

# The Proston Post

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**Lake Boondooma Current Capacity 36.65%**

## In the Rain Gauge

**At Proston Post Office**  
May 36.2mm  
June 26.8mm

**Yearly Total 280.9mm**



## Another Chapter in Church's History

Another chapter, albeit a somewhat sad one, has been written in the life of St Peter's Anglican Church in Proston. The iconic brick building stands beside the main road through the town and has been a landmark since it was built in 1937/8.

Mr Charles Shepherd, a wealthy grazier, who lived the life of a recluse, left the sum of 3000 pounds for the building of an Anglican Church for the people of the Proston district with the proviso that he be buried beneath it.

Mr Shepherd was originally buried in the old Proston Cemetery, which was sited where the Council Depot now stands. When this site was deemed unsuitable, several exhumations were made and shifted to the old part of the present Cemetery on Proston Boondooma Road.

Mr Shepherd was not moved to the new Cemetery as this report from the *Courier Mail* dated **Monday May 31, 1937** shows. "The foundation stone of the Shepherd Memorial Church was laid today by Archbishop Wand. The Rev. A.S. Dence, Vicar of the Wondai/Proston parish said the money left by Mr Shepherd, who had served the district and country set an example to be followed.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr Shepherd's body was taken from the Proston Cemetery and placed in the church ground under the sanctuary."

Mr Shepherd's remains rested there for the next 81 years.

However, St Peter's was closed and deconsecrated in November 2015 and as the building was to be put up for sale, the process to shift the remains began. This proved to be difficult and time-

consuming, but eventually evidence of a burial was found. The material found was placed in a casket and the remains of Mr Shepherd were interred for the 3rd, and hopefully last, time in the Proston Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday 17 July.



This Proston landmark which won it's designers an award and is now listed on the Qld Heritage Register, has been put up for sale.

## CWA Combined AGM & 10th Anniversary



**New Office Bearers for the Proston QCWA** following their AGM on Monday 23 July. From left Lyn Reynolds (Vice Pres), Marina Taylor (Divisional Pres), Cheryl Simpson (Treasurer), Judith Marek (Secretary), Marion Izatt (Vice Pres), Coral Graham (President) and Jillian McClure (International Officer).



**Hivesville Office Bearers** following the combined AGM. From left Marina Taylor (Divisional Pres), Judy Radke (President), Lyn Ramscar & Loraine Latham (Vice Presidents), Denise Schuler (Secretary), Shelley Thompson (Treasurer) and Pat Hansen (International Officer).



**Mrs Jean Thompson cuts the cake to mark 10 years since the re-forming of Proston Branch.**

# Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

I am pleased that our Council has produced an operating surplus with this budget. The community wants to see a responsible Council that balances our books and we have achieved that. The merge of the road levy into the general rate will impact some of our rural producers as we move from a flat charge to a valuation based levy and this concerns me.

The good news is that we have increased our budget for roads maintenance by \$1m. Council needs to ensure our farm businesses can grow and prosper with good transport routes. The rate payers are calling for efficiency and so are the Councillors particularly in delivery on the road network. We have been assured that with the additional funds

the road team will be able to deliver a good value for money service particularly in the area of road maintenance and gravel resheeting.

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



## Your Invitation - Something for everyone The Proston Healthy Living Forum

**Proston Town Hall, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 a.m. till 2.00pm.**

The focus - Diabetes - with great guest speakers, cooking demonstration, Line Dancing and Tai Chi demonstrations. Static displays and resources available - Diabetes, Sight, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Therapeutic Massage and much more. What to do when we call for ambulance assistance. This is a project of the Proston & District Lions Club in conjunction with the Proston QCWA and Proston Community. Lunch will be available, but we will require a booking.

For booking or information contact Jan 0438 681 840 or Kath 0407 091 019 or (07) 41 689288.

Come along and hear what we can do to prevent or control Diabetes. An invitation is extended to all residents of the South Burnett and beyond. There is something for everyone - all ages.



## Movie Night

Proston's first ever outdoor movie night was a great success with approximately 120 people of all ages braving the cool conditions in Railway Park to enjoy a screening of "The Man from Snowy River".

Proston State School P & C did a fine job manning the sausage sizzle and hot drinks stall. Of course you can't watch movies without popcorn and the Proston Scouts very capably filled that need.

Thanks must go to the Murgon PCYC for providing the screen and equipment free of charge, Kathy Crane for her organisation and also Phil Powell and Bob & Mary Danson for their assistance.

Another (hopefully warmer) movie night is planned for September so watch this space!



Setting up the big screen for the Movies in the Park.

## Mosaic Magic



Pictured are the results of a Beginners Mosaic Workshop held in Proston recently. The workshop was held over 2 mornings and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Another workshop is planned for September and you can contact Kathy

Crane on 0407 091 019 to register your interest for this event.



*A proposal has been tabled for the Proston community to purchase the block of shops which is currently for sale in Blake Street. A well attended meeting of interested residents has been held to look into the feasibility of the proposal. If you are interested in the proposal and would like more information, Robyn Grivell is your first point of contact at Proston Rural Supplies. Ph 4168 9000.*



# Social Snippets

\* Proston Angels Relay for Life team wish to thank everyone who supported their iPad raffle. All funds raised will go to the Qld Cancer Council. Winner was Ms J.E. Butcher, Wondai and 2nd prize of a knitted knee rug went to Craig Stephens, Proston.



Well done to Katrina & Stacey from the Golden Spurs Hotel who sold cupcakes to fundraise for Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Great job girls!



\* Proston Mens Shed are holding a Car Boot Sale in Railway Park on Saturday 1 September from 7am. Stallholders welcome. Auction at 10am. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available. For more information or to book a stall contact Paul Julian on 41689110 or Geoff Rea on 0439 694 000 .

\* Several locals have been bitten by the travel bug recently. **Mrs Yvonne Hurt** enjoyed a trip to America and also visited Mexico. **Mrs Lyn Manthey** visited the Mediterranean Sea, France, Monaco, Sicily, Spain and Italy and enjoyed a stopover in Singapore on the way home. **Margaret Westerman & David Hunter** holidayed in Bali and more recently travelled to Outback Queensland and attended the Bedourie Camel & Pig Races.

\* Great to see travellers regularly using the Overnight Camp area. The Proston Scout group also gathered around the firepit in this area for a fun family night of singing songs and performing funny skits to celebrate the end of Term 2.



The view from a high point within Reinke Scrub Conservation Park looking towards "Old Proston". 25 people enjoyed the last walk held in June. The next walk is planned for September and all are welcome to join in. More details next newsletter.

## 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.

## Proston QCWA News

*"Poppies for remembrance"  
"We shall remember them"*

Our Poppy Project has again delivered. On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 we were thrilled to present a cheque for \$1500.00 to Legacy. These funds were raised by the sale of crochet and knitted poppies, pinned, to wear on lapels. Members of our branch have made thousands of these poppies over the last few years.

Boondooma Homestead celebrate ANZAC and Remembrance Day each year and they have been instrumental in selling many of our poppies; for which we thank them.

We still have poppies on hand, ready for Remembrance Day this year. Maybe we need to make some more, now that we have been invited to have a poppy display at the Remembrance Day event being held in the park in Wondai in November.



Photo courtesy of southburnett.com.au

## Get to Know a Local!

**Name:** Nicole Urban

**Nickname:** Sometimes Nic or Nikki

**Lived in Proston:** Since age 7, so 12 years roughly.

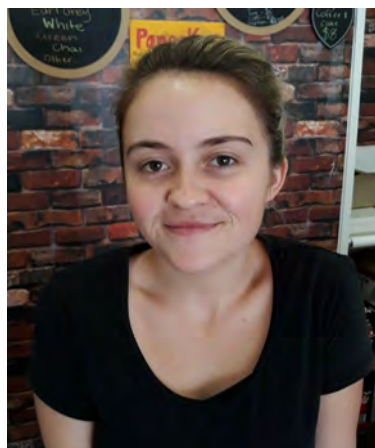
**Occupation:** Barista at Jacaranda Tearooms

**Favourite Pastime:** I'm a big fan of sleeping.

**Favourite Food:** I enjoy most foods.

**Favourite Music:** I listen to a lot of music, both old & new.

**Favourite Sport:** Netball



**I can't live without:** My family. I'd be lost without them.

**My secret talent is:** Apparently I can sing.

**Best Quality:** If you're remotely funny, I'll probably laugh.

**Worst Quality:** I can tend to talk too much (not always a bad thing though).

**Proston needs:** To give each other a bit more support.

**What I like most about Proston:** It's quiet and you generally know everyone.

# Dates for your Diary

**Golden Spurs Post Rip** Saturday 18 August

**Scots in the Bush Boondooma Homestead** 16 to 19 August

**Hivesville Country Market** Sunday 22 July, Sunday 26 August

**Proston Men's Shed Car Boot Sale** Saturday 1 September

**Proston Healthy Living Forum** Saturday 15 September

**Wondai Garden Expo** Sat & Sun 22 & 23 September

## Church Service Times:

**Catholic** 9am Mass every Saturday

**South Burnett Ministries** 9.30am every Sunday

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



## Historic Boondooma Homestead

8262 Mundubbera – Dulong Rd Boondooma Qld

Presents

**“Scots in the Bush”** Scottish & Celtic Festival

**16th to 19th August 2018**

Ceilidh on Thursday Evening .....Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday morning

Join us for the Boondooma Highland games, Scottish food & much more.

Stalls welcome with own insurance. Be part of **“Scots in the Bush”** – a weekend of fun filled entertainment for all the family. Bar & Meals are available.

Admission: \$70 pp full weekend. Children under 14, FREE.

Includes: entry, bush camping and all entertainment. Day rates available.

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## Those were the days.....



12 April 2018 marked 90 years since the first meeting of the Proston QCWA Branch. The Rest Room was built in late 1925 and early 1926. It was described as being on a convenient site in the railway yards and constructed of first class hardwood timber lined with plywood, with a veranda on the back and front. From the first Minute Book “gifts” of a sugar basin, tablecloth, washup bowl, teaspoons, jug, spirit stove etc were donated by the members for use in the Rest Room.

The Rest Room was opened on Sunday, June 13, 1926 by Mrs Ruth Fairfax, the foundation President of the QCWA. Mrs Fairfax was welcomed to Proston by Cr. EJ Keys and Mrs Gwendoline Hives. After the opening, the members and guests partook of a very tasty afternoon tea. It was also noted that there were up to 30 motors in the main street.

From 1923 to 1928 the Proston members were part of the Hivesville Branch. The aims of the QCWA included – to improve the welfare and conditions of women and children in the country, to draw together all women, girls and children in country districts, bring opportunities for recreation and enjoyment within the reach of all members.

The members of the Proston QCWA achieved all that. They had a very nice Rest Room, they made sure the children of the district were able to enjoy sports days, picnics and fancy dress balls. The members enjoyed their meetings, they held a Birthday and Xmas Party every year and they took an interest in all local affairs. In the early 1930s they wanted the site of the cemetery changed, and it was. The catering efforts of the ladies of the Proston QCWA were second to none. They catered for dances, weddings, birthday parties, reunions for the RSL, and they served tea and sandwiches for so many other functions held in the town, such as the opening of the new QATB centre. The highlight for the QCWA in certain years was the Debutante Ball. There was so much preparation put into these Balls to make it a glamorous event for the girls. *Contributed by Joyce A. Penman*

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 Inspirations or Jacaranda Tearooms or alternatively email it to [glrea6@bigpond.com](mailto:glrea6@bigpond.com) for possible inclusion in the newsletter.

## 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.**

**Golden Spurs Hotel  
Post Rip**

**Saturday 18 August**

**Post ripping, speed disc  
cut, Jack & Jill comp  
and more.**

**Meals & live music.**

**Don't miss it!**

**Wondai Spring Garden Expo**  
**Saturday 22 & Sunday 23**  
**September 2018**

