmas*



The Annual General Meeting of the Proston & District Heritage Assn was held recently. The new executive is President Nick Blanch, Vice President Brenda Johanson, Secretary Kathy Crane and Treasurer Linda Rea.

The association is working steadily towards a display in Shop 38 and would welcome any items of memorabilia or photographs concerning Proston's history.

Also, a book is being collated for the 2023 Centenary and the association urges anyone who would like to contribute their Proston story/memory to start writing. In 500 to 1000 words tell us about your memories of Proston and submit it by the 1st January 2022. Please email your stories, along with any photos you would like to include to theprostonhc@gmail.com

The next meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at the Cultural Centre at 6.15pm. All are welcome to attend.

Those were the days

The following is part of a report on the Proston Apex Club which appeared in the South Burnett Times dated 18th March 1981.

Proston Apex Club has been serving the community for six years. The first meeting was convened on 26th February 1975, by the Apex clubs of Murgon and Wondai for the purpose of forming a Proston club. As a result a club was formed with office bearers being: Reg King (president), Pat Dunn (secretary) and Neal Mitchell (treasurer).

Club membership then was 28 and they were eager to start providing helpful amenities for the people of Proston and surrounding areas.

The club's first project was the clearing of the gardens in Collingwood Street.

During the club's first year, spurred on by

members' enthusiasm and local community support, it was decided to stage a Proston Rodeo. The first rodeo, which was held in July, was held before the club was actually chartered. Since the first rodeo, Apex has been involved each year in improving the arena and holding yards.

The club presented a \$520 movie projector to the Proston P & C Association and in 1976 the association was also presented with an \$850 colour television.

The organisation to have benefited most from Apex is the ambulance service which has received several donations of life-saving equipment and \$2609 for its last vehicle. The pre-school and CWA rooms have also



Taking a break from cutting logs for the bullyards at the Proston Showground in 1976 are Apex members Darryl Walker, Neil Mitchell, Dave Pickels, Ken McDonald and Alan Melville.

been painted by Apexians.

Apex Park was completed in 1977 and the Murgon Blue Nurses, Proston play school and P & C receive regular donations.

The major annual event of the year is the Christmas Eve Carnival which is run in conjunction with the Ambulance committee.

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