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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

41.4%

In the Rain Gauge

**At Proston Post Office March
41.4mm
April
7.6mm**

**Yearly Total
217.9mm**



Easter Saturday Fun

Easter Saturday was a wonderful fun-filled day for young and old alike. The day began with an Easter Parade organised by the Proston QCWA ladies and it was amazing to see the array of decorated floats, bikes and even animals parade along Blake Street in front of a very appreciative crowd before finishing at Railway Park.



Once in the park, the fun continued with Cr Duff judging the floats and decorated bikes. Kids enjoyed a scavenger hunt, and egg & spoon races while everyone joined in with thong

tossing and an Easter hat parade. A variety of stalls kept the crowd happy and well fed and watered.



An enthusiastic crowd then found their way to the dry bed regatta, curious to find out what all the excitement was about.



They soon found out that it was just plain good fun for all ages and abilities, though some were fitter and more competitive than others. Regardless, everyone had a wonderful time and declared it a great success.



Overall it was a fabulous family day and the organisers deserve huge congratulations for their efforts. I believe plans are already underway for next Easter. We can't wait. Well done everybody!!



Happy Birthday Norm!

A large crowd of well-wishers filled the bar at the Proston Golden Spurs Hotel on Friday night 6 April to celebrate the 85th Birthday of Norm Smoothy.

Norm is one of our community's best loved characters and the large crowd was testament to the high regard in which he is held. Long-time friend Bevan Johanson welcomed everyone and shared some wonderful tales of working with Norm.

Several other speakers wished Norm well and shared humorous anecdotes as well as

recognising his kindness, honesty, loyalty and good humour. Norm's niece Dianne was also present.

Friend and Community Health Nurse Kathy Crane, who organised the evening, presented Norm with a beautiful cake while the crowd sang Happy Birthday.

Thanks must go to Teena & Murray and their staff at the Golden Spurs Hotel who hosted the evening and provided beautiful nibbles for everyone to enjoy.



Norm Smoothy, pictured with Kathy Crane, while celebrating his 85th Birthday recently.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

I was honoured to be part of an amazing Easter Street Parade and Regatta event in Proston. I hope that this becomes an annual event as it was fantastic to see the whole community come together and participate in an event that was both spectacular and quirky with the floats and the boats.

Thanks to the Proston QCWA for putting on the parade and to the Covert Creek Community Development Association for the Regatta including a special pink boat

for me. I had lots of positive comments with people saying "isn't it great to see a community day like this similar to what used to be the Proston Spring Fair".

The kids had fantastic fun, the community got together and we had visitors from the dam participate. It is simply amazing what we can do when we all work together.

This Proston success story reminds me of the Murgon Motto often quoted by the late Bill Roberts "In Unitate

Florescemus—In Unity We Flourish".



Garin & Julie look on while Kathy christens "The Pink Lady" to launch the Regatta in the Park.

Cub Scout Rally



Proston Scout Group hosted the Bunya District Cub Scout Rally on Saturday 24 March. Approximately 30 Cubs & Joeys from Nanango, Kingaroy, Wooroolin and Proston worked through a range of 19 different activities including art & artist study, card-making, bookmarks, balance boards, egg & spoon races, puppet-making and sock wrestling.

The Cubs and Joeys were working towards their level 2 Arts & Design Badge and along with their leaders they had a wonderful day in Proston.

Scrub Walk

A group of 23 bushwalkers met at Reinke Scrub on Good Friday to undertake a walk along a new track which has recently been cleared and marked. This track, which is longer than the first track, winds along the edge of a gorge and ends at a very interesting rock formation.

After the walk, morning tea was enjoyed at the new picnic table kindly supplied by National Parks & Wildlife Services. Thanks must go to Les Koy, Kathy Crane, Fiona Gill and Russell Steer for all their hard work in preparing the track.



Campdraft Results



Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft Committee showed their community spirit when they generously presented cheques to their chosen charities at the Campdraft held 13, 14 & 15 April. Recipients were Lifeflight \$5000, Proston Angels Relay for Life \$1060 and Little Haven Palliative Care (in memory of the late Mike Atthow) \$300.

A wonderful effort and a great weekend!

Winners of the various drafts were:

OPEN Joe Payne on Cole Black 262

NOVICE Richard Blanch on Jackson 177

MAIDEN A Peter Wallace on Troubled 89

RESTRICTED OPEN Kay Radke on Seligmans Shanell 179

JUVENILE Zoey Young on Youngmere Dynamo 88

JUNIOR Abbie-Jayne Lord on Covergirl 88

Social Snippets

◆ 25 ladies enjoyed a delicious High Tea at Jacaranda Tearooms to celebrate the launch of NB Inspirations Autumn/Winter Fashion Week on Saturday 21 April. Guests were treated to a preview of the latest in beautiful fashion available right here in Proston.

Check out NB's Facebook page to see more inspiration in their Autumn Winter Lookbook or call in and have a leisurely browse at their shop in Blake Street, Proston.

♥♥♥ PANCAKE SPECIAL ♥♥♥

♥ Spoil your Mum with an early **Mother's Day Breakfast at Jacaranda Tearooms on Saturday 12 May.** 4 pancakes (2 pancakes each) served with cream or ice cream and your choice of topping for just \$10. Bookings taken from 8am so call in and book your spot.



◆ Congratulations to Nick and Anita and their team on the 1st Anniversary of the opening of Jacaranda Tearooms. A steady stream of locals as well as visitors from across the Burnett flocked to the popular spot to help them celebrate. The friendly country atmosphere along with good food and service combine to make the Tearooms a firm favourite with many for casual catch-ups and special occasions.

◆ Proston Playgroup raffle of a Wine Set has been drawn and the winner is Will Barrett of Proston. The Playgroup would like to thank everyone for their support.

◆ QCWA members Eileen Vos and Val Klein with Cr Kathy Duff were presented with a trophy for overall winner of the inaugural Regatta in the Park. They were also presented with a cheque for \$592.25 for the QCWA Public Rural Crisis Fund which was the beneficiary of this year's Regatta. A lovely afternoon tea and presentation was staged by Julie & Garin of Covert Creek Community Development & Social Club Inc. who also organised the Regatta.



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.

National Day of Thanks

Thanking God . . . thanking each other

All are invited to the **National Day of Thanksgiving at Railway Park, Proston on Saturday 26 May at 11.30am.** This is an opportunity to give thanks to God and community members.

A free sausage sizzle will be on offer, kindly sponsored by South Burnett Rural Chaplaincy.

All welcome!

Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE ★ FREE

FRIDAY 11 MAY
Railway Park Proston

Featuring the great Australian Classic
"The Man from Snowy River"

◆ Movie starts 6pm.

◆ Don't forget to BYO chair and blanket!

Sausage Sizzle available from 5.30pm

◆ Come and enjoy a great family night.

Want more information? Please phone Kathy on 0407 091 019.

An initiative of the Proston Round Table supported by the Murgon PCYC.

Popcorn
Hot & Cold drinks

Who's Who in the Zoo?

It's a pleasure to feature one of Proston's legends in this edition of The Proston Post, our own Norm Smoothy. Norm was born in Wondai Hospital on 7 April 1933 and was the 4th child in a family of 8. His parents farmed at Abbeywood and Norm attended Abbeywood, Hivesville & Kinleymore schools, though school wasn't his favourite thing and he says he didn't learn much. After leaving school Norm worked on the family farm helping with the dairying and cropping. In 1953 he drove the Abbeywood/Stalworth cream truck for a time before commencing National Service in 1954. Following this he worked as a truck driver, first for Denny Etherington, then Clive Latcham. He

recalled helping to cart 10,000 bags of corn from the Mearns property at Durong to the rail in Proston from where it was sent to Kelloggs in Sydney. Around 1959 Norm bought his first truck, a Dodge 8 ton, which he used for carting sleepers. With the addition of a tipper he was able to do private contract work carting gravel for the Wondai Shire. He also worked for a time around Moura and Duaringa as well as doing dozer work in the Durong area. In 1963 he purchased another truck, nicknamed "Girly", which he kept until he retired. Norm said "It always feels good to come home to Proston. I know everyone and everyone knows me". We love you Norm!



Norm stands in the doorway at his place where he lives happily in his retirement.

Dates for your Diary

Outdoor Movie Night Railway Park Friday 11 May

Burrandowan Picnic Races Saturday 12 May

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 27 May, Sunday 24 June

National Day of Thanksgiving Saturday 26 May at 11.30am

QCWA Women Walk the World Tuesday 29 May at 9.30am

Church Service Times:

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



Anzac Day was observed in Proston with 2 special services. On Tuesday 24 April a well-attended commemoration service was held at Proston State School which involved all classes giving short presentations and laying wreaths. The ceremony was followed by morning tea in the Library.

Proston RSL hosted the Dawn Service on Anzac Day and were pleased to welcome the mayor of the SB Regional Council, Cr Keith Campbell. The service was once again led by Mr Fred Adams-White. The call of the local kookaburras as dawn broke added a fitting and uniquely Australian bush touch. At the conclusion of the observance all present were invited into the rooms for the traditional cuppa & toastie. Thanks to all who helped mark this special occasion.

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.



Marion Strong (left), Toowoomba Hospital cancer care nurse, is presented with 40 beanies for chemo patients, by Proston QCWA member Judith Marek.

**My apologies for using the wrong caption for this photo in the last issue.*

Those were the days.....

Maryborough Chronicle - 17/7/1923

PROSTON - THE TOWN'S PROGRESS – Since the completion of the Murgon-Proston railway things at Proston are looking up and already the place has the appearance of a thriving town.

Many allotments have been cleared for building purposes, the public hall is practically completed, Messrs Thorne & Walker have built a very nice general store while Messrs Parke & Company of Wondai have also built a commodious bulk store. The local opinion poll resulting strongly in favour of new licences has induced Mr Condren to build a hotel. The site is now cleared, and later tenders are to be called for the erection of the building.

Mr H Welch is building a shop and dwelling, and a small building has been erected for The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd to transact business once a week (Tuesdays) until such time as the town warrants a permanent bank and manager. Mr GTM Boynton has made a contract with Mr HW Kratzmann of Murgon to build refreshment rooms, and will be in going order within a few weeks. All these places have sprung up in mushroom style, and with the erection of the butter factory in the near future, Proston, one must admit is really going ahead.

At present one thing that strikes the new comer to Proston as discouraging to business men is the entrance to the town by road. One can see the station only a few chains away but is compelled to practically circle the whole of the town allotments going some 30 chains out of his way to get to the station gate, while if the Council had cut the direct road, in which necessitated the expenditure of about £5 for clearing the road and £25 to bridge a small gully, the distance would only have been about 10 chains. If Proston is going to be a busy town, as assuredly it will be, councillors must see to it, and very soon, that a good and handy entrance is provided to the town. The public is sure to object to going all round "the mulberry bush" with loads of cotton, maize, cream and other produce.



Proston QCWA invite you to join them for "Women Walk the World" in support of disadvantaged women in the world. The ladies will take a short walk around Proston on Tuesday 29 May starting at 9.30am and then return to the CWA Rooms for Morning Tea. All welcome.

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.