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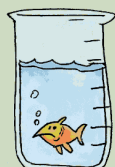
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Capacity  
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In the Rain  
Gauge

At Proston  
Post Office

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2021 total  
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25.1mm



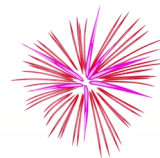
## It's Showtime!!



Speckle Park  
International  
Feature Show

## 64th ANNUAL PROSTON SHOW

### 4th & 5th MARCH 2022



Proudly hosting  
The State Finals of the Queensland Ag Shows Prime & Stud Cattle  
Young Judges and Paraders Competitions

- ◆ Stud & Prime Cattle
- ◆ Dog Show
- ◆ Horses
- ◆ Poultry
- ◆ Woodchopping
- ◆ Chainsaw racing

#### Admission

Adults \$10  
Children (12-17) \$5  
Children  
(under 12) Free

Family tickets  
available

- ◆ Pavilion
- ◆ Pet Parade
- ◆ Sideshow Alley
- ◆ Dog Jumping
- ◆ Whip cracking
- ◆ Fireworks

## Outdoor Stage Launch

The Proston & District Heritage Assn is pleased to announce that the outdoor stage in Railway Park is now nearing completion and plans are underway for a celebratory weekend on the 25th to 27th February. Bush Poet Marco Gliori, will conduct writer's workshops for students at Proston School on Friday 25/02 and for the general community at the Proston Hall on Saturday 26/02. The weekend will culminate with a Bush Poet's Breakfast and official opening on Sunday morning 27/02.

The association successfully applied to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) for funding for the project and were awarded a Tackling Tough Times Together grant of \$54,688. They are delighted with the result; a very solid structure, built of locally sourced hardwood and corrugated iron, which sits nicely in its surroundings.

The Heritage Assn are also grateful to the South Burnett Regional Council, AKR Builders, Ransen Timber, Scott & Rebecca Dunlop, P&P Electrical and Fiona Gill & Russell Steer for their support of the project.

It is expected the stage will become a focal point for many community events. All community members are invited to join in the celebrations on the last weekend in February.

## BUSH POET'S WEEKEND

WITH BUSH POET MARCO GLIORI

25-27 FEBRUARY 2022

Railway Park, Proston

Celebrating the completion of our new  
Outdoor Stage

Friday 25/02 - Marco will present fun and interactive workshops at Proston State School incorporating performances and theatre games.

Saturday 26/02 - Calling all aspiring writers and poets, this is your time to shine! Marco will help you write your story and turn it into a poem at a FREE Writer's Workshop for community members 12 years & over. Venue is the Proston Community Hall from 10am to 5pm. Please bye lunch. To book a place, please call Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.

Sunday 27/02 - Join us for a Poet's Breakfast from 7.30am in Railway Park cospered by Marco Gliori, who will also present a performance. Local performers are welcome to perform a poem, a yarn or even a song.

FRRR  
Presented by the Proston & District Heritage Assn with thanks to funding from FRRR Tackling Tough Times Together.

The project was also supported by South Burnett Regional Council, AKR Builders, Ransen Timber, Scott & Rebecca Dunlop, Fiona Gill & Russell Steer.

# Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

## Show Time

Its Show time and I am looking forward to another great Proston Show. I would like to congratulate my nephew Mortimer Duff, who is the new Show President. He has been able to secure the State Finals of the Young Judges and Junior Handlers in both the Stud Beef and Prime Trade cattle sections. This is normally held at the Ekka and so it is an honour for Proston to be hosting such a prestigious event.

## Sound Shell

I would like to congratulate the Proston Heritage Association on the wonderful sound shell in

Railway Park. I know it has been a lot of work for the group to achieve but it will be a great asset for the community.

## Road Upgrades

I was pleased that I was able to get the support of Council to have the final allocation of our Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant of 2.2 million dollars to go towards upgrading our road network. I would like to thank Mayor Brett Otto for his hard work travelling the roads across the region and highlighting these issues. I am sure that everyone agrees that our road

network should be a priority for Council.

## Australia Day

Congratulations to the Proston/Hivesville Local Achiever, John Walden. It was wonderful to present John with his award at the Hivesville Breakfast. Congratulations also to the Hivesville Hotel on their Australia Day event and the Golden Spurs on a fun day with post ripping, music, and plenty of great Aussie entertainment.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. **\* I can be contacted on 0437 020 705.**

# Aussie, Aussie, Aussie

Although many Australia Day events around the South Burnett were cancelled due to Covid concerns, the Australia Day breakfast at Hivesville went ahead and was well supported. Cr Kathy Duff was on hand to present Proston resident John Walden with the Local Achiever Award for the Hivesville/Proston area.

John is a quiet achiever, who is always willing to help out anyone in need, without praise or recognition. He takes a special interest in the Proston Community Labyrinth and can be found there every week sweeping, watering and generally maintaining it for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations and thank you John!

Former Proston resident, Sonia McMahon, has been awarded Local Achiever for Murgon. Sonia is the driving force behind the "Rocking our Abilities" music group. A very deserving recipient - Congratulations Sonia!

The Hivesville Hotel was the place to be on Australia Day afternoon. A large crowd enjoyed yabby races, delicious roasts, music and games. Australia Day celebrations were also held at the Golden Spurs Hotel in Proston on Saturday 29th January. Young and old alike enjoyed great food, a jumping castle, waterslide, games, post rip competition and a live band. A great day of fun for all.



Cr Kathy Duff presents John Walden with his Local Achiever Award. Congratulations John!



Congratulations to Louise Wright of Proston, who is our newest Aussie citizen following a ceremony on Australia Day.



John & Denise Welsh of The Golden Spurs Hotel, Proston raised an awesome \$1000 for the fight against Breast Cancer from their Australia Day event. Terrific effort!

A warm welcome to everyone in 2022.

Thank you to all who have paid their membership, apologies to those who have but may have received a reminder in error. Memberships can be paid direct, as per invoice, or pop into Shop 44 on Blake. We have lots planned for this year!



**WE NEED YOUR HELP... are you community minded?**  
**Do you have a passion for your hometown?**  
**Can you spare a few hours weekly, fortnightly, monthly?**  
**We would love our local community members to be part of the Proston Community and Information Centre.**  
**Please come along and hear our plans and join the discussion.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday 26 March @ 10am...**

**Town meeting regarding the opening of Shop 40 and the Historical Society Display in Shop 38....with Proston Qld Ltd AGM to follow.**

Further information will be available on our website, flyers on the town Noticeboards and flyers will be delivered to households.

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." – Dr. Seuss*



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## Social Snippets



Happy 21st Birthday to Lathan Wright. We hope you had an awesome day. Congratulations!

\* Proston QCWA members farewelled long time member Marion Izatt at a morning tea recently. The best wishes of the whole Proston community go with Marion as she makes her new home in Kingaroy. We'll miss Marion and her wonderful sense of humour.

\* Happiest of birthday wishes to Judith Marek who celebrated her 80th birthday recently. Hope your day was very special Judith.



### LIBRARY LOVER'S WEEK 7th TO 11th February 2022

All members who borrow during Library Lover's Week will be eligible to enter the free raffle drawn on Friday 11th February.

**1st Prize** Friday evening meal at the Proston Golf Club to the value of \$30 including two miniature bottles of champagne ..... Total value \$45.00

This prize is proudly sponsored by the Proston Golf Club.

**2nd Prize** Bottle of champagne

**3rd Prize** Box of chocolates

**4th Prize** Choice of two new book titles

\* Nice to see Nick Blanch home with loved ones again after some health issues and a stint in hospital. We hope your health continues to improve Nick and you are soon back enjoying life again.

\* Older Proston residents will have fond memories of Ada Latcham and her contribution to Proston in the 1960's. Ada and husband Clive had the trucking business prior to Carsburg & Johanson taking over. They led a hardworking group who turned the old picture theatre into a Town Hall, holding many concerts to raise funds and endless working bees to get the job done. Ada passed away at Caloundra on 16th December 2021 at the age of 91. Vale Ada.

\* Sad to hear of the passing of Abbeywood resident of many years, Roy Maynard, on 1st January 2022. Roy was farewelled at a service at the Taabinga Lawn Cemetery in Kingaroy. Our thoughts are with Glen, Narelle, Leisa and their families.

\* Welcome to new Proston residents Graeme Toft & his lovely partner Alison. Graeme is a keen photographer with an interest in our flora and fauna. He captured this beautiful shot of a Southern Boobook Owl at the Proston Golf Club during a night survey of the course.



### Mobile Women's Health Nurse Marcia Hunt will visit Proston on Monday 28th February 2022

For appointments or more information, please contact Kathy at the Clinic on 41689288 or mobile 0407 091 019.

## Reinke Scrub Walk



TO GET THERE: From Proston, follow Rodney Street to the School and continue on Weir Road for approx 2km. Look for the entrance to the Park on your left.

For more information please contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.

Sunday  
13 March  
2022 at 8am

Come and join in a walk of the Orange Circuit Track (approx. 2km) through Reinke Scrub Conservation Park. All meet at the parking area. Please remember to bring a hat, water bottle and closed in shoes for walking. All welcome!

## Get to Know a Local!

**Name:** Leah the "Postie"

**Lived in Proston:** 20 years

**Occupation:** The Postie

**Favourite Pastime:** Eating

**Favourite Food:** All food, but especially Pavlova & corned meat dinners (mum makes the best white sauce).

**Favourite Music:** Mixed

**Favourite Sport:** None

**I can't live without:** My smokes

**My secret talent is:** ?? Still looking

**Best Quality:** Kindness

**Worst Quality:** Swearing

**Proston needs:** A playground for small children like Blackbutt has.

**What I like most about Proston:** My lifestyle.

### Proston District Golf Club are holding their Summer Carnival over the weekend of 19 & 20 March.

An 18 hole Stableford is planned for Saturday 19th, with a number of fun competitions, including best dressed golfer. Non-golfers can take advantage of a Sip & Paint class in the air conditioned club rooms, with Art with Pat, local artist. This class will offer individual grazing boxes for purchase; you can sip, paint and nibble away the two hour art class. All art materials and equipment is supplied for the class.

Saturday evening, guests will be treated to a three course menu, followed by dancing and live entertainment from the amazing Amber Goldsmith Music.

The weekend concludes on Sunday with a fun three-a-side Ambrose competition, with teams dressing up for the day, followed by a delicious lunch and prize giving.

For bookings or more information head to the Club's Facebook page.



### Weaving with Natural Fibres Workshop

Friday 25 March  
9am start  
Cost \$15



Create your own beautifully textured vessel using Cat's Claw & other vines. Please byo morning tea and lunch. Bookings and payment prior to the workshop are essential.



For more information, bookings and payment please contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.



### HIVESVILLE MARKET

This is to notify the public that the Hivesville Market has ceased operating under the previous Committee and is open to any other organisation that would like to restart these markets. We have continued through for 12 years and feel it is time to let Hivesville have their own identity. To whoever might take on this endeavour we wish them all the best.

Executive members of the previous Hivesville Market Committee Inc.

10 January 2022

## 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 [janee.crane@serenityridge.com.au](mailto:janee.crane@serenityridge.com.au).



MARK WEBB PRESENTS

# BACK TO BASICS

Music Muster

17 - 20 February 2022

LUKE O'SHEA / DEAN PERRETT  
PIXIE JENKINS / KERRY KENNEDY  
ALEXIS AND SUZIE / GREG KRUGER / ALICE BENFER /  
GRAHAM DOUBLEDAY / BRIAN HOWARD / LYN JERRETT /  
CLARRIE WELLER / THE THREE MUSTAVEBEERS / CLYDE CAMERON

*If you love traditional country music, this is the place to be. Four days of fabulous music and free camping on site. Open fires & great food. Toilets & showers. Walk-ups welcome. Great value at \$70pp. Covid19 rules apply. Bookings essential on 0412 884 482 1385 Proston Boondooma Road, Covertly Q 4613*



A message from Peter Kinson regarding the Guitar Tuition service now available in Proston. "I have been teaching people of all ages for around 5 years. As we have recently settled in beautiful Proston, I am now able to offer tuition here. Until the studio is built, I am able to provide a mobile service, attending your home for lessons. I am fully "vaxxed" and have insurance and a Blue Card. The standard 45 minute lessons are bargain-priced at only \$40 in town, whilst a small travel charge may be payable for more distant locations."

Please see my facebook page for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/peekaycreations.com.au>



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



**Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft  
18 to 20 March 2022**

## Those were the days ....



A photograph of the site of the Boondooma Dam wall, taken in February 1978 by Brisbane Telegraph photographer, Col Kleinschmidt. The Telegraph published a story about the decision to build the dam to supply water to the Tarong power station. Wondai Shire Councillor Gordon Phelps (on the right of the photo) was quoted as saying "It will give this area the shot in the arm it desperately needs. It will bring irrigation, employment and money. Our local town, Proston, has deteriorated badly in the past few years. The school of arts, two cafes and a butcher shop have gone, and just last week we heard that our only bank will be closing down". According to the newspaper report, the Wondai Shire Council had recommended the dam should be named after Korranumba Creek, which runs near the dam wall site. Korranumba is an aboriginal word meaning "plenty of possums and plenty of water". History shows that the name Boondooma was chosen instead.

Read "The Proston Post" online at [www.prostononline.info](http://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](mailto:grea6@bigpond.com) for possible inclusion in the newsletter.