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In the Rain Gauge

Total for April
at Proston
Post Office
2.4mm
Yearly Total
338.6mm



Residents embrace new meeting place

It has been almost one month since the opening of Proston's newest social venue, Jacaranda Tearooms.

Owners Nicholas and Anita Blanch have been overwhelmed with the response from locals and visitors alike. "Everyone has been so supportive. We've really appreciated people choosing to spend time with their friends and family here!" Nicholas said.

The first day of trading certainly put their staff to the test, but thankfully any bumps in the road were smoothed out in those early days. "We had a booking for ten people for morning tea, which kept us on our toes" Anita explains.

During April, Jacaranda Tearooms has already hosted several functions and an after-hours event. The local NB



Inspirations Department Store booked the venue to host an afternoon tea celebrating the arrival of Autumn Fashion Week. The afternoon was well supported, with a wonderful gathering of locals and those that had travelled more than an hour from across the Burnett to attend!

Nicholas attributes their ability to keep abreast of the busy moments and occasions to their staff. "This is not the sort of

business one person can manage. While I oversee the financials and Anita ensures a steady supply of freshly baked goodies, we have staff on the ground from before seven each morning." Nicholas commented.

Adding to the availability of local employment is the crowning jewel for this energetic couple. "All we want to do is allow Proston to grow, and we are very excited to be part of that story."



A delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all who attended the Autumn Fashion Event.

Crowds enjoy relaxing Easter break

LAKE BOONDOOMA reported that although the number of visitors was down slightly everyone enjoyed a great weekend. The Cabins and Bunkhouses were all at capacity while many families chose the option of unpowered camping beside the lake, taking advantage of the natural beauty and wonderful camping weather.

BOONDOOMA HOMESTEAD Spirit of the Bush Muster was a success as it is most years despite being impacted by the loss of some artists to ill health during the year. Spokesperson Lynne Bennett said "We received positive feedback from artists and visitors alike and first-time artists were gobsmacked by the professional organisation of the event.

Several campers stayed over the extra day to be part of the Anzac Day Ceremony."

Lynne thanked all who volunteered their time to make the event a success.



Councillor Kathy's Comments



I would like to congratulate everyone who helped to organize the Meet & Greet in Proston on Easter Saturday. It was fantastic to see so much support from the community as well as from visitors to our town. I was pleased to cut a ribbon and declare our overnight camping ground officially open as part of the celebrations. Thank you to the Proston Men's Shed for the wonderful work you do for our community and for

helping to host this event and to the Proston CWA ladies for your support also.

The Wondai Garden Expo was another spectacular success and full credit to our local lady, Helen Young, who is the President of the Garden Expo Committee.

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who volunteers. Volunteers you are the backbone of a community and it is important to support our

volunteers to keep our community strong. Please contact me at any time if you wish to catch up on Council matters on 0437020705.



Visitors to the area welcomed to the Meet & Greet

Proston Lions Club representatives presenting Year 6 students with a cheque for \$550 towards their Canberra Trip.



Proston students off to Canberra

Eleven Proston State School students and their families are busy fund-raising with the hope of heading to Canberra for a once in a lifetime experience. A street stall, lolly jar guess and the sale of icy cups and ice

creams have been held with another Street Stall planned for Tuesday 16 May in Blake Street, Proston.

The students have also received some very generous donations from community groups and individuals. These include Mr Bill Gair, Smithfield Feedlot, Over 50's, Mr & Mrs Ardrey, Mr Jeff Seeney and Proston Lions Club. A very big thank you to all for your support.

It was great to see such a good turnout for the Car Wash held recently at Proston Rural Supplies. Proceeds were shared by the P & C Assn, Year 6 students and Rural Studies students. A big thank you to Proston Rural Supplies for sponsoring this event by providing the venue, equipment and car wash supplies. Great to see the school and community coming together like this.

Lest We Forget



Lovely to see the Proston Scout Group attending our Dawn Service. The Scouts and their Leaders camped overnight at their shed and were up bright and early for the service before returning to camp to cook breakfast and complete some scouting activities. Well done!



Karen Monk, Fred Adams-White and Cr Ros Heit

A very big Thank You must go to Karen Monk, Fred Adams-White and their amazing band of helpers for organizing our Dawn Service. The Anzac Commemoration is very important to our town and it simply wouldn't happen without your commitment.

Social Snippets

- ◆ A special time for Peter & Lyn Manthey as their daughter Tamera was married to Chris Bates high on a hill of the Speedwell Range property on April 8. Tamera was also guest of honour at a Bridal Tea held at Jacaranda Tearooms earlier in the week. We wish them a happy life together.
- ◆ Congratulations to Grimes family of "Corrunovan" on the birth of Aidan James Hoskin. Aidan is a grandchild for Richard and a great grandchild for Margery Grimes. The new addition makes 6 delightful little people for them to spoil.
- ◆ 18th Birthday celebrations for Lori Whitson and her family. Congratulations and best wishes Lori.
- ◆ Ashley McDonald and Beth Stanley of Lake Boondooma have just returned from a short holiday in Hawaii.
- ◆ A beautiful dark haired baby girl has been delivered to Clayton & Rita Conroy of Collingwood Street. Welcome to the world and Proston community baby Naomi Lily.
- ◆ Lovely to see Edna Chesterton back home and recuperating after her recent illness. Welcome home Edna. We hope your health continues to improve.

CWA Date
Claimers:
Melbourne Cup Lunch Tues 7 Nov.
Trivia Night (Australian Theme) Sat 9 Sept in conjunction with Covertly Rural Fire Brigade.

Angel Flight Morning



Proston Public Library in conjunction with the Proston CWA are very proud to present an Angel Flight guest speaker who will visit Proston to do a presentation on the free services this organisation generously offers. The presentation will cover the services that Angel Flight offer and how to gain access to these vital services. This is not

a donation gathering exercise and admission is free. Please join us in what will be a wonderful event and afterwards we will enjoy a morning tea provided by the ladies of the Proston CWA. The event will take place on Wed 24 May in the Proston Town Hall at 10am. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Julie on 4168 9103.

Golden Spurs Campdraft

Campdraft Association President Mr John Ramke and his team are looking forward to a top weekend of Campdrafting on May 6 and 7. Although the Campdraft had to be postponed recently due to wet weather, nominations are full with 67 nominations in the Restricted Open making it the biggest ever and 270 nominations in the Novice. A calcutta will be run on the final of

the Novice Draft. "On Saturday evening a Spit Roast Meal cooked by Ray Richards of Manumbar Meats will be available as well as entertainment by Guy Davis. Everyone is welcome to join us for a great night." John said. Local clubs will also benefit from the weekend with the Pony Club running the bar and the School selling soft drinks.

Who's Who in the Zoo?

Robyn Blackwell and her family are recent arrivals in Proston. While travelling around with her partner Jason and their children they chanced upon Proston and liked what they found—a good school, a medical centre, Ambulance, Playgroup and Shops. Since purchasing their home here 16 months ago, they have welcomed another little girl to their family making 3

daughters and a son. Although she is a busy mum, Robyn has taken on the position of Joey Scout Leader and is known to the Joeys by her Scout name of Puggle. She joins Zig (Chill) and Sharon (Jirrah) Zoldak as another enthusiastic Leader of the Proston Scout Group. Good on you Robyn!



**Meet Robyn Blackwell
 Joey Scout Leader
 Proston Scout Group**

Proston Scout Group meets every Monday from 5-7pm at the Scout Shed in Rodney Street.

Dates for your Diary

Proston Car Rally Sat 6 & Sun 7 May Proston Rally Track

Golden Spurs Campdraft Sat 6 & Sun 7 May Proston Showgrounds

Burrandowan Picnic Races Sat 13 May

Year 6 Street Stall Tues 16 May from 8am in Blake Street

Angel Flight MT & Information Session Wed 24 May 10am Proston Town Hall

Hivesville Country Markets Sunday 28 May at Hivesville Sportsground from 6am

Church Service Times for May:

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

Those were the days.....



A load of peanuts waiting at the Proston Railway Station to be loaded on a train bound for the Peanut Board in Kingaroy. The truck, a 1957 International, was owned by Clive Latcham (front) and driven by Norm Smoothy (behind) and could carry between 400 and 500 bags of peanuts. These peanuts were grown on Bert Graham's property at Farmer's Road, Abbeywood. Photo taken in 1957.

Thanks to Norm Smoothy for the background information on this photo. From the Norm Smoothy Collection held at the Proston Library.

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