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*Wishing all our
readers a wonderful
Christmas and a
happy and peaceful
New Year.*

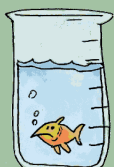
**Lake
Boondooma
Current
Capacity
100.86%**

**In the Rain
Gauge**

**At Proston
Post Office**

**Oct
77.6mm
Nov
275.2mm**

**2021 Total to
end Nov.
825.8mm**



Boondooma Dam at 100%

Widespread and welcome rain has fallen across the region over the last month, filling dams and gullies and lifting the flow in the Stuart and Boyne Rivers. In an amazing turnaround, Boondooma Dam has risen from a low of 24% at the beginning of November to 100% full on Sunday 5th December.

The Dam provides the water supply for Tarong Power Station

as well as supplying water for irrigators downstream, particularly around the fruit growing areas of Mundubbera. Visitors to the the Dam for the Christmas/New Year holidays can look forward to a great boating, fishing and camping experience. Rainfall recorded at the Proston Post Office was 275.2mm for November and 69mm to the 4th December.



The Stuart River at Proston cut the Proston-Boondooma Road for some time. Photo taken on Wednesday 1st December 2021.



Many thanks to Kate Tallar for this stunning shot of Lake Boondooma taken from the picnic area on 3rd December 2021. Inset photo of the Dam wall.

Students' Efforts Recognised



Proston State School students were recognised for their achievements at a Learning Celebration Day held recently. The day was all about celebrating the students' successes, growth and achievements.

Special Awards :

Leighton Blanch (left) was named **2021 Dux of the School** while Irene McDonald presented **Kayden Slater** (right) with the **Lions Citizenship award**. **Senior Sportsperson of the Year (Age Champion cross country and athletics)** and **AMPOL All Rounder award** went to **Logan Christie**. **Michael Ward** earned the **QCWA Encouragement award**, while the **Long Tan Leadership award** went to **Dominic Malone**. **Paul Cadut** was the recipient of the **Principal's award**. **Junior Sportsperson** was **Trinity Parfitt (Age Champion cross country & athletics)** while the **Kathy Duff Art award** went to **Alysse Clegg**. Congratulations to all students!



Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

100 years of "Di Di"

Our family recently celebrated 100 years of our property, Di Di Station. The Duff family have lived at Di Di since my Grandfather established it in 1921. We have 10,000 acres of timber and cattle country and still have the traditional Hereford cattle. We have a proud history with the Proston community, being involved in everything from the local Shows, Campdrafting and tennis right through to school days, dances and now today I proudly represent Proston as your local Councillor. My Grandfather John Patrick, my

brother Michael and I all served on the Wondai Shire Council. I have represented Proston for the last 14 years on the South Burnett Regional Council.

I have seen some community champions and trail blazers who have helped to shape Proston including the late Gordon Buchanan, Bill Browne, Cliff Perkins, Tommy Boynton, and the Blanch Family just to name a few. Proston has always punched above its weight. The spirit of Proston lives on with descendants of the original settlers and newcomers helping

to shape and brand Proston as a special place and a landmark in the South Burnett.

Today we enjoy a bright future with Boondooma Dam overflowing, the Proston shops abuzz and the community spirit alive and well. I look forward to the next decade and beyond and maybe, just maybe, there will still be Duffs gracing the halls of the Di Di homestead in 2121!!

Wishing everyone a Happy, Holy and safe Christmas and an awesome 2022!!

"Pink October" Highlights

Proston Golf Club Pink Dinner

The Proston community once again got right behind the "Pinking Up South Burnett" initiative to help raise awareness of breast cancer. A wonderful month of "Pinking Up Proston" culminated with a dinner at the Proston Golf Club on Friday 29th October. Special guests were the McGrath Breast Care Nurse for the South Burnett, Sue Cox and her husband Phil, Cr Kathy Duff and Linda Rea.

Sue gave an informative talk on her work, after which Golf Club representative David Hunter was pleased to present her with \$1530 to support the work of the McGrath Foundation breast care nurses. The money was raised via raffles, money boards and the pink desserts sold for the month, which were kindly sponsored by The Golden Spurs Hotel.

A wonderful effort by the hardworking Golf Club Committee who would like to thank everyone for supporting this worthy cause.

A pink welcome to Proston

Community Health nurse Kathy Crane assisted by Linda Rea made sure everyone entering town on

Wondai Road knew that we take our "pinking up" seriously. It was impossible to miss the big pink bows adorning all the trees along the length of Bill Browne Avenue.

The Jacaranda trees obliged by flowering at the same time and the result was a pretty impressive welcome to Proston. The silky oaks in Rundle Park, as well as the trees in Railway Park, were also given the pink bow treatment.

Proston businesses and residents showed their support for the month by decorating their shops and homes in pink.

Pink Parkrun

Saturday the 16th October saw the official launch of Proston Railway Park Parkrun. Fifty five participants, many wearing a splash of pink in support of the McGrath Foundation, turned out to run, jog or walk the 5km course.

Prior to the start, a small ceremony was held to thank those who assisted in making the parkrun in Proston a reality.



Barb Madden, Cr Kathy Duff, Carmel Parnell & Mayor Otto launch parkrun

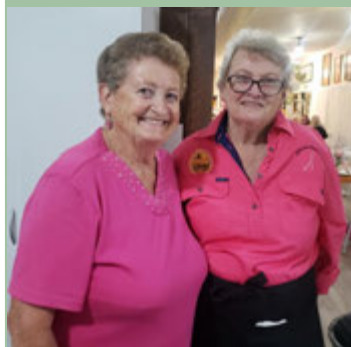
It was generously funded by Smithfield Feedlot, South Burnett Regional Council and supported by Proston Qld.

Cr Kathy Duff cut the pink ribbon assisted by Barb Madden from Smithfield Feedlot, Carmel Parnell from Proston Qld and Mayor Brett Otto. McGrath Breast Care nurse Sue Cox sent the runners on their way.

Co-organisers Anita Blanch and Kathy Crane were very excited about the great turnout and pleased that the parkrun had finally become a reality. They said as well as welcoming visitors to the town it was also another way of improving social connections and wellbeing in the community.



David Hunter presents Sue Cox with the proceeds of "Pink October"



Service with a smile by Golf Club volunteers Pat Henry and Judith Garland



Gordon Horne was the lucky winner of a fuel voucher in the raffle



A BIG thank you to all who came along to the Proston Christmas shopping night. It was lovely to see the families out enjoying time together after all the beautiful rain.

Some exciting news coming up early (January) 2022 for the planned opening of Shop 40, our new Community and Information Centre.. stay tuned and watch our Facebook page... Proston Village... for updates.

We will also have posters up on the town noticeboards.

Thank you for all the wonderful support of your Community Shop; your donations and purchases allow the volunteers to continue their work. A friendly reminder that Membership is due on 1st January and can be paid at Shop 44. Emails will be sent to all current members next week.

A special thanks to Judy and Lyn who help Proston Village keep Shop 44 on Blake running.

We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Social Snippets

* Proston Men's Shed are thrilled to announce that their building has passed the final council inspection and is ready for the finishing touches—landscaping etc. Kudos to outgoing President Paul Julian who has persevered with this project and put in a huge effort to bring it to fruition. Welcome to new President Gordon Horne and thank you to Kathy Julian who has agreed to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Great to see another facility added to our community.

* Megabowls was a wonderful social and financial success. A great crowd enjoyed a fun evening of bowls, food, raffles and an auction to raise an amazing \$16,550 for the Proston SS Ag program. Huge thanks to everyone!



Proston State School welcomed the community to share a very moving Remembrance Day ceremony. The students presented themselves so beautifully, a poem and prayer were said, wreaths were laid and guests were treated to a lovely morning tea in the Library. Well done Proston State School staff and students.

Pictured after the ceremony are Zig Zoldak, Margaret Westerman & Robyn Maneylaws. Photo David Hunter



After 3 days of hard work, sculptors Elli Schlunke and Julie Wilson are well pleased with the restoration of the fisherman in Rundle Park. They appreciated the assistance given to them by Hec Dionysius during their work. It's great to see "Fred" restored to his former glory in time for the Christmas/New Year holidays.

Further consultation has been held with Council on the silky oak trees in the park and a site map will be prepared showing the existing trees and the action to be taken. Council has undertaken to procure established silky oak replacements (approx. 3m height). Further consultation will take place when the site plan is completed. Thanks to Council for working with the community towards a positive outcome for the park.



LIBRARY NOTICE

South Burnett Regional Council wish to advise that the Proston

Public Library and Council office will be closed from midday on Friday 24th December 2021 and will re-open at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

We wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2022.

Julie Manning
Librarian



Huge congratulations to Anita Blanch who has graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Primary) in Rockhampton after 4 years of full time study. Your hard work and positive outlook is an inspiration to everyone Anita!



The Proston State School Year 10 graduating class of 2021 pictured at their graduation dinner at the Proston Golf Club. Congratulations students and best wishes for your future.

Photo courtesy Proston State School



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY PAM CHRISTIANSEN!
The Hivesville Tai Chi ladies helped Pam celebrate with a special cake.

Get to Know a Local!

Name: Judith Marek

Nickname: Nana Judith

Lived in Proston: Lived in Proston approx. 16 years. Prior to this we had 40 acres on Wondai-Chinchilla Road.

Occupation: "Jill of all Trades"

Favourite Pastime: Crochet and other crafts

Favourite Food: Toasted sandwiches

Favourite Music: Enjoy a variety of music, but not the latest "screaming" selections

Favourite Sport: I've never been a sporty type, but I like to watch some sport though.

I can't live without: My computer (or a crochet project)

My secret talent is: Crochet, because many years ago I was told I would never be able to do it.



Best Quality: Patience

Worst Quality: I tend to "bury my head in the sand" if I really don't want to do something

Proston needs: A Newsagency

What I like most about Proston: Community togetherness—how people watch out for each other & rally in times of need.

Proston Community CHRISTMAS Carnival
Proston Sportsground

Free Sat 18th Dec Entry 5.30pm to 9pm

Santa Claus, Food & Refreshments, Christmas Entertainment, Raffles

Stallholders welcome

For more details & stall bookings contact Show Secretary Glenda McArdle Ph 0431 007 020

Organised by Proston Show Society & all community groups

Sponsored by South Burnett Regional Council & other interested parties

Ruby's Cottage – new local Airbnb!

Proston residents, Janee Crane and Nick Volk know the true value and scenic beauty of the South Burnett, having worked abroad for many years. With the onset of Covid-19 it was no hardship for Janee and Nick to stay put and focus on their small farm located just 5 minutes from Proston. This has resulted in the renovation and launch of **Ruby's Cottage**, named in memory of Janee's mother Ruby Crane, who lived at the cottage for many years and is well remembered in the community.

Ruby's Cottage was launched on Airbnb in September 2021 and has received rave reviews by guests visiting from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. Janee and Nick look forward to hosting future visitors to the area for short or long stays. Scan the QR Code to view and book Ruby's Cottage on Airbnb. For local booking enquiries email janeecrane@serenityridge.com.au.



Proston QCWA Christmas Breakup, on Monday 6th December 2021.

"Jingle" The Elf on the Shelf got up to mischief once again – this time he tried to cut down the Christmas Tree, and tipped the tea, coffee, and sugar packets out of the containers in the cupboard.

Secret Santa paid a visit, with fantastic gifts for everyone.

The food table was very inviting and enjoyed by all who partook of the goodies available. It was wonderful to share good food, and good company on this festive occasion.

The brains got a workout with cryptic puzzles to "NAME THAT TUNE", (all Christmas songs). Example – *Far back in a hay bin. Away in a Manger.*

We wish everyone a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY, HEALTHY AND**



Those were the days



Proston State School Preschool class of 2005 on stage at the old Proston Hall for their Christmas Concert. These little cuties would all be turning 21 now.



Community Kitchen is celebrating 10 years since its inception. Participants prepared a healthy and appetising Christmas lunch to celebrate their milestone. The group meets once a month at the Proston Community Hall and will re-convene in the new year. If you would like to know more, please contact Kathy Crane at the clinic or phone 0407 091 019.



Parkrun is now happening in Proston. Venue is Railway Park and start time is 7am sharp every Saturday.



Craving Christmas Trifle?? Proston Heritage Assn will be selling individual Trifle serves at the Christmas Carnival on Saturday 18th December.



Exciting to see the outdoor stage in Railway park is nearing completion. It has been funded by an FRRR grant.

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.