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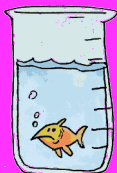
Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

44.4%

In the Rain Gauge

Total for February at Proston Post Office
161.7mm

Yearly Total
168.9mm



Spectacular 60th Show!

Proston Show Society have well and truly lived up to their reputation for staging one of the best shows in country Queensland. A huge crowd enjoyed the first show of the South Burnett on March 9 & 10.

Entries were well up in the Dog, Stud Cattle and Poultry sections while a full field of axemen competed in the Woodchop. The Show Ring was busy all day with Show Jumping and Horse Judging and there were plenty of nominations from Junior through to the Open classes.

The Stud Cattle area was full and judging continued late into the afternoon. Winner of the Young Judges Competition was Brian Smith and the Young Handlers winner was Mikaela Ross, both from Proston State School.



Miss Showgirl Stephanie Weaver, Junior Rural Ambassador Stephanie Flint and Junior Miss Showgirl Louisa Frahm enjoyed the fun of the 60th Proston Show.

was Viv's Animal Nursery, Luke's Animal Kingdom, the Pet Parade, Face Painting and the Whipcracking Competition.

The Show was officially opened by Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington MP. A magnificent Grand Parade followed, showcasing the very best of everything on show, including the restored tractor and cart kindly brought to the show by the Murgon Men's Shed.



A great line-up of Stud Beef Cattle

Post Ripping and Woodchopping Competitions, Dog, Poultry and Prime Cattle judging, the Stockman's Classic and the Ute Muster continued throughout the day and all attracted an interested crowd of on-lookers.

Dodgem cars and other sideshow attractions were popular with the kids as

The day culminated in a brilliant display of fireworks. Those who still had energy stayed on to enjoy the bands and the bar.

Countless hours of volunteer time are needed to stage an event like this and it was a credit to all involved. Thanks also to all the exhibitors and all who attended. Without you we would not have a show. Well done Proston. We may be small but we know how to throw a great Show!

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Congratulations to the Proston Show Society on a fabulous 60's dance followed by an amazing Show. The whole town was abuzz and I know visitors were impressed and amazed at how big the Proston Show has become.

Sixty years is something to be really proud of and well done to everyone for the way that you have

showcased our town and our community.

It is especially exciting to see so many young people stepping up to participate in the Showgirl and Rural Ambassador competitions and also getting involved in Show activities such as the Farmer's Challenge. The young people are our future so we need to support them and encourage their participation.

It is important also that we continue to work together as a community so that we can ensure the next sixty years is as successful as the last. Thanks everyone for doing Proston proud celebrating 60 great years of Proston Shows!!



It is such a privilege to be able to announce that we have made it through to the finals of the WFI Small Business Achiever Award!

We are so honoured to be able to represent our community at a finalist Gala Dinner in May where the winner will be announced. Thank you to everyone who supports us, we could not have made it this far without you all!

Nick and Anita Blanch

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Historic Boondooma Homestead

8262 Mundubbera—Durong Rd Boondooma Qld. 4613

The Original 'Spirit of the Bush' Balladeers & Heritage Muster 2018 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th April

25th Poets B'fast, ANZAC Service 9am, Entertainment to follow

Featuring some of Australia's top Balladeers & Poets

Laura Downing—Brian Letton—Trevor Tolton
Charmaine Pout—Lloyd Back—Jeff Gibson—Alice Benfer
Ashley Cook—Dan Kerin—Dean Perrett
Robert Hopkins—Lynne Bennett—Brenda Joy—Bill Jensen
Buddy Thomson—Alec Beckett—Gary Fogarty
Jim Gilmore—Col Edmonds—Brian Jendra—Jim Brown
Maurice Hardy—Stuart Watson—Sharon Smith—Rod Bryant
Paul Ensby—Ray Essery—Key Groves—Clyde Cameron—Chris Strohfeld
Ted Thompson—Les Lawson—Graham Parfitt—Clarrie Weller—Zeta Burns
Andrew Carins—Tim Thomson—Brian Weir—Gordon Larkin—Graham Berry
Len Connor—Ian Wilson—Greg Dillon—Ian Hands & Others to be confirmed.

The Alan Luscombe Memorial Homestead Walkup Balladeers & Poetry Comps

For details of competitions, general information & bookings contact:

Buddy Thomson & Lynne Bennett Ph/Fax 07 4168 0168

www.boondoomahomestead.org.au email: buddythomson@bigpond.com

Admission \$105pp full festival includes camping from 23rd to 29th. Children under 14 Free
Day rates available. Wed \$15, Thur \$20, Fri \$25, Sat \$30, & Sun \$15.
Pre festival camping rate of \$5 pp/p night applies up to & including Mon 23rd & after Sun 29th

Camp Oven Meals by Boondooma Camp Oven Cooks.

Licensed Bar - BBQ - Stalls - Chips/Drinks



Stalls Welcome - Insurance Required

Vintage Cars & Engines Photographic & Historic displays.

SORRY NO EFPOS—Pay by Cash, Cheque or Online with TELSTRA.
Bring your own Mug and get free tea & coffee all weekend

Bush Camping available - General inquiries: Ph - Caretakers 07 4168 0159



Brian Smith (right) collects his prizes for his successful exhibits in the Prime Cattle Competition at the Show.



Ned Flint (aka The Chicken Whisperer) won prizes with his Silkie chickens.



Social Snippets



Proston Men's Shed have taken delivery of 6 huge crates weighing a total of 10 tonnes. The crates contain their new shed which will be erected on a slab in due course. The load was held up in North Queensland for some time due to heavy rain and despite the wet conditions on arrival it was soon safely unloaded with the help of a crane from Wondai. A big step forward for Proston Men's Shed.

Regatta in the Park
 March 31st Railway Park Rodney Street Proston 4613
 Following the Easter Parade

A Proston Round Table Initiative Events Corporate Sponsors vying for a perpetual shield
 Public events for prizes {boat supplied with entry fee}

<https://www.facebook.com/Proston-Regatta-in-the-Park-559766964400286/>
<https://prostonregattainthepark.yolasite.com/>

Public Hire Boats from \$5 lots of prizes to be won

SPONSORS LOGO'S ON BOATS
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Prizes for best costume of a Nautical theme

email covertycdsc@hotmail.com


Little ones events with inflatable pool toys
 Free electrolyte gels for event participants
 Proudly donated by Covert Creek Community Development and socialclub inc.
 Served by Mundure District Rural Fire Brigade

PROSTON GOLDEN SPURS CAMPDRAFT ACA AFFILIATED 13, 14 & 15 April

Find the link to the program on the Proston Golden Spurs Facebook page.



At the Library



Let the games begin...

Come to the Proston Library and join in the fun with our very own version of the 2018 Commonwealth Games. There will be ten pin bowling, miniature golf, egg & spoon races, sack races and an Easter chicken treasure hunt .

Please phone the **PROSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY** on **41689103** for more information and bookings.



INVITE YOU TO OUR EASTER EVENT

EASTER PARADE

WHEN: SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2018
WHERE: PARADE STARTING AT BAPTIST CHURCH AND TRAVELLING ALONG BLAKE STREET DOWN TO THE RAILWAY PARK & CWA ROOMS
TIME: 9.30 am PARADE STARTS: 10 am

PRIZES FOR:
 BEST DECORATED FLOAT (OF ANY DESCRIPTION – IT COULD BE CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR, HORSE AND CART, SCOOTER, WALKERS, BICYCLES - ADULTS AND CHILDREN; FANCY DRESSED PERSON

ENTRY PRICES:
TO BE IN THE PARADE:
\$2.00 LARGE FLOAT OR 50¢ FOR SMALL FLOAT OR BIKE
TO HAVE A STALL: \$5.00

STALLS
FOOD & VARIETY
RAFFLES ON THE DAY

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

EASTER HAT PARADE AT 11.00 AM

TO REGISTER A FLOAT OR BOOK STALL SITE
CONTACT:
 Judith 41689540
 Val 41689391
 Eileen 0429 856 770

Who's Who in the Zoo?

Our well known Community Health Nurse, Kathy Crane, came to Proston in October 2000. Born in Springsure, Kathy went to school in Mareeba and Moranbah before starting her nursing training at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. Like many young people she soon headed overseas to England (via South America) and trained and worked as a Midwife in a North London Hospital. Whilst there, her adventurous spirit took her travelling to many places, including Africa, where she climbed Mt Kilimanjaro. After a time Kathy felt the need to do something different and a desire to "give back"

saw her volunteer as a nurse in a Leprosy Control Program in Amazonas, Brazil for 3 years. Following her return to Australia Kathy worked in a number of South Burnett Hospitals, mainly as a Midwife. Kathy's son Gabriel, was born during this time and he is currently studying a Bachelor of Science in Animal Health. "What I love is the contact with people from pregnancy right through to the end stage of life. It's a privilege to be part of people's lives at their happiest times and also to support them through the difficult times. I believe that our community is enriched when we show kindness and tolerance to others" Kathy said.



Kathy Crane, Proston's much-loved Community Health Nurse enjoys the rural lifestyle and being involved in Community projects.

Dates for your Diary

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 25 March

CWA Easter Parade Saturday 31 March

Regatta in the Park Saturday 31 March

Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft 13, 14 & 15 April

Proston State School Anzac Ceremony Tues 24 April 10.30am

Proston RSL Anzac Day Dawn Service Wed 25 April 5.30am

Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush 25 to 29 April

Church Service Times:

Catholic 8am Mass every Saturday

(Please note Mass changes to 9am Saturday from April)

Easter Saturday 31 March 4.30pm

South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday

Baptist 10am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2pm Bible Study on the 3rd Sunday

Good Friday 8am



Some of the hardest workers at the Show are those who (wo)man the food pavilion.

Pictured are Del Blanch, Val Elliott, Mary Danson, Noela Ardrey, Helen Young and Irene McDonald who were still cooking, serving and cleaning up late into the evening. They were still smiling too!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

* **Bingo at the Proston Community Hall 1st & 3rd Fridays each month.**
Eyes down 9.30am. Morning Tea \$2.

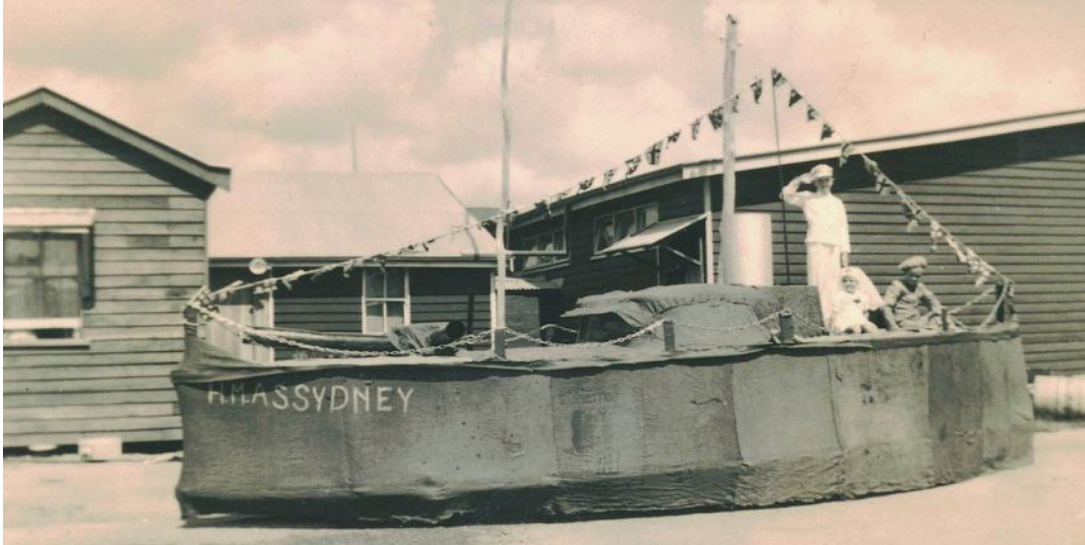
* **Line Dancing every Monday night in the Proston Community Hall.**
Beginners 5.30pm, Advanced 6.30pm
Cost \$5.

* **Meditation each Tuesday evening at the Cultural Centre 5 to 6pm.**
Sessions are free.

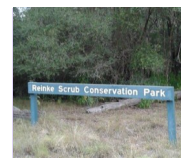


Sue Cox (left), representative of the McGrath Foundation, is presented with 15 satin comfort cushions in carry bags, by Proston CWA member Judith Marek. The cushions will be distributed to breast cancer patients.

Those were the days.....



Perrin and Day's entry in a Street Parade 1940 - this street parade was one of many held during the war years to raise funds for the troops. Tragically the actual HMAS Sydney was lost with all hands in November of the following year (1941) with the German merchant raider the Kormoran. Photo: Proston Heritage Collection



Late News!!

National Parks & Wildlife have advised that they will have a picnic table in place at Reinke Scrub Conservation Park in time for Easter. A walk through the scrub is planned for Good Friday 30 March.

If you would to join in please meet at the Parking area at 8am. Remember to bring a hat, water bottle and closed in shoes for walking.

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 glrea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.