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**Lake Boondooma Current Capacity**

**43.2%**

## In the Rain Gauge

Total for December at Proston Post Office  
**97.4mm**  
2017 Total  
**743.8mm**

Total for January at Proston Post Office  
**7.2mm**

## It's Showtime Again!

The Proston Show Society is making an extra special effort for the **2018 Proston Annual Show**, to be held on Friday and Saturday 9 & 10 March. This will be the **60<sup>th</sup> Show** for this small but vibrant community. The great popularity of this event is a tribute to the many people involved, from the most senior members of the committee down to the Next Gen group of youth who choose to make Proston Show the focus of their community involvement.

The first opportunity to celebrate will be the **Proston Show Dance**. Themed with a Sixties flavour this will be held in the **Proston Community Hall on Saturday 24 February**, where entrants in Miss Showgirl and Rural Ambassador will be introduced. Live music, licensed bar and a unique photo opportunity will be highlights of the evening.

Proston Show's position as first on the calendar for the South Burnett is one of the factors contributing to its success. Everyone from pedigreed livestock exhibitors, Young Judges and Showgirl and Rural Ambassador entrants have the chance to gain experience and confidence, and evaluate their chances before the "larger" shows later in the season. This is evident when so many of our exhibitors are successful at following Shows and at Sub-chamber and State finals.

Prime trade cattle are in full bloom at this time of the year

and an added incentive by way of a Carcass competition has been added to the prime Trade section. Beef cattle raising is the prime agricultural activity for the district and large entries are anticipated in both sections. **Friday afternoon will feature the first Young Judges competition in trade cattle.**

**Pavilion judging is on Friday morning, and the afternoon will have the fun of the Young Farmers' Challenge, with Sideshow Alley open for business and finishing off with the Cattleman's BBQ.**



**Saturday features Prime and Stud Beef judging, Stud beef Young Judges, Ute Show and Championship Dog Show.**

Horses will compete in Ring events and the **Stockhorse Challenge**, the ever-popular **Woodchop and Chainsaw** competitions get under way and feathered beauties enchant in the **Poultry Pavilion**. Last but certainly not least is the **Show Pavilion**. With a special theme for pavilion entries each year, everyone becomes involved in the challenge of making beautifully crafted exhibits and



this year **Horseshoes** will be dominant.

A new line-up of **Trade stalls** organised by a local business will be an interesting addition.

The Show will be officially opened by Ms Deb Frecklington MP, Member for Nanango, at 1.30pm followed by a Grand Parade.

An **animal nursery and pet show, whip-cracking competitions, Luke's Reptile Kingdom** plus musical entertainment will round out a full day of family entertainment.

**Sideshow Alley will feature RidesnSlides Entertainment with Dodgem cars plus four other rides, Clowns and Fairy Floss.** This is a private company sponsored by the Show Society and other sponsors, with family-friendly management and prices. **A wonderful display of fireworks will cap off Saturday evening followed by the licensed bar and popular covers band Miss Leading.**

The Show's own Canteen and licensed Bar will operate for the duration of the Show.

For more information please contact the Show Secretary, Glenda McArdle on 0431 007 020.

*\*Thanks to Helen Young, Show Society Publicity Officer, for contributing this article.*

## Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Happy New Year everyone. It has started out with some major challenges for families in our community with the damage from the Boxing Day storms. I was the Acting Mayor when this happened and was honoured to represent a community that was so generous in their support for each other. Thank you to the SES, the Council staff, the Rural Fire Brigades, those who organised Baked Relief and

community members who have gone out of their way to help. We are also blessed to have the BlazeAid team who have travelled from across the nation to help with fencing and other clean up. Thanks to Joan Adams for coordinating their meals and to the PCYC for the use of their building. The whole recovery is a team effort and the way the community has rallied makes me proud to be part of the wonderful community that we have here in the South Burnett.



**Proston Lions Club have generously donated \$1000 to Blaze Aid** to assist with catering for the volunteer workers who have arrived to help with fencing and the general clean up following the severe Boxing Day storms. Our thoughts are with those who suffered damage to their homes, gardens, outbuildings, crops, fences and stock.

*"I wouldn't have won this award without my wife's support. She was the one who suggested I go to Men's Shed".*  
**Spike Butler**

**Nick and Anita Blanch**  
Small Business Achiever  
Award nominees



## Aussie, Aussie, Aussie ....

Australia Day was celebrated in various ways across the district. A large crowd took advantage of the long weekend and the great facilities at Lake Boondooma to enjoy camping, water sports, picnics and family get togethers.

Proston Scouts welcomed all to a flag-raising ceremony, cricket and afternoon tea of damper and lamingtons. It was also an opportunity for new recruits to sign on.

In the late afternoon the historic setting of Boondooma Homestead provided a beautiful atmosphere for their ceremony which was followed by a barbecue & live music.

Local Achiever for Hivesville/Proston is Spike Butler who was honoured for his work in training his horses for use in the buggies restored by the Murgon Men's Shed. Spike happily volunteers his time to brighten the days of others with his horse and buggy.



**Winner of the Australia Day Local Achiever Award for Hivesville/Proston is Spike Butler pictured with his wife Ann.**

## Doing Proston Proud

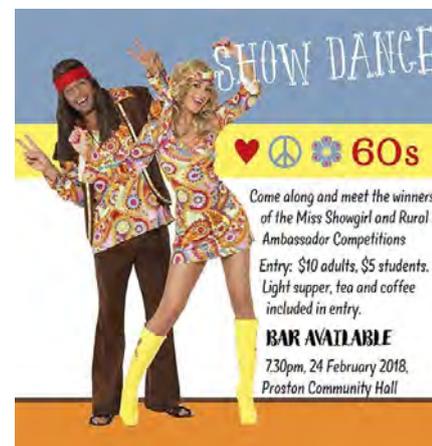
Proston business owners Nick and Anita Blanch have been nominated for a State Small Business Achiever Award. Judging of the award, which is part of the Queensland Young Achiever Awards, will take place on March 6.

Nick and Anita were surprised and privileged to be nominated for a State award. "We both grew up in Proston

and we are really attached to the area and just want to see it shine" they commented.

Anita said their business ethos is to put community first and everything they do is to improve the town.

They were nominated for the award by Cr Ros Heit. Finalists & winners will be announced on May 4. Congratulations and good luck Nick and Anita!



***Dig out your mini skirt and head along to the 60's themed Show Dance for a fun night out.***

# Social Snippets



Two very special deliveries were made during December, but not by Santa!

Nick & Nikita Hockey welcomed Alexandra Lilly on December 17 and Mark & Tabitha Bleys were blessed with the arrival of Hannah Louise on December 29. Congratulations to all.

\* Sad to hear of the passing of Ray Edwards during December. Ray had celebrated his 80th Birthday very recently. We extend sincere sympathy to Irene & family.



**Proston State School have welcomed 4 new staff members in 2018. From left: Liz Gundry (Head of Curriculum), Bruno Basic (District Relief Teacher), Liz Cumming (Principal) and Jay Ridgewell (Secondary Teacher). We extend a warm welcome to you all and hope you enjoy your time in Proston.**

**DATE CLAIMER: Proston QCWA Easter Parade Saturday 31 March 2018**



Great to see members of the Dionysius family celebrating Australia Day with a picnic at Lake Boondooma.

A large crowd enjoyed boating, camping and fishing while relaxing in the beautiful bush setting on the long weekend.

## At the Library



Sixteen people participated in the Holiday Craft Day at the Town Library during January. They had great fun making cardboard roll people and decorating money boxes.

\* Rhyme Time recommences on Tuesday 6 February and is held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. All mums/dads and under school age children are welcome.

\* Conversations at the Library is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and will recommence on 21 February. Come and enjoy a chat.



## Lions Club News

Proston Lions Club would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Christmas Carnival a success.

- Positive feedback was received on the new venue at Railway Park, however some improvements are planned for next year. Overall it was a very enjoyable night.
- Lions Club members finished the year with a camp oven dinner at Les & Del Blanch's residence to thank those who assisted the Club during the year with glass crushing, Markets and Car Rallies.
- The Australia Day weekend was a busy start to the year with members selling raffle tickets at the pub on Friday night and manning the barbecue at the Hivesville Market on Sunday.
- Lions members will be catering at the Car Rally on 3 & 4 February and the Club also provides yearly sponsorship for one of the Junior rally events.
- The following weekend, 10 & 11 February, members will be hard at work running the bar at the Boondooma Dam Fishing Competition.
- Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at the Proston Bowls Club. *Del Blanch.*

## Who's Who in the Zoo?

Glenda McArdle describes her arrival in town as having "discovered Proston". Having lived on acreage, Glenda was looking to move to something more manageable and when she visited Proston to look at a house, she decided that the town offered everything she needed.

Glenda has a background in health care and has worked in Residential Aged Care. Whilst living in Western Australia she co-ordinated a Neighbourhood Centre and studied Community and Human Services.

Jimboomba in Qld was home for a time and Glenda put her training to good use, volunteering as a family support worker offering

depression support and parent support. She said her first thought after settling in Proston was "What volunteer work can I do here"? So began her involvement with the Proston Show Society when she became Secretary in 2007. With a two year break, Glenda has notched up 9 years as Secretary and is still passionate about the Proston Show. She also finds time to be the Meals on Wheels Co-ordinator for our area.

Glenda describes Proston as "a beautiful little town which provides a very comfortable lifestyle and everything we need and where people are respectful of others".



**Glenda McArdle, Secretary, Proston Show Society**

# Dates for your Diary

*Car Rally 3 & 4 February*

*Lake Boondooma Yellowbelly Fishing Comp 10 & 11 February*

*Show Dance 60's Theme Saturday 24 February*

*Hivesville Country Market Sunday 25 February*

*Proston Show 9 & 10 March*

**Church Service Times for February:**

*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*

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

\* **Bingo at the Proston Community Hall 1st & 3rd Fridays each month.**

**Eyes down 9.30am. Morning Tea \$2.**

\* **Line Dancing every Monday night in the Proston Community Hall.**

**Beginners 5.30pm, Advanced 6.30pm**

**Cost \$5.**

\* **Meditation each Tuesday evening at the Cultural Centre 5 to 6pm.**

**Sessions are free.**



Proston CWA Members Val Klein & Wilma Papworth with Baked Relief goodies ready to go out to storm-affected families. Well done ladies!

### BOONDOOMA DAM YELLOWBELLY FISHING COMPETITION

**Nominations accepted from Noon Fri \$20 Seniors \$5 Juniors Food & Drink Booths Available**

**CASH & PRIZES AVAILABLE TO AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$30,000**

**Feb 2018 Sat 10th & Sun 11th Comp Hours 5am Sat to 10am Sun**

**Major Prize Give Aways including a Tinnie**

**Briefing & Random Prize Draws Registration Site Friday Night 8pm at**

**Competitors must have a Fishing Permit, Camping & Accommodation option available at the Lake Phone Kiosk \$1.68 \$694**

#### GILLED & GUTTED SECTION

SENIORS	JUNIORS
Prize money for each weigh-in period for the heaviest of each target species, plus trophy & prize money for heaviest overall Yellowbelly & Australian Bass.	Winner & Runner-up Prizes for each weigh-in period, plus a trophy for the heaviest overall Yellowbelly & Australian Bass.

**BASS AND YELLOWBELLY - CATCH & RELEASE - AVAILABLE TO SENIORS & JUNIORS**

Prize money for each session for the Biggest Bass or Yellowbelly that is caught & released, plus trophy for overall Biggest Bass or Yellowbelly, plus a trophy & prize money for the most Bass and Yellowbelly caught and released.

## Those were the days.....



Junior Calf Section, Proston Show, 1958.

Boondooma resident Mrs Margery Grimes recalls that it was a "stinking hot day" at the first ever Show in March 1958.

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