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# The Proston Post

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**“Oh, may the showers in torrents fall,  
And all the tanks run over;  
And may the grass grow green and tall  
In pathways of the drover.”  
Henry Lawson**



**Lake  
Boondooma  
Current  
Capacity**

**29.57%**

**In the  
Rain  
Gauge**

**At Proston  
Post Office  
June  
40.3mm  
July  
0.6mm  
2019 Total  
233.5mm**



## Cattle Drive

A mob of 1330 head of cattle has been moving through Proston and surrounding districts over the last couple of weeks and it's provided quite a spectacle for residents and visitors alike. The team of 4 drovers, Karen, Royce, Lachie and Bunj, plus several horses and about 30 dogs left Amby with the drought-stricken cattle 6 months ago in search of feed. The cattle belong to 4 different owners and depending on whether it rains, the droving team estimate it will be another 4 months before they return home. Proston Golf Club made the team welcome with some genuine country hospitality while they



Photo Kristy Frahm

**“I would like to thank all of the wonderful Proston community for all the support we have received on our droving trip through your beautiful little town. It was wonderful to receive the same hospitality when we got to Hivesville. A big thank you from the droving team.” Karen Mason, drover.**

were camped in Proston. The cattle grazed the town common and did a wonderful job of hazard reduction in the area between the club and the showgrounds and right up to Railway Park. We

wish them safe travels and hope there is abundant feed waiting when they get back home. Thanks for sharing a little glimpse of your life on the road with us. It's been amazing.

## Yr 6 Canberra Trip & Golf Day

It's been a huge effort, but thanks to overwhelming support from the community and some amazing sponsors, our Proston State School Year 6 students are enjoying their trip to Canberra.

A fundraising Golf Day and Auction at the Proston Golf Club raised an astounding \$6000 as well as being a great day socially. A highlight of the day was Marion



**It was cold and dark when our eight adventurers set off on their big trip with their intrepid teacher Mrs Amanda Wagner.**

Izatt winning the Di Di silver bracelet raffle on her 81st Birthday.

The students, parents and organisers would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the trip a reality.

“Like” and “Follow” the Proston State School Facebook page to see all their adventures in chilly Canberra.

## Qigong comes to Proston



Photo Kathy Crane

**At the request of the Hivesville Tai Chi Group, Master Simon Blow travelled from Sydney to facilitate 2 workshops in Proston. The benefits of Qigong's slow, gentle flowing movements are strength, flexibility and balance and a sense of general well-being. Different sets of movements were learnt each day and thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. Simon enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of the community during his visit to Proston.**

# Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

It is exciting that Council finally has funding for new town signs. They are being designed with a standard theme, but as a backdrop to the wording, the plan is to have something that is unique to each town or village. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback. The ideas that I have put forward for Proston, as a draft design, is a campdrafting image, a bottle tree and possibly a fish to represent Boondooma Dam.

outside cattle droving through our region but it is also affecting farmers and businesses in our own communities. I have been helping to organise combined church groups to offer community prayers for rain. I would like to encourage you all to say a prayer asking for the blessing of bountiful rain.

streets are looking pretty with flowers in the beds. Thanks to the locals who helped to select the plants and helped to plant them out. 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.**

I am pleased that we have done the curb and fixed up the footpath in Rodney Street on the Post Office side. The

The drought is bringing

## Reinke Scrub Visitors



Friends of Reinke Scrub recently led a group of visitors to our area on a walk of the orange circuit track. The 2km walk takes in a range of fascinating plants and rock formations. Following the walk everyone enjoyed a cuppa & cake at the picnic table and all assured us they would take away happy memories of their visit to Proston. The next focus for the scrub volunteers is to put name tags on the plants identified by Dr Bill McDonald and Glenn Leiper on their visit. If you would like to know more about the activities of the "Friends of Reinke Scrub" you can contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.

## A Will to Win!



**Will Hutchins wins the Overall Points Champion at the 2019 National Australian Chainsaw Racing Titles.**  
Photo Donna Hutchins

Proston's Will Hutchins recently had a very successful weekend competing at the 2019 National Australian Chainsaw Racing Titles held in Mt Larcom. He has taken home Australian Titles in: Under 100cc unlimited production speed cut, Open unlimited speed cut, Hot saw speed cut, Under 78cc modified production speed cut and Under 100cc modified production speed cut. Will earned the title of Overall Points Champion for his wins. He was placed 3rd in the open modified production speed cut and 6th in the under 78cc unlimited production speed cut. Will's wife Donna also competed, taking out 4th place in the Ladies under 100cc speed cut. Well done to you both!

## Congratulations Proston!

**A message from the Directors of Proston Village Community Group (registered as Proston Qld Ltd).**

"For the past 12 months, a small team of locals and a very generous local philanthropist have been working on acquiring the shops in Blake Street that, as

you know, have been for sale for some time. As of 29th July 2019, these shops became an asset of the Proston community! Yes, Proston now owns the seven shops! The managing committee will be holding a meeting on Saturday 17 August at 2pm in the Proston Community Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Pink-nic in the Park in Proston*

**Saturday 2 November**

**A fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation and part of the South Burnett Regional Council's "Pinking the Region"**



Members of the Dionysius family met at Kinleymore recently to honour "Violet Prostine Dionysius" who was buried on the family farm in 1916. Violet was the 11th child of Mr & Mrs Henry Dionysius and passed away at just 18 months of age. Violet's great-nephew, Hec Dionysius, along with other family members, organised & erected a permanent fence to mark Violet's final resting place.



We would love all of the Proston community to come along and give us your ideas and support moving forward. It's YOUR asset .... we hope to see you there. Thank you."

**\* Best wishes to the Proston State School Show Team as they head off to compete at the Ekka!**

# Social Snippets

\* Two of our Proston Scouts, Molly Anderson & Aleesha Clark, have had the experience of a lifetime with a trip to America to take part in the World Scouts International Jamboree held in Virginia. Well done girls, hope you've had a ball.  
 \* Proston Golf Club RV Camp was the venue for the AA Tag-a-long Group who visited our area recently. The group of around 50 people enjoyed a walk through Reinke Scrub, a huge Friday night meeting, and dinner and dancing at the Golf Club on Saturday night. They are still talking about the fun they had in Proston.



\* Proston Men's Shed are holding a Car Boot Sale & sausage sizzle in Railway Park on Saturday 7 September. Also a reminder that all are welcome at their AGM on the following Saturday 14 September.



**Congratulations to Gabe Crane who has graduated from University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Science (Animal & Veterinary Bioscience). Gabe is now working in Animal Health within the pig industry. He is pictured with proud mum Kathy.**

\* Members of the Proston Catholic congregation have farewelled Fr Subin who is taking up a new position in the Beenleigh Parish. A cake was shared after Mass.  
 \* The community has been saddened to hear of the passing of long-time resident Mrs Dossie Miller. Dossie passed away on 23 July aged 91 years. We extend our sympathy to her family.  
 \* Proston Lions Club have called a community meeting for expressions of interest in the Community Christmas Carnival for 2019. The meeting will be held at the Bowls Club on Tuesday 13 August from 5.30pm to 6pm. ALL WELCOME.  
 \* There will be a game of social bowls on Ekka Monday 12 August in support of Proston Relay for Life. Raffles & sausage sizzle will be available. Names in by 1pm for a 1.30pm start. Enjoy a great afternoon out while supporting a good cause. Contact John on 0427 454 900.

# At the Library



Every Friday is FRESH FRIDAY at Jacaranda Tearooms. JT's are supporting local farmers and looking after your health by offering a range of fresh eating options. Each Friday there will be special additions to the cabinet - sandwiches, wraps, salads and freshly made juices. Drop in to see what FRESH items are on offer. Phone orders welcome on 0428 895 119.

There's always something interesting happening in our Library, thanks to our Librarian Mrs Julie Manning. A group of 8 ladies enjoyed a craft activity with Mrs Jan Meiers making paper snowflakes, while the school holiday activity was making paper doily sheep. Just a reminder that **Rhyme Time** is on at the Library on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday** of each month. **Conversations** are held on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month. **Merle Johnson will launch her book 'Iven Little Lonsdales on 29 August at 10am. All welcome.** Contact Julie on 41 68 9103 if you would like to know more about any of these events.



**Seven little shepherds show off the colourful sheep they made at the craft activity held during the school holidays. Photo Julie Manning**

## FROM THE PROSTON QCWA

A motion was carried at a recent meeting to change our meeting date. QCWA Proston now meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month at CWA Rooms, Rodney Street, Proston at 9.30 am. We invite you to come along and see what we are all about. Every Monday of the month is now a craft day and everyone is very welcome to come along to these.  
**Father's Day Raffle:**  
 1st prize Fuel voucher \$50.00  
 2nd prize Bottle Scotch  
 3rd prize Bunnings voucher \$50.00  
 Tickets on sale soon

**Date Claimer: Melbourne Cup Lunch Tuesday 5 November**



The Positive Parenting Program held at Proston Playgroup recently was followed up with a session for Dads facilitated by Arvind Ponnappalli from Cherbourg Community Health. Triple P aims to promote children's development and manage children's behaviour in a constructive and non-hurtful way. Pictured with Arvind are from left Jerome Willoughby, Clayton Conroy, Arthur Banks and Jason Maneylaws. Well done Dads! Photo Kathy Crane

# Get to Know a Local!



**Glenys Blanch has just clocked up 18 years of service as Manager of Proston Health & Beauty. Always ready with a smile and great advice, Glenys is committed to providing good old fashioned customer service. The shop has just had a makeover, so call in and check out the fresh new look.**

**Name:** Glenys Blanch

**Nickname:** Glennie

**Lived in Proston:** 45 years

**Occupation:** Pharmacy Assistant/Manager

**Favourite Pastime:** Gardening

**Favourite Food:** Roast Meat & Veg

**Favourite Music:** Country

**Favourite Sport:** I enjoy bushwalking

**I can't live without:** My family

**My secret talent is:** Growing Orchids and African Violets

**Best Quality:** Glenys was too humble to answer this question,

*but my secret sources told me she is kind, generous and a very good friend.*

**Worst Quality:** I can be too particular sometimes

**Proston needs:** People to value and support the services our little town has to offer

**What I like most about Proston:** The country lifestyle



# Dates for your Diary

*Natural Weaving Workshop Saturday 24 August*

*Proston Men's Shed Car Boot Sale Saturday 7 September*

*P & C Trivia Night Saturday 14 September*

*Moonlight Cinema Saturday 28 September*

*Hivesville Country Market Sunday 25 August & Sunday 22 September*

## Church Service Times:

*Catholic 9am Mass every Saturday (changes to 8am in September)*

*South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday*

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



**ROADTRIP OF AUSTRALIA TRIVIA NIGHT**

PROSTON STATE SCHOOL P & C PRESENTS:

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE  
MINI GAMES  
MULTI RAFFLE  
HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY?  
RIVY + HINTS = 50/50\* ANSWERS = POINTS  
BEST DRESSED TABLE PRIZE  
BEST COSTUME PRIZE

PROSTON STATE SCHOOL P & C PRESENTS:

**ROADTRIP OF AUSTRALIA TRIVIA NIGHT**

DON'T HAVE 6 PEOPLE? WE WILL FIND YOU A SEAT

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 7PM @ GOLF CLUB**

**\$10PP 6 PER TABLE | BAR | COURTESY BUS**  
PORK & BEEF ROLLS, TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BOOK YOUR TABLE OR SEAT! CALL FELICITY 0407574133 OR LAINE 0435313409  
TO BOOK BUS CALL 41689296

*This will be a great night out and you'll be supporting the P&C at the same time. Saturday 14 September at 7pm at the Proston Golf Club. Book now.*



**Abbeywood Hivesville Rural Fire Brigade Invites you!**

To attend a meeting on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2013 at 6pm

Address: Abbeywood Hivesville Fire Station  
641 Cayndah Hivesville Ed.  
Abbeywood, QLD, 4613

**Standing together  
Supporting our Community  
Protecting our Homes & Properties**

Future of the brigade  
Members Needed

**Boys & Girls  
Family Friendly**

Contact: Nikita Hockey 0426266761 / Ron Mumford 0428145550

**A very important meeting. Contact Nikita Hockey on 0426 266 761 or Ron Mumford on 0428 145 550**



**Proston Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 9am to 11am at the Playgroup building. Come along and join the fun!**



**Our next MOONLIGHT CINEMA EVENT will be held Saturday 28 September at 6.30pm in Railway Park, Proston. Food & Drinks available from 5.30pm.**

**Come & enjoy "Storm Boy".**



**Weaving with Natural Fibres Workshop**

**Saturday 24 August**  
**9am start**  
**Cost \$15**

Create your own beautifully textured vessel using a combination of Piccabean and Cat's Claw Vine.

Please byo morning tea and lunch.  
Bookings and payment prior to the workshop are essential.

For more information, bookings and payment please contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019.

# Those were the days.....



The Easter Parade event staged by the Proston Pony & Hack Club at the Proston Showgrounds on Easter Monday was every bit as successful as last year's initial parade and in all ways, a distinct credit to the town and district.  
SB Times 17 April 1958

A well planned programme of events attracted horse entries from all parts of the South Burnett as well as other centres and the attendance was well up to expectations.

One of the best wins at the function was scored by well-known horseman and owner, Mr H Toomey, who won the Homefields Cup outright by repeating his success of last year with his good performer "Opal".

Winner of the open lady rider championship was Mrs K Hooper while Barbara Flynn was the champion girl rider and Daryl Anderson the champion boy rider.

An equally successful dance was held at night. Some results are:

10 Stone Hack: Bev Pickel's "Echo".  
Galloway Hack: N Anderson's "Locket".  
Pair of Hacks: C Anderson's "Lil Arker" and Promenade".  
Champion Hack: K Hooper's "Voluntary".  
Reserve Champion Hack: C Anderson's "Promenade".  
Champion Pony Hack: Geoff Anderson's "Victory".  
Open Hunt: 1<sup>st</sup> F Kilgour's "Playboy"  
Walk, Trot and Gallop: Noel Brazier's "Monty".  
Open Pony Hunt: Geoff Anderson's "Satin".

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