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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity 34.3%

In the Rain Gauge

At Proston Post Office
July 27.8mm
August 36mm

Yearly Total 344.7mm



Farewell & Thanks, Col and Noela

Proston and district community members gathered at the Golf Club on Sunday 2 September to farewell long-time residents Col and Noela Ardrey.

A new life begins for the couple as they have sold their business "Proston Country Bus Service" and will move to Murgon.

Col & Noela bought their first bus run (Okeden Road) from Oscar Luck in 1984 and this was the beginning of 34 years of service to the Proston district. As well as the school bus runs, they have safely transported residents from



across the Burnett to hundreds of events, always ensuring that everyone was well looked after and enjoyed their trip.

Aside from their business, Col and Noela have also given freely of their time to many clubs & organisations in the community. Meals on Wheels,

Relay for Life, Over 50's, the Show, Wondai Garden Expo, QCWA and the Ambulance to name just a few. Noela was also the recipient of an Australia Day Award. Their presence and willingness to help out with any event will be greatly missed.

Now it's time to get that caravan out that has been sitting patiently waiting in the shed and relax and enjoy life, with the satisfaction of knowing you have served your community well.

Our very best wishes go with you both. Happy travels!

Congratulations Steph!

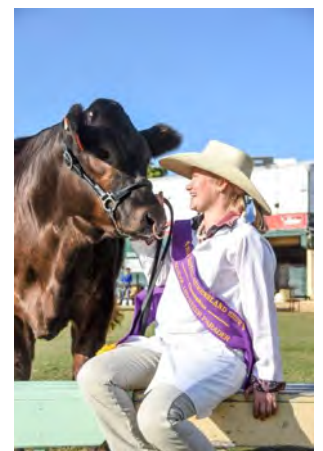
There was great excitement amongst the Proston State School Ekka team when former Proston student Stephanie Flint was named Champion school led steer parader at the Royal Queensland Show. Stephanie won the hotly contested title from a field of 260 fellow competitors.

Up until about 4 years ago Steph was a city girl, but since relocating to Proston with her family she has embraced country life. Key to her success has been her involvement in the Proston State School Rural Studies program under the guidance of teacher Katrina Hayward. Katrina goes above and beyond to ensure all the students and animals in her care are presented at their best and the

students enjoy great learning experiences. Katrina said although Steph was naturally gifted, she had worked hard and deserved her success.

Stephanie is now in Year 11 at Murgon High, but she was able to attend the Ekka and led a Proston show team steer named Turbo for the competition.

Proston school also participated in an egg-laying competition in the lead-up to the Ekka. They received 6 eight week old chickens in May which the students had to rear and have them laying in readiness for the Ekka. Daisy, Cupcake and Miss Piggy travelled to Brisbane and represented Proston very ably. No prizes this year, but lots of inspiration for next year.



This photo of Stephanie Flint and Turbo graced the front page of the Qld Country Life.

Picture: Lucy Kinbacher

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Reinvent Proston Growing Strong

Everybody in Proston is talking about what they can do to help fashion the future of Proston. The locals have banded together and formed groups to gather information, gather funds and gather momentum to revitalise Proston. With fire in their bellies, determination and commitment to make it work the Proston Round Table and others can only

succeed. The goal is to get fuel for Proston, a home for the Men's Shed, a place to showcase the history and entice visitors and some new life and business to the main street.

My Greatest Inspiration

I want to pay tribute to my Dad who has been on our cattle property "Di Di" for all of his 86 years. He has recently had both his legs amputated as a complication of diabetes.

He still remains positive and committed to family life and the property and is an inspiration to his five children and his 14 grandchildren and extended families. He lost my Mum to stomach cancer in 2001 and has kept the home fires burning for us all and we love him dearly.

*** Please contact me at any time if you wish to catch up on Council matters on 0437020705.**

Round Table News

Below is a brief outline of the topics covered at the Round Table Meeting held on Thursday 23 August.

* A report was given on the recent walk and plans for future work in **Reinke Scrub Conservation Park**.

* Another 12 brands were added to the seating at the fire pit in the **Overnight Camp area**.

* Kathy Crane advised that work would commence soon on the **Labyrinth**.

* Robyn Grivell gave an update on the progress of the **Re-invent Proston initiative**.

* **Men's Shed** advised that proceeds of their **Car Boot Sale & Auction** would go to Farm Aid via the Lions Club.

* **Lions Club** advised that the **Christmas Carnival has been set for Saturday 15 December in Railway Park, Proston**. They also reminded all of the **Healthy Living Forum on September 15**.

* Craig Stephens gave a report on progress at the **Proston Golf Club**. \$21,500 grant to upgrade the kitchen. Grey nomads are making good use of the facilities at their free camp and a new caretaker has been appointed. Mapleton Men's Shed will visit from 23-29 September to volunteer their time assisting with exterior painting of the clubhouse and helping to remove the cold room. In conjunction with the Campdraft Assn a track will be made from the Golf Club across the gully to

town to encourage campers to access the town's business area. The volunteers will also assist with making a disabled track in Reinke Scrub. The Club reported some issues around their lease with Council and asked for the support of Round Table.

* David Hunter advised that the Local Ambulance Committee is looking for new members.

* Hec Dionysius reported that the Proston Bowls Club is having difficulty continuing and will hold a Special General Meeting on Wed 5 Sept at 7pm to decide on their future direction.

Next meeting will be held at the Proston Showgrounds on Thursday 27 September at 6.30pm. Meal at 6pm, bookings essential. All welcome.



"Livin' the Dream" in Proston Photo Competition

Send us your best shot of what life in Proston means to you.



Photos must be of the area within Postcodes 4612 and 4613. Photos may be landscape or portrait and high resolution is preferred. Maximum of 5 entries per person. Email your entries to livingthedream.proston.photos@gmail.com or submit to [The Proston Connection Facebook page](#). The competition closes at midnight on Saturday 20 October 2018 and winners will be announced on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

An initiative of the Proston Round Table. Please read the full Terms and Conditions for the Competition on [The Proston Connection Facebook page](#).

CALLING ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN PROSTON'S HISTORY

In 2023, Proston will celebrate 100 years since the coming of the Rail. With this in mind, now may be the right time to look at forming a Heritage Association to start collating our history. **A meeting will be held on Thursday 20 September 2018 at the Cultural Centre in Railway Park, Proston starting at 6pm.**

The meeting will be short—just to start the process of forming an Association. If you feel this is something that may interest you, please come along. Contacts are Kathy Crane 0407 091 019 or Linda Rea 0428 689 280.



Announcing ... Our next Outdoor Movie Night

Featuring.....



Come and enjoy a great family night.

Friday 28th September
Movie starts 6.30pm

Railway Park, Proston

- Sausage Sizzle available from 5.30pm
- Popcorn
- Hot & cold drinks
- Don't forget to bring chair and blanket

For more information phone Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019. An initiative of the Proston Round Table supported by the Murgon PCYC and Proston Men's Shed.

Social Snippets



* Congratulations to Kristy Frahm and Cr Ros Heit for their nominations for QRRRW Professional (RRR) Woman of the Year. Cr Heit was announced as a finalist at the QRRRW High Tea held during Ekka Week.

At the Library

Rhyme Time Please note the change of time for Rhyme Time. It now runs from 9am to 9.45am on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. All mums, dads & littlies are welcome.

Conversations at the Library are still very well attended. If you would like to join in visit the Library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10am.

* Congratulations also to John & Beryl Leyden who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a trip back to their honeymoon destination of Guernsey Island.

* The Proston community has been saddened to hear of the recent passing of Mr Noel Manning. Noel is the much loved husband of Julie, our local Librarian. He is remembered as a quiet and gentle man and he will be sadly missed.

* Proston Men's Shed held a very successful Car Boot Sale and Auction on 1st Sept. They are very proud to announce that over \$1000 was raised and will be distributed by the Longreach Lions Club directly to those in need. Great effort!

* Former Proston resident Irma Close sadly passed away on 31 August. Irma, her husband Frank and their children, lived in Proston from 1965 to 1972 when Frank was the town's police officer. Irma is remembered for her larger than life personality and her kind and generous heart. Her funeral will be held on Monday 10 Sept at 11am in St Joseph's Catholic Church Murgon. Our sympathy is extended to all of Irma's family.



Thank you to Paul Julian from Proston Men's Shed for making and erecting the lovely new community noticeboard outside the Library. Paul recycled the timber from an old pew from the Anglican Church Hall. Well done!



SBMCS Production of Beauty & The Beast. Once again the Rowberry family are heavily involved and it would be great for people in our community to take the opportunity to see the production, knowing the huge commitment that their family is putting in. Heather is stage manager and Kiall plays a few different roles. The boys are involved as well. Also, Brad Boynton, a Proston old boy, is directing it.

Proston QCWA and Proston State School P & C present a

SOUTH PACIFIC TRIVIA NIGHT

PROSTON TOWN HALL

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

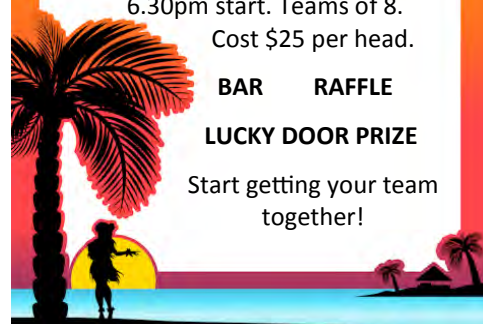
Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start. Teams of 8.

Cost \$25 per head.

BAR RAFFLE

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

Start getting your team together!



Get to Know a Local!

Meet Katrina Hayward, our committed Rural Studies Teacher at Proston State School. Katrina exemplifies community spirit by going the extra mile to create great opportunities for her students.

Name: Katrina Hayward

Nickname: Miss H

Lived in Proston: 6½ years

Occupation: Master Teacher/Secondary Teacher at Proston State School

Favourite Pastime: Showing Cattle

Favourite Food: Mexican



Favourite Music: I have very mixed taste

Favourite Sport: Tennis

I can't live without: My partner & my animals

My secret talent is: Cooking

Best Quality: Perseverance

Worst Quality: Can be a perfectionist at times

Proston needs: More avenues for our students to gain employment

What I like most about Proston: The rural lifestyle and the community-minded people.

Dates for your Diary

Proston Healthy Living Forum Saturday 15 September

Wondai Garden Expo Sat & Sun 22 & 23 September

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 23 September

Outdoor Movie Night Friday 28 September

Mosaic Workshop Fri 28 & Sat 29 September

QCWA Trivia Night Saturday 13 October

Church Service Times:

Catholic 9am Mass every Saturday (returns to 8am in October)

South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday

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

Prizes **Illumin 8**
Free Community Youth Event
Friday September 21 @ 6pm
Ft. IRON+CLAY BAND & Free2Dance
Free Bus leaves 5pm
New Horizons Church Murgon
Free BBQ
@New Horizons Church, Murgon | Bunya Highway
Another BMA Event sponsored by your Local Churches & Community and Allan's Buses

Wondai
Spring
Garden Expo
Saturday 22
& Sunday 23
September

PROSTON
FRI 28 & SAT 29 SEPT 2018
4-5 HOURS EACH MORNING
9AM FOR A 9.30AM START
BEGINNER MOSAIC WORKSHOP
BYO
• SMALL TO MEDIUM TERRACOTTA POT, OR PAVER, OR FLATTISH ITEM TO MOSAIC.
• TILE CUTTER - THE TYPE WITH A WHEEL IS PREFERRED.
• SMOKO & LUNCH
COST \$20
Bookings essential. To confirm your place in the workshop please contact Kathy on 0407 091 019

Those were the days.....



A popular weekend pastime during the mid 1960s was boating and skiing at the old weir after the installation of the Fabridam. The four handsome young fellows pictured are from left: Keith Cecil, Peter Manthey, David Cecil and Lloyd Schulz.

Photo courtesy Lyn Manthey circa 1967.

I CAN HELP!
Prevent Diabetes
Your Invitation to
Proston Healthy Living Forum
Saturday, 15th September 2018
10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Proston Town Hall
Cooling Demonstration
Line Dancing Tai Chi Demonstration
Lunch available - booking essential
Guestspeakers
Static Displays
Something for everyone
Contact Jen 0438 681 840
Kath 0407 091 019 or 074 41689288
FREE ENTRY
A project of the Proston Lions Club in conjunction with the Proston QCWA & Proston Community
prostonlions@hotmail.com
We Serve

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 girea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.