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May all our
readers enjoy
a wonderful
Christmas and



a new year
filled with
peace and
prosperity.

**Lake
Boondooma
Current
Capacity
39.72%**

**In the Rain
Gauge**

**At Proston
Post Office
Oct
202.8mm
Nov
43.4mm**

**Yearly Total
634.2mm**



The year that was 2018

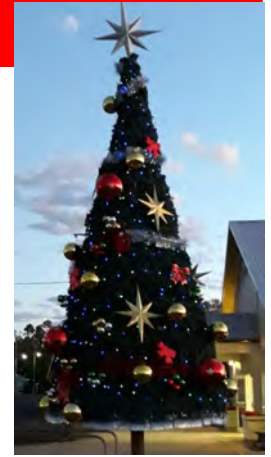
As 2018 draws swiftly to a close, let's take a look back at the highlights of the year as well as some of the more challenging times. Happily, the former well & truly outnumber the latter.

The year began with record numbers attending the Lake Boondooma Yellowbelly Fishing Competition in February. This was followed in March by the spectacular 60th Proston Show. April saw a wonderful QCWA Easter Parade combined with Proston's first ever Regatta in the Park, which was very successful and great fun. Also in April, record numbers of horses and riders competed in the Golden Spurs Campdraft over 3 days. May saw the first of 2 outdoor movie nights and a big crowd gathered in Railway Park to watch "The Man from Snowy River".

With the closure of the Newsagency in Blake Street, it became apparent that help would be needed to keep our business district alive. Meetings were held to "Re-invent Proston" and this group has now formed Proston Qld Ltd, a registered company whose aim is to re-invigorate the main street.

We were all encouraged to spring clean our health in September with a wonderful Healthy Living Forum focussing on Diabetes. Mapleton Men's Shed also visited and assisted with renovations at the Golf Club and worked on a mobility assisted track in Reinke Scrub.

A Heritage Association has been formed and members are hoping to establish a museum and are looking towards Proston's Centenary Celebrations in 2023.



On the down side, huge numbers of little red flying foxes have made life unpleasant for residents living close to the colony at the top end of Beresford Street. We hope they move on soon!

Our town is as good as we choose to make it and we are lucky to have so many residents who give so much of their time, energy and passion to make Proston a great place to live. Please continue to support the events and businesses in Proston during 2019. May it be a happy, successful & fulfilling year for all.

15TH DEC 2018

Proston Lions Community Christmas Carnival

**RAILWAY PARK
From 5pm to 9pm**

Children's Entertainment:

- Jumping castle
- Kite making
- Santa Arrives
- Ice Cream & Lollies for the children
- Face Painting
- Chocolate Toss
- And Lots More

**BBQ
Plum Pudding & Custard
Hot Chips
Bar
Soft Drinks
Coffee Van
Cheeseworld
Ice Cream
Raffles
Crafts**

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Many of Proston's Community organisations are helping to provide food and entertainment for the Christmas Carnival. **Proston Show Society** will be manning the BBQ and running the children's kite decorating activity. **Proston Lions Club** are in charge of the Licensed Bar while **Proston Scouts** will be selling cold drinks to go with the **Relay for Life** hot chips. **Proston Bowls Club** will have a lucky ticket wheel loaded with lots of Christmas goodies. Try your luck at the **P&C Lob-a-Choc** and you will be supporting the 2019 Year 6 trip to Canberra, as well perhaps winning yourself a block of chocolate.

Proston Men's Shed are providing free ice-creams, lollies and a jumping castle, the **QCWA** ladies will have presents on their Christmas Tree and of course the big man in red will make a visit.

The kids can get up close with some animals at **Viv's animal farm** and have their faces painted by **Marie's imaginative face painting**. It's a great opportunity too for some browsing and Christmas shopping at businesses in the main street.

So gather your family and friends together and enjoy a great night out at the Proston Christmas Carnival.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Proston Flying Foxes Please Fly Away

The small red flying foxes are a big problem for the Proston community. This particular red one has been known to move when the local food source is gone. We are looking at every possible option to deal with them including providing advice on health risks for humans and horses. We are working on a management plan including ways to relocate them. The main health message is don't handle a live flying fox. Their saliva carries disease so

everyone is warned to never pick up or handle a flying fox even if it is trapped in a fence. If there are any issues around dealing with one that is dead or alive please contact Council on 41899100.



Christmas Blessings to Everyone

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas and a wonderful 2019. I hope to catch up with you all around the ridges at one of the Christmas events or sometime in the New Year. Thanks to everyone for your wonderful support. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am keen to hear your concerns and to work closely with you.

* I can be contacted on **0437020705**.

Rural students excel



Congratulations to Proston State School Rural Studies staff and students for their outstanding success in the 2018 Wide Bay Interschool Hoof & Hook competition. The team won Champion Led Steer with Mr Zeus from a field of 70 head. Zeus was also Reserve Champion on the Hook and was declared the overall winner of the Hoof & Hook competition. He was bred by Mr Col Kilgour, Proston. The Proston State School P-10 team was also awarded Champion Team Herdsman, winning from a field of 18 schools from across the Wide Bay who competed in the 3 day event in Gympie. Fantastic effort!!

Round Table News

The last meeting of the Round Table for 2018 was held on Tuesday 27 November at Jacaranda Tearooms. It was noted that it was now 2 years since the steering committee met and the Round Table Forum came into being.

- * Garin reported on the proposed Murgon-Proston Rail Trail link. The Rail Trail User Group are keen to see this happen, but funds are needed for a feasibility study.
- * Peter Simpson reported that Proston Qld Ltd is now a registered company and is looking at ways of re-invigorating the main street.
- * Lively discussion on various ways of marketing our area and its events to tourists.
- * Another working bee has been held in Reinke Scrub Conservation Park.

The next meeting of the Round Table Forum will be held at Jacaranda Tearooms on Thursday 24 January 2019. Light meal at 6pm, meeting commences 6.30pm. All welcome.

Student Achievements Celebrated

Peter and Angel Doessel were amongst many proud parents at the recent Proston State School Awards evening when their son Lachlan was presented with a swag of awards. Lachlan was the recipient of the QCWA Industry Award, the SBRC Principal's Award, Caltex All Rounder Award, ADF Leadership Award, and a Bronze Sporting Merit Award. He also shared the 2018 Herdsman Award with Aiden Dotta.

Other winners were:

* Lions Citizenship Awards
Lorna Smith & Kim Fisher

* Proston Rural Supplies Bursary
Sharron Bun'ney McConnell & Aiden Dotta

* Kathy Duff Arts Award
Lucilla Maneylaws & Josh Santleben

* Scout Leadership Awards
Hayley Fox & Nicholas Urban

* Proston Charity Rally Sports Award
Nicholas Urban

* Deb Frecklington MP Achievement Award
Roxie Nielsen & Seth Cree

* Smithfield Encouragement Award
Chloe Scanlan

Junior Sportsperson of the year was shared by **Alivia Wieland and Kaitlyn Barber**.

Senior Sportsperson of the year was also a tie between **Mersadeez Nielsen and Chloe Scanlan**.

Congratulations to all students who received Awards.



Lachlan Doessel was recognised for his hard work at the Proston State School Awards Night.

Social Snippets



Les & Del Blanch welcomed guests to morning tea on the verandah of their historic home "Mittadale" at Kinleymore recently. The home, which was built by George Ley in 1916 has some magnificent features, particularly the very ornate pressed metal ceilings. The couple have been active members of the Proston community for many years and have worked hard for many organisations, in particular, the Show Society and Lions Club. Our best wishes go with Les & Del as they leave Proston to make a new home in Wondai.



MERRY MONDAY SALE
17 December
NB INSPIRATIONS



Great to catch with members of the Scott family when they visited Lake Boondooma recently. From left Brian Scott, Gloria Scott (nee Cox), May St John (nee Scott), Alan St John and Jackie Scott (sitting). The family were well known in the 1950s and 60s when they farmed on Okeden Road and later lived in town.

The Centenary of Remembrance Day was observed in various ways at services across the district. A good number of community members joined Proston State School for their service on Friday 9 November. The remembrance at Boondooma Homestead on Sunday 11 November was also well attended, while others chose to remember in less formal ways.



Pictured are Olivia & Louisa Frahm (back) and Sophie & Riley Gleich (front) who honoured their great-great-grandfather, Lieut. Richard Penman, with a simple ceremony under a bottle tree.

At the Library



Rhyme Time Christmas Party
 Tues 4 Dec.

Card-making Workshop Thurs 6 Dec 10am.
 Please book as numbers are limited.

Children's Christmas Craft - Decorating Foam
 Santas - Wed 19 Dec from 9.30am. Please book.

The Library will close at 12 noon on Fri 21
 Dec & re-open on Wed 2 Jan 2019 at 9.30am.

Get to Know a Local!

Jonesy started his working life straight out of high school in Newcastle when his family moved to Sydney. He found himself a job in a factory where he was offered an apprenticeship and learnt the trade of a toolmaker. He still enjoys making things and working with his hands. Later he joined the Ambulance in NSW. Jonesy served for 11 years in Kingaroy before coming to Proston in 2014. His home is on the Sunshine Coast where his wife is a nurse. They have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Proston is very fortunate to be in the care of such a highly experienced and respected Paramedic, as well as an all round good bloke. Thanks Jonesy!



Name: Nolan Jones
 Nickname: Jonesy

Lived in Proston: 4 years

Occupation: Paramedic for 25 years in NSW & Qld

Favourite Pastime: Kayak fishing

Favourite Food: Mexican

Favourite Music: Music from the 80's

Favourite Sport: Supercars Motor Racing

I can't live without: My wife

My secret talent is: Saxophone

Best Quality: My wife says "always saying Yes".

Worst Quality: My wife says "never saying No".

Proston needs: a fuel outlet

What I like most about Proston: The sense of community, everyone working together to help the town thrive. It's a privilege to work in a community that cares about its own and where we are all willing to look out for and care for one another.

Dates for your Diary

Proston School Concert Friday 7 December

Proston Shopping Night Saturday 8 December

Term 4 ends Friday 14 December

Proston Christmas Carnival Saturday 15 December

Australia Day Saturday 26 January

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 27 January (No market in December)

Term 1 starts Tuesday 29 January

Church Service Times:

Catholic 8am Mass every Saturday

South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday

Baptist 10am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays, 8am Christmas Day



An array of baskets and birds nests made using cat's claw vine at the recent open weaving workshop in Proston.

The next workshop will be mosaics on February 15 & 16. More information from Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.



If, like me, you were unable to attend the Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Proston community hall on 6 November this year, then we missed an enjoyable event. The entertainment consisted of a fashion parade by NB inspirations, and Anita, Danni, Wendy and Peter were fabulous models. They paraded an array of stylish apparel.

RAFFLE TICKETS WERE ON SALE AND THE WINNERS WERE:

FUEL VOUCHER JACKIE DIONYSIUS
IGA VOUCHER KEITH (VISITOR TO BOONDOOMA DAM)
FRUIT TRAY DAN THE MAN (BOONDOOMA CARAVAN PARK)

CONGRATULATIONS! A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT TICKETS.

OTHER PRIZE WINNERS WERE:

LUCKY DOOR GLENYS BLANCH - **BEST DRESSED FEMALE** WENDY DAWKINS - **BEST DRESSED MALE** PETER SIMPSON - **THE MELBOURNE CUP QUIZ** JOHN PAPWORTH

A sumptuous lunch was served to 42 people attending the event, and another 11 were prepared and delivered to business folk in town who could not attend. Not forgetting the race!! Congratulations to all who had a win, and commiserations to all others. Better luck next year.

A lot of hard-working CWA ladies went home very weary after the day finished, but they wouldn't have it any other way??!! They are just so happy to see everyone enjoying themselves.

Judith Marek Secretary/Publicity

QCWA Proston

Photos courtesy Cheryl Simpson & Eileen Vos



POOL OPENING HOURS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 1PM TO 5PM EVERY DAY.

**Closed Christmas Day
Check the Proston Swimming Pool Facebook page for special school holiday events!**

Those were the days.....

THE PICTURES

In Proston during the 1940s and 1950s, "going to the pictures" was a popular pastime. Saturday night was picture night and it was always an enjoyable night. If there was not a dance on, the theatre would be packed. Admission prices during this period increased from about 1/6d (15 cents) to 4 shillings (40 cents) for adults and 6d. (5 cents) to 2 shillings (20 cents) for school kids and the littlies were allowed in for free. The children always sat "down the front", cheering and laughing at anything and everything. It would only take one

cheer to set everyone else off, especially if there was a cowboy film on. "Hopalong Cassidy" was a favourite, as were the cartoons Donald Duck, Heckle & Jeckle, Tom & Jerry and Mickey Mouse. At interval patrons would go across the road to the café for an ice cream or some of their favourite lollies - the Jaffas. The theatre was quite large with canvas seats. There was a flight of steps, about 20, to the projection box. It would not be picture night if the film didn't break down leaving the hall in complete darkness. Sometimes it could be fixed quickly, other times the

lights were turned on and the patrons had to wait for a re-start. Special events were also held at the picture theatre.

In 1942, Mr Evans, the picture theatre proprietor, was asked by the Proston RSL to arrange a picture program as a Christmas treat for the children of those serving in the war. All children under the age of 16 years were admitted free. 50 pounds of shelled peanuts were received from the Peanut Board for the occasion (*no allergies in those days apparently*) and free ice cream, provided by the RSL, was available at the café. What a treat!

Thanks to Joyce Penman for this information.



Proston State School

End of Year Celebration Concert

Proston Town Hall

Fri 7 Dec

Doors open 6.30pm

Don't miss an exciting evening of fun, laughter and entertainment!

Please bring a plate to share for supper. Drinks available.

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 gilea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.