

The Proston Post

100 YEARS DOWN THE TRACK
& 100 YEARS OF SCHOOLING



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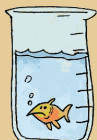
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In the Rain Gauge

At Proston Post Office

June 13.8mm
July 140mm
Aug 21.4mm
Sept 97.6mm

2022 total 744.7mm



The Proston & District Heritage Assn, along with the Proston State School, are progressing with plans for a big weekend of Centenary celebrations on 30th September & 1st October 2023.

Organisers expect a large crowd to return to Proston for a joint celebration of 100 years since the coming of the rail, which signalled the beginnings of the township of Proston, as well as 100 years since the opening of the Proston State School.

Two community meetings have been held with another meeting planned for the 19th November to map out a programme of events and activities for the weekend.

Ideas include a parade, market stalls and food vendors, class photos, displays and stalls at the school, an official opening at "The Platform" in Railway Park, the launch of the centenary book, railway tours, bus tours around the local district, a Centenary Ball and a screening of Bill Keys' Proston movie.

Suggestions for events on the Sunday include a thanksgiving service, the official opening of the Proston Village shops and the Proston Men's Shed, old time sports in the park (remember those inter-school ball games -get your teams ready Abbeywood, Speedwell, Brigooda etc), readings from the centenary book, billy tea and

damper and fireworks.

And for those who still have energy left, there is the possibility of a walk through Reinke Scrub Conservation Park on Monday morning.

It is anticipated that upwards of 1000 people will be returning to Proston over the weekend and it will require community coordination to accommodate, feed, transport and entertain such a large gathering of people.

You are invited to attend the next Community Centenary meeting to be held in the Proston Community Hall on Saturday 19th November commencing at 1.30pm.



Merle Johnson (nee Lonsdale) is organising a display for the Proston Centenary, featuring vintage and older sewing machines, as well as honouring the many dressmakers of the district.

Merle explains "I am gathering information and names of the seamstresses and any garments that were sewn during this time. My idea is to have a short story about each of these sewing ladies and display, if possible, a garment that they may have made. The years I am focussing on include 1950-1960-1970-1980-1990-2000. Some dressmakers names that spring to mind include Mrs Eileen Rickards, Mrs Una Ayre, Mrs Thelma Schultz, Mrs Ellen Maynard, Mrs Pam Buchanan, Mrs Josie Schultz, Mrs Doris Lonsdale, Margaret Smoothy, Dierdre Buchanan and Mrs Beryl Coulson. I am sure there will be others to add to the list."

Merle extends an invitation to locals who may still have older sewing machines, and would like to include them in her display for the Centenary weekend, to please contact her.

If anyone has any dressmaker dummies or mannequins Merle could borrow for the weekend, it would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Merle on 0407 999 246 or email: johnsonmerle1967@gmail.com to discuss.

The display will be mounted in the Proston Show pavilion and will be open for everyone's enjoyment on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Centenary weekend.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Pinking up the South Burnett

It is wonderful to see Proston already on board pinking up for the month of October to raise funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. The fundraising has been kick started with a generous donation of \$5000 by a South Burnett local. We have a Facebook Page where you can get details to make donations. Sue Cox, the breast cancer nurse, is also keen to be involved in any events that are being organised. Her contact is 0467 718 068.

Australia Day Nominations now Open

Please make sure that if you know someone or an organisation that is

deserving of an award, that you fill out a nomination form and submit it to Council. The nomination forms are available on Council's website or at the Council Offices. Nominations close at 4.30pm on Friday November 11th 2022. The categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Junior and Senior Cultural Awards, Junior and Senior Sportsperson, Sports Administrator/Coach/Official Award, Community Organisation of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and Local Achievers for each town and Rural Local Achiever.

Proston Local Ambulance Committee doing us Proud

It was wonderful to attend a recent gathering to welcome the Assistant Commissioner, Michelle Baxter, who came to Proston to thank the committee for the work that they do. Congratulations to Raymond and Jackie Dionysius who were presented with a certificate of appreciation for 20 years of service and also Margaret Westermann and David Hunter who were both recognized for 5 years of service.

Contact Details

I am keen to hear of any Council related matters, so please don't hesitate to contact me on 0437020705 or email kathy.duff@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



Proston Village Update

Volunteers Induction Day for the opening of the Community and Information Centre will be held @ **9.30am on Saturday 12th November at Shop 40.**

We will be contacting all those who expressed interest in volunteering to invite you to come along to meet each other, share morning tea and discuss your role and give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

Our Committee is absolutely delighted that we have so many who expressed interest in assisting your community and supporting your village.

Always room for more who may be interested so if you would like to join us, please come along on the day.



Parkrun celebrated their 1st Birthday with a pink parkrun/parkwalk.

L.A.C. Service Recognised



Four members of the Proston Local Ambulance Committee were recognised for their service recently. Ambulance Assistant Commissioner, Michelle Baxter, visited the Proston station and presented Raymond & Jackie Dionysius with their 20 years service recognition and Margaret Westerman and David Hunter with their 5 year service awards. Congratulations to all who received awards, as well as the hardworking committee who support our local Ambos, Jonesy and Kim.

Photo Kathy Duff

Proston School Ag News

The final event of the year for the Proston State School K-10 Cattle Show Team was the GDBLG Hoof and Hook event. This year's event was held over 3 days at the Nanango Show Grounds and was organised by the teachers & ag assistants from Proston K-10, Kingaroy & Nanango SHS. This year's event saw 180 students and 100 head of cattle attend. The Proston SS took along 6 students and 5 head of cattle.

Ag Teacher Katrina Hayward shared a few of the highlights from the 3 days.

*Kaitlyn won Champion Handler overall

*Bailey and Kaitlyn placed in Junior Judging

*Our heifer Dangora Gully Skylar and our baby bull, Dangora Gully Sergeant both won their classes

*Our team got 2nd out of 18 in the inter-school Fitting Competition *Our own homebred pure Red Angus steer, "Santa", our only entry into the hoof and hook section of the event, managed to get 2nd in his on the hoof class, 2nd in his class on the hook and amazingly.....Reserve Champion overall!!!

"We were super excited at our results at this event. We need to say a massive thank you to Riverina Stock Feeds who are not only our personal feed suppliers, but were also one of the major sponsors for the event itself.



We need to also thank Smithfield Cattle Company for donating all the prizes for the Junior Handler events and thanks to Robert Smith (pictured above) for joining us to present all the ribbons. Lastly, thanks to Brian Smith for once again getting our precious animals safely to each event." Congratulations to teachers, ag assistants & students on a terrific outcome!

Social Snippets



Very special Birthday wishes to Iris Schultz who celebrated her 90th Birthday recently. Hope you had a wonderful day Iris.

* The community has been saddened to hear of the passing of Don Rankin, Rod Kirkman, Troy Eriksen, Beryl Coulson and Nola Dempster (Bleys). Each has brought something unique to Proston during their time in the community - whether that time was brief or whether they were long term residents - and they will be remembered fondly for their special qualities and talents. We offer our condolences to all the families.


- * NB Dept store is turning 12! Congratulations Nick and Anita and staff.
- * Farewell to John Walden who has left Proston to live in Maryborough. We wish you all the best John and thank you for your help during your time here.
- * The Proston QCWA branch held a very successful "Sconeversation" morning to celebrate the centenary of the CWA in Queensland. A big crowd of visitors enjoyed the tea and delicious scones throughout the morning, including visitors from the school and other CWA branches.



Pictured at "Sconeversation" are Joan Murray, Darren Blanch, Kaitlyn Barber and Jackie Dionysius.



*Hivesville CWA members following their AGM held in July. Pictured from left are President Lyn Ramscar, Dorothy Warren, Dierdre Lee (International Officer), Judy Radke, Secretary Lorraine Latham and Treasurer Shelley Thompson. The Hivesville CWA branch will also celebrate their Centenary next September and are planning to have their lovely rooms open for anyone who may like to visit during the Proston Centenary celebrations.

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES
present
Freaky Thursday
at the
Proston Library
27 October 3.30-4.30pm
• Halloween hide & seek •
• creepy craft •
See you there!
(if you dare!) 



Proston Community Christmas Carnival

DATE CLAIMER
Saturday 17th December
From 6pm
At the Proston Sportsground

All Community Organizations are invited to participate in our town's Christmas Celebration including Santa Claus, Gifts and free Entertainment for children, Food and refreshments, Stalls and Raffles

Organized by the Proston Show Society

If you wish to take part please call Helen 0457 094 145 with your suggestions, Site Bookings and any other information.



OPEN DAY

Proston Men's Shed

Saturday 17th December at 9am

Auction and Garage Sale

Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle.
If you have any donations for the auction, please let us know and we will arrange pickup.
Contact us: prostonmensshed@gmail.com

*Proston Community Kitchen participants welcomed "Guest Chef" Nick Volk to their September meet up. Nick shared one of his favourite recipes - Chicken wrapped in Prosciutto - in a step-by-step demonstration enabling each participant to learn the recipe and make their own dish, which was served with cheesy stuffed baked potato and steamed broccolini. Absolutely delicious!



Community Kitchen meets monthly and if you would like to know more please contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.

Mental Health News



Irene, Tracey, Susan & Jackie were just some of the Proston residents who "came for a cuppa" to show their support for RUOK? Day. The morning, held in Blake Street on the 7th September, was organised by the Proston Mental Health Peer Support Group and they would like to thank everyone for their support.

The group would also like to remind everyone that **Dr Tim Driscoll will be back in Proston on Wednesday 16th November** to give a presentation on Mental Wellbeing. The session will be held in the **Proston Community Hall starting at 9.30am.**

A refresher course following on from the **Resilience & Health Education Program** held last year is being held on **Wednesday 19th October**. Whether you are a past participant or someone new to the program, there will be valuable information to be gained, reminding us to put healthy habits into action in our life, particularly sleep, exercise and diet. Everyone is welcome to attend - **9.30 for a 10am start in the Proston Community Hall.**

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



Parkwalk is a new initiative at parkrun. Walk at your own pace, bring your friends, bring the kids, bring your dog (on a leash). Tam every Saturday in Railway Park.

Ruby's Cottage: 12 months on

Ruby's Cottage has hosted 75 guests enjoying stays of 2 to 10 days duration in its first year of operation, as well as hosting corporate guests of Smithfield Cattle Company and others working in the area. Most guests have travelled from Brisbane or the Sunshine Coast to visit family and friends, or to enjoy a weekend in the country visiting the attractions in and around Proston. We've even had several repeat visits and hold 5-star Superhost rating!

Guests have admired the great views from the deck, sunset walks on the ridge, and the newly installed fire pit. Most of all, they have enjoyed the warmth and hospitality they have experienced in Proston "...a wonderful cottage for a base to explore the surrounding area and just to relax and spend time with family ... We loved our stay!"

Please contact Janee Crane on 0419 029 949 if you'd like more information about making a booking.



Some keen little Pony Clubbers having a wonderful time with their very best 4-legged friends at a Pony Club camp held at Proston Showgrounds recently. What a great weekend!

Save the Date
Proston Community

Christmas Carols

From 5 pm until 8 pm

Join us on Tuesday, December 6th

Fun for the whole Family!

More details to come

Save the date for a night of family fun.

PROSTON CAR RALLY & BURNOUTS

SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

BURNOUTS STARTS FROM 9:30PM (SATURDAY)

proston rally track
757 Proston Boondooma rd
Okeden 4613

RALLY STARTS FROM 10AM

BURNOUT NOMINATIONS FOR SATURDAY (SPACE IS LIMITED)

FREE Camping/Hot shower's Available

Canteen and Bar Available

For more info:
President-Jonathan Mckee: 0427247582
Clerk Of the course-Barry Taylor-0402517909
Burnouts-Mark Osborne:0487433180

Save the date

MEGA BOWLS

November 12th from 5 PM

IT'S BACK IN 2022!!

Come and support the Proston State School Agriculture Department.

- Barefoot Bowls
- Mega Auction
- Pig on the Spit
- Multi-draw raffle

Proudly supported by the Proston SS K - 10 P and C Association

The Proston SS Ag Programme would love to have your support for their fundraiser.

Those were the days

The Proston Apex Club competed in a television series in 1985 called "It's a Knockout", which brought together Apex Club members from all over Australia to compete in games of skill and luck.

The team was told they had to be called the Kingaroy Peanuts as no one would know where Proston was, but after some negotiation, Proston's Kingaroy Peanuts was agreed upon.

The Proston team of 10 were from left (back row): Cathy Geary, Chris Roberts, Ian Moller-Nielsen, Murray Anderson and Mark Welch. Front row: Sandra Miller, Vicky Elliott, Steve Grogan, Buddy Perkins and Richard Grimes. The team made 5 trips to Sydney in total - 4 for the heats and 1 for the final.

After winning the final, the team was presented with a cheque for \$10,000. Appearance money for each show was \$500, so the Club actually received \$12,000 in total.

The Proston Apex Club generously donated \$5000 of their winnings towards buying the block of land in Beresford Street on which the Aged Care Units were built.



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.