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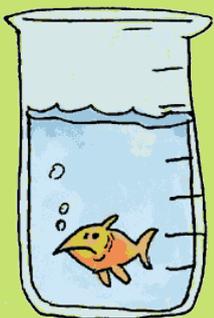
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## In the Rain Gauge

**Total for March  
at Proston Post  
Office**

**230.2mm**



## Welcome!

Welcome to the very first edition of The Proston Post. This is a newsletter aimed at sharing the good news stories that are happening in and around our community.

Although we are a small community, there are a surprising number of events, functions and meetings to keep up with.

We hope you will find this publication useful to keep informed of upcoming events and to

communicate your own events.

The Proston Post will



initially be a monthly publication, available in several local businesses and in your mailbox.

We hope to promote the positive vibe found at the heart of our community. From stories about the work various community groups are doing, to pieces about town history, The Proston Post will highlight everything that makes our town a unique place to live.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it useful.

## March Rain

Some very welcome rain has fallen in our district over the last week. Proston town measured an average of 100mm with up to 130mm in parts of the district. The countryside looks a picture and many dams received

good run-off. There has been a good inflow into Lake Boondooma and it is estimated the dam level could rise to 55%. The elevated dam level plus lovely autumn weather should make for great camping this Easter.



## Councillor Kathy's Comments



**Cr Kathy Duff**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nick Blanch and Linda Rea and everyone involved in putting the Proston Post together. I think it is a fantastic idea and I am keen to help to ensure it is a success. I would also like to congratulate the Proston Round Table organisers for bringing individuals,

community groups, businesses and the wider community together to discuss ways that we can all work together for the benefit of Proston. It really helps me to work with a collective group because when I am dealing with Proston issues around the Council table I know that I have the support

of a large representation of Proston people. Keep up the good work everyone. It is great to see the welcome rain that has lifted the levels of Boondooma Dam, helped our farmers and put a much brighter outlook on our region. Please contact me at any time if you wish to catch up on Council matters on 0437020705.

## Jacaranda Tearooms Open



**Nick and Anita Blanch are excited about the opening of Jacaranda Tearooms**

Jacaranda Tearooms has been a long time coming. Heavily inspired by Proston's very first retail business, Proston Tea Rooms, Jacaranda Tearooms emerged from the imagination of Nicholas Blanch as he began to complete his TAFE business studies in 2005. Although he revisited the idea several times over the coming years, including in 2010

when he set about opening NB Inspirations Department Store, the business idea lay dormant until late 2016. Nicholas, and his wife Anita had observed changes in the needs of both locals and visitors to the area, Jacaranda Tearooms was the answer. It seeks to provide a comfortable and friendly atmosphere where locals and visitors

alike can pause, socialise and relax. While undertaking their barista training, they were left with a quote that perfectly sums up Jacaranda Tearooms, "making coffee for customers is exactly the same as inviting friends into your kitchen for afternoon tea", and the team at Jacaranda Tearooms can't wait to welcome you into their kitchen. Open weekdays from 7.30am.

## Campdraft Postponed

The Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft which was to be held this weekend the 8th and 9th April has been postponed.

Unfortunately the wet

weather has made it difficult to get the required number of cattle into the grounds in time for the weekend.

The Campdraft will now be held on the weekend

of 6th and 7th May.

The committee is looking forward to a great weekend of one of Australia's favourite horse sports.

# Easter Meet and Greet



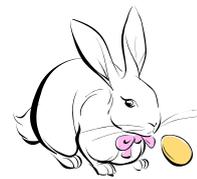
Proston is rolling out the welcome mat to all our Easter visitors this year. This is a chance to show our visitors some country hospitality while they get to know a little more

about our community. We hope campers at Lake Boondooma, those travelling to Boondooma Homestead, Manar Park and anyone visiting our area will join community members for a free morning tea at Railway Park on Easter Saturday 15 April from 8.30am.

Proston Men's Shed have kindly offered their facilities

for tea and coffee and the CWA ladies will be providing some yummy treats.

Is it possible that the Easter Bunny will leave some goodies around the park? Hop along and find out!



**The Proston QCWA general meeting is on the 1st Monday of each month at 9am. Craft days are held on all other Mondays at 9am.**

## Social Snippets

- Mrs Margaret Westerman and Mr David Hunter enjoyed a trip to Bali recently and celebrated Margaret's Birthday while they were there.

- Miss Nicole Urban recently celebrated her 18th Birthday. Congratulations Nicole.
- We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Ruby Crane.

Ruby was a much loved member of our community and she will be sadly missed.

Our sympathy is extended to Kathy, Janee, Gabriel and the rest of her family.

**Proston Men's Shed meets every Tuesday and Saturday morning at Railway Park from 8.30 til 12 noon. All welcome!**

## Who's Who in the Zoo?

John Papworth and his wife Wilma became Proston residents by happy accident. While waiting for parts to repair their car in Wondai, John wandered along to have a look in the Real Estate Agent's window. That was 3 years ago this Easter and John and Wilma

are now happily settled in Proston Gardens. John retired from Woolworths as a Pastrycook 15 years ago but he also has a background in Metallurgy having spent 20 years working in Mt Isa. John and Wilma enjoy the quiet life Proston offers and

both enjoy travel, cooking and growing orchids. John makes a great contribution to our community in his role as President of Proston Men's Shed while Wilma is involved in the CWA.



**Meet John Papworth President Proston Men's Shed "Where men can just be themselves".**

## Dates for your Diary

*Jacaranda Tearooms Opening Thurs 6 April from 7.30am*

*Easter Meet & Greet Sat 15 April Railway Park Proston 8.30am to 10.30am*

*Wondai Autumn Garden Expo 15 & 16 April*

*School Term 2 Begins Tues 18 April*

*Anzac Commemoration Ceremony at Proston State School Mon 24 April 10.30am*

*Anzac Day Dawn Service Tues 25 April at Cenotaph, Collingwood Street, Proston 5.30am*

*Hivesville Anzac Day Dawn Service Main Street, Hivesville 5.30am*

*Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush 2017 19-25 April*

*Easter Church Services:*

*Baptist Good Friday 14 April 8am, Easter Sunday 16 April 8am*

*Catholic Good Friday 14 April Stations of the Cross 10am and Easter Saturday 15 April Eucharist 8am*

*South Burnett Ministries Easter Sunday 16 April 9.30am*

## Those were the days.....



Golden Spurs Collection - Boynton's Buildings

Corner of Blake & Rodney Streets circa 1930s. The building is now occupied by Spar Supermarket.

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 [grea6@bigpond.com](mailto:grea6@bigpond.com) for possible inclusion in the newsletter.