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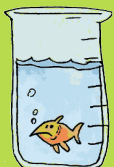
**Lake
Boondooma
Current
Capacity
28.6%**

In the Rain Gauge

**At Proston
Post Office**

**December
2020
71mm
January 2021
117.4mm**

**2020 Total
688.7mm
compared to
the 2019 total
of just 323.1mm**



Proston Show to go ahead

Proston Show will be alive and happening on Saturday the 13th March 2021.

At a well-attended meeting, it was decided that the 63rd Proston Show would go ahead, but in a slightly different format to comply with COVID regulations. President Viv White said "You can expect to see the ever popular Stud Cattle, Prime Cattle, Poultry and Championship Dog Show. Pavilion competitions will go ahead with all entries free as an added incentive. The pavilion theme for this year is "Pigs". Catering will be provided by food trucks and show patrons will need to BYO table and chairs to enjoy a picnic lunch. *(Please note: The food pavilion will not operate and no tables and chairs will be available.)* The Animal Farm will be there for the kids as well as other activities which are yet to be confirmed".



All Queensland Health Department and Queensland Ag Show COVID Safe Industry Plans will be adhered to. To comply with these regulations there will be some changes including Tap 'n' Go and entrance tickets will need to be pre-purchased. Competition entries will need to be completed prior to the Show. Keep an eye on the Proston Show Society Facebook page for the latest information. The committee looks forward to your support.

Any questions or for further information please call the President, Viv White on 0412 016 564 or the Secretary, Glenda McArdle on 0431 007 020.

Welcome to our newest citizens



**Proud new
Australian citizens
Jude and Joseph
Salvador pictured
with mayor Brett
Otto at the
citizenship
ceremony held in
Kingaroy on
Australia Day.
Congratulations and
welcome!**

Australia Day was a very special day in the lives of Proston residents Joey Salvador and his son Jude, who became Australian citizens in a ceremony held as part of the Kingaroy Australia Day celebrations.

Joey and Jude, who come from The Philippines, have lived in Proston for several years and say the best thing about Australia is the opportunities it offers. Joey works locally and Jude attends Proston State School. Joey is a member of the Proston Fire Brigade and proudly wore his uniform for the ceremony.

Santa Claus Lane

Congratulations to the residents of Wondai Road, Proston, who were the winners of the "Santa Claus Lane" Christmas lights competition run by the South Burnett Regional Council. The competition, which focuses on community cooperation, is sponsored by CEO Mark Pitt and his wife Nicola. The entry was prepared by Felicity Blanch and Robyn Maneylaws and the children of the street dropped a note in each mailbox encouraging neighbours to join in the spirit of Christmas by decorating their homes and yards. Mark and Nicola made the trip to Proston to present the special sign which will remain permanently on the corner in front of the former Anglican Church.



Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Proston, Hivesville and Boondooma Australia Day Celebrations

Congratulations to Kathy Julian who was the South Burnett Proston/Hivesville Local Achiever. It was wonderful to recognise Kathy at three events in her local area. I caught up with Kathy at a flag raising ceremony followed by a lovely breakfast in Hivesville. I also acknowledged her again at the Proston Scouts flag raising ceremony, followed by damper and syrup and a great old Aussie game of cricket. The last event for the day was the Boondooma Homestead finale. We had an

evening flag raising and award presentation, followed by dinner, desert and entertainment into the evening. It was wonderful to see a bus load of people from all over the South Burnett supporting the Boondooma Homestead Committee. It was also great that our community champion Kathy Julian was fittingly recognised.

Council's Community Grant Funding Now Open

The community grant funding round for Council is open now and closes at the end of February. Applications are on the Council

website or visit any office and ask for an application form.
Proston Railway Park Upgrade
 Thank you to the community members who helped to put the survey together to allow the community to provide feedback on what they would like to see in Railway Park. We have collated the feedback and have some great ideas for the upgrade.
Council's Draft Corporate Plan
 This plan will shape the future direction of the region. It is now out for public consultation. Please check it out and have your say.

Australia Day celebrations



A very deserving recipient of the Hivesville/Proston Local Achiever Award for 2021 is Kathy Julian. Kathy works quietly behind the scenes and gives generously of her time to a number of organisations in the district, most notably the Proston Men's Shed. Congratulations Kathy! Congratulations also go to Anita Blanch, who was a worthy nominee for this award.



Proston Scout Group pictured with Cr Kathy Duff, Mayor Brett Otto and Scout leaders Zig Zoldak (Chill) and Robyn Maneylaws (Puggle). The Scouts hosted the Australia Day celebrations in Proston and served up some fantastic damper.



Volunteers Tania and Trish - two lovely ladies cooking up a storm at the Australia Day breakfast in Hivesville. It was a wonderful start to the Australia Day celebrations and organisers were very pleased with the attendance.



Where Community and Business Comes Together

Needs legs!

DID YOU KNOW??
 Proston Round Table meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and all are welcome to attend.



Campdraft 2021

The Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft will

be held on the weekend of the 19th to 21st March. The program includes an Open, Restricted Open, Novice, Maiden and Junior and Juvenile drafts as well as the Minis. President John Ramke said this year the committee is honouring two wonderful campdraft supporters who have passed away recently.

"A Memorial Maiden Draft will be run in honour of Jeff Rickards, who won the first ever maiden draft and went on to win 2 more in his lifetime. The

Juvenile Draft will be run in Graham Blanch's honour as he always took a keen interest in and encouraged the younger riders".

The Golden Spurs Hotel is the place to be on the Friday night for a great meal and entertainment. On Saturday evening, meals, a bar and entertainment will be available at the grounds. It should be a great weekend of drafting. Campdrafting has played a big part in the district's history and John has kindly shared a little bit of that history.

"The Rickards family were great

supporters of the campdraft. All the timber in the existing camp was cut and donated by Jeff Rickards. In the early days, the cattle for the draft were walked in to the grounds. They would start off picking up cattle at Grimes' Corrivan property, go on to Walsh's at Rossgae, then Rickards' at Beryldale and finally Graham Blanch's block in Trentham. By this time, they would have 500 to 600 head of cattle which were then walked into Proston. The drive took 2 days to complete".

Note: If anyone would like to share their memories or anecdotes of Proston Campdrafts, Linda Rea would love to hear from you on 0428 689 280.

Social Snippets



* Lovely to see Felicity Blanch back home and recuperating after her recent illness. Welcome home Felicity. We wish you a speedy recovery.

* Happiest of birthday wishes to Brian Blanch who is celebrating his 70th birthday on February 19th. Hope your day is very special Brian.



* David and Lynda Cecil are very proud grandparents at present. Their granddaughter, Caitlin Lang, has been accepted into the University of Queensland to complete a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Caitlyn was also Dux and 2020 Captain at Mary MacKillop Catholic College at Highfields. Congratulations Caitlyn!

* The Proston community has been saddened to hear of the passing of three much loved community members over the last few weeks. **Rosemary Adams-White** was a familiar face at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services where she helped to provide refreshments and supported her husband Fred in his RSL role. Rosemary passed away in mid December and is lovingly remembered by all who knew her.



A large crowd gathered at the Proston Cemetery to farewell **Eloise Blanch** who passed away on 4th January after a long battle with breast cancer. Eloise will be remembered as a lovely lady with a warm smile and a kind word for everyone. She will

be greatly missed by her husband Cliff, children Kate, Veronica and Sonia and their extended families.

Jeff Rickards, a long standing member of the Brigooda community passed away on Sunday 24th January. Jeff spent most of his life associated with the family property "Beryldale" which he took over from his parents. He will be sadly missed by his daughter Jodie and granddaughter Joanna and we extend our sympathy to them.



Lake Boondooma was a popular destination during the Christmas/New Year holidays. A large crowd enjoyed camping, boating, fishing and picnicking in the lovely bush setting beside the water.

Library News



Proston Library is spreading the love for Valentine's Day with a Library Lover's Raffle - Exclusive to Proston Library.

All patrons who visit the Library and borrow an item from Tuesday 9th February to Friday 12th February go into the draw for a free raffle. 1st prize is a hamper of goodies, 2nd prize is a bottle of champagne and 3rd prize is a box of chocolates.

Conversations resume on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am. All welcome.

Julie Manning
Librarian



Enjoying a Christmas catchup at Jacaranda Tearooms are former Proston State School workmates, Joan Murray, Heather Carfoot, Cecily Fry, Linda Rea, Janette Scanlan (seated), Gay Welch, Jeny Shelton & Cheryl McCormick.



The Golden Spurs Hotel hosted an afternoon of fun featuring The Crackup Sisters recently. A whip cracking workshop and lamington eating competition were popular. Cr Kathy Duff found the sack race a little challenging.

Get to Know a Local!

Name: **Margaret Westerman**

Nickname: Mrs Margaret

Lived in Proston: Came to Proston in September 1994

Occupation: Retired Library Officer

Favourite Pastime: Bookbinding, Travelling, Reading

Favourite Food: Vietnamese food

Favourite Music: Classical

Favourite Sport: Sailing - though it is many years since I last sailed.

I can't live without: Books, music and of course, David

My secret talent is: Keeping secrets

Best Quality: Generosity and compassion

Worst Quality: I can, on occasion, be judgemental

Proston needs: More volunteers

What I like most about Proston: Generally, it is a quiet and pleasant place to live, with a great community spirit. I cannot imagine living anywhere else.



David Hunter and Margaret Westerman are well known Proston residents who enjoy our country lifestyle. When they are not travelling, they devote many hours to the Proston Golf Club, the Local Ambulance Committee and actively support many other community initiatives.

Name: **David Hunter**

Nickname: Dave

Lived in Proston: 6 years

Occupation: Retired Mine Manager

Favourite Pastime: Travelling

Favourite Food: Asian food

Favourite Music: Country - Rock

Favourite Sport: Rugby League

I can't live without: Margaret

My secret talent is: If I told you, it wouldn't be a secret

Best Quality: Compassion

Worst Quality: Impatience

Proston needs: Fuel outlet

What I like most about Proston: Quiet



Resilience and Health 6 week Education Program

Delivered by local allied health professionals

For people who want to learn more about how better sleep, diet and exercise can help improve and maintain our mental health and well being.

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Or

KATHY CRANE

Proston Community

Nurse

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To register your interest

Week 1 - 24/02/21: Introduction

Week 2 - 03/03/21: Goal setting

Week 3 - 10/03/21: Sleep

Week 4 - 17/03/21: Exercise

Week 5 - 24/03/21: Diet

Week 6 - 31/03/21: Healthy Habits

COMMENCING

Wednesday 24 February 2021

10.30am to 12pm

Proston Hall

This program is funded by the Darling Downs West Moreton PHN

Looking for something to do in Proston?

- * Tennis every Thursday night 6.30pm. Cost \$2. All welcome.
- * Line Dancing every Monday night in the Proston Community Hall. Beginners 5.30pm, Advanced 6.30pm Cost \$5.
- * Social Golf each Friday afternoon from 2pm. Meals available from 6pm.
- * Social gathering at the Bowls Club each Wednesday night. Light meal available. Social Bowls most Saturdays from 2pm.
- * Trivia night at the Golden Spurs Hotel on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm. Meals available.
- * Proston Men's Shed meets every Tuesday and Saturday morning at the Cultural Centre. All welcome.
- * Proston QCWA craft each Monday at 9am at the CWA Rooms. BYO morning snack.
- * Meditation each Tuesday evening at the Cultural Centre 5pm to 6pm. Sessions are free.
- * Ladies Tai Chi at the Hivesville Sportsground each Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Cost \$2.



Proston & District Heritage Assn members are busy gathering stories for the upcoming Proston Centenary celebrations in 2023. If you would like to share your memories or anecdotes of Proston, now is the time to start writing.

A book covering the establishment of the Railway, Butter Factory and Sleeper Mill is now available for sale at \$10. See Jacaranda Tearooms or Shop 44 to get your copy. A history of the Proston CWA and a book detailing the Proston CWA Debutante Balls from 1945 to 1969 are also available at \$10 each.

Check out the current display in the window of Shop 38 which focuses on the Sleeper Mill and the timber industry.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 6.15pm in the Cultural Centre. All welcome.

Those were the days

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People and Places

Powerful home brew

The home brew competition at last Saturday's Proston show had to be abandoned.

Some of the entries being chilled for judging exploded.

And if that wasn't enough, about half of the softdrinks stored with the brew were also broken.

Naturally, there was no way to salvage the beer (or find out which exhibit blew

up first) and the competition was dropped.

Exhibitors will now have to wait for the Murgon show this weekend to see who brews the best beer — and hopefully not the most explosive.

Checking out the show's biggest pumpkin are Proston locals Rhys Eggleton, 8, James Eggleton, 11, Simon McMahon, 9 and John Waasdorp, 10. The winning entry, lodged by Mr Eric Cridland, weighed almost 40kg.

Photo from the South Burnett Times circa 1999.



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.