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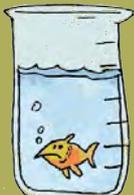
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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

48.5%

In the Rain Gauge

Total for July at Proston Post Office
54mm
Yearly Total
431.2mm



Unlocking Our Past

Well done...Love the history...So interesting...Brings back memories...Excellent display of the town's heritage...Would like to see this continue. These are just a few of the comments made by visitors to the "Unlocking Proston" Photo Exhibition held during the month of July. More than 300 people visited and viewed the Exhibition making it a very worthwhile project for all involved.



Norm Smoothy and Geoff Anderson cut the cake at the opening event.

Organisers Will Barrett, Kathy Crane and others were overwhelmed with the response to their call for photos and memorabilia. The display changed throughout the exhibition as so many residents unearthed photos, wrote down their own memories and brought in interesting bits & pieces not seen before. It was evident that Proston holds a special place in the hearts of many residents both past and present. Some questions were answered but yet more were posed.

Along with the photo exhibition, a Facebook page called "The Proston Heritage Collection" has been set up as a repository for the digital storage of photos and this site will continue to grow as more people contribute their photos.

The success of, and interest in, the exhibition is a great starting point for the upcoming Centenary of Proston as we seek to build on this start over



Some of the happy crowd at the evening event of the Photo Exhibition on Friday 21 July.

the next few years. Many people expressed the desire for a more permanent display and consideration needs to be given to that in the future.

Thanks must go to Bob & Mary Danson for so kindly donating the use of their shop for the month. Also to the many volunteers who manned the shop and the community groups who visited and provided historic material. Special mention must be made of Geoff & Lyn Anderson who were so generous with their time and assisted in so many ways with the Exhibition.

It truly was an exhibition of the community, by the community, for the community!

Meet our Ekka Team

Proston State School Rural Studies students, Steph, Jade, Elle and Grace (absent from photo) will spend 8 days at the Ekka competing in Junior Handling & Junior Judging events as well as events for the cattle themselves.

The girls will be kept busy

throughout each day ensuring that the animals are fed, watered and have clean bedding. Acting Principal Katrina Hayward, who will accompany the team, said that the girls are super-excited to be representing their families, their school and the wider Proston community.



Follow their journey on the Proston Connection Facebook page. Good Luck Girls!

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

I was honoured to officially launch the "Unlocking Proston" Photo Exhibition beautifully put together by Will Barrett, Kathy Crane and other members of the community who were so generous with their time. It is fantastic to see so much support for this project as we lead into the exciting Centenary of Proston.

My address is, and always has been, "Di Di" Station, Proston. I was a Proston

Miss Showgirl and attended High School at Proston for three years boarding with the Cox Family in Beresford Street. I have lived the Proston dream and understand the passion of the Proston people.

Hats off to Margaret Westerman, Kathy Julian and the whole community for their great work in preserving the photos and memorabilia that has helped towards the amazing collection so far.

Please continue to unlock these treasures and share your memories if you have a Proston story to tell.



Our best wishes to Kathy's Dad Mick for a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. What a special photo.

Cubs and Joeys Camp Out

Proston Joeys and Cubs, along with their intrepid leaders,

recently braved a very cold and frosty Friday night to enjoy a camp out at the Scout Shed in Rodney Street. The campfire was the most popular spot to try and beat the chilly night air.

The theme was "Fun House Circus" and Saturday morning saw them using great imagination to make their own circus ring

(empty cardboard boxes) and ticket box (more cardboard) as well as working up their own individual circus acts.

Cub Leader Jirrah (aka Sharon Zoldak) was a very funny "Clarabella the Clown" while Peter Anderson entertained everyone with his "Mindless Mime". Abbey Lane showed her talents as a Hula Hoop girl and Noah Lane let his hair down as a crazy clown.

Joey Leader Puggle (aka Robyn Blackwell) was the Ringmaster who kept the show running.

The kids loved helping to make their circus treats of popcorn, fairy floss, hot dogs and fruit clown faces. Lucky kids to have such dedicated leaders who go the extra mile for them!



Canberra Trip

Proston State School Year 6 students have returned after a wonderful week of new experiences during their trip to Canberra and the snowfields.

When asked to describe their trip in one word some of their responses were ... fun, freezing, historic, tiring and awesome.

Highlights of the trip were the visits to the War Memorial where they saw "lots of big guns" and the Questacon

Science Centre. Seeing snow (for the first time for some) and trying out tobogganing was also a special highlight.

The students would like to

thank everyone in the community who supported their fund-raising to help make their dream trip a reality. It was very memorable for all.



The students had a frosty start at 5am Sunday. They arrived back in Proston at 8.45pm Friday. A very long week but they enjoyed every minute.

**CWA Date Claimer:
Melbourne Cup Lunch
Tues 7 Nov.**

Social Snippets



Catching up at the "Unlocking Proston" Photo Exhibition were Maria Schulz (nee Anderson), Lyn Anderson (nee Grundy), Robyn Franz (nee Day) and Claire Shea (nee Fisher).

It was wonderful to see so many former "Prostonites" back in town checking out the display and enjoying coffee at Jacaranda Tearooms afterwards.

At the Library

BOOK WEEK

The Proston Town Library will celebrate Children's Book Week from 22 to 25 August with special activities and displays for children of all ages.

RHYME TIME

A special session for the under 5's which is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

CONVERSATIONS AT THE LIBRARY

The Proston Conversations Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10am for an informal hour of fun and merriment. All welcome.

◆ Year 10 students recently enjoyed a trip to Brisbane where they attended the Tertiary Skills Expo and came away with a host of ideas for their tertiary education options. They also visited Parliament House, the Court House, QUT, GOMA, Science Centre, Museum and South Bank.

◆ Feel like a fun night out? Get along to the **Australiana Trivia Night** at the **Proston Community Hall Saturday 9 September**. \$20 per person. Arrive 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Licenced Bar, Multi Draw Raffle, Lucky Door. Lots of fun & laughter. Please book by 1 Sept. on 0429689558 or 41689540. A joint initiative of Proston QCWA & Covertly Rural Fire Brigade.



Great shot at the mini golf during the school holidays.

CARBOOT SALE

◆ **Proston Men's Shed** are holding another **Car Boot Sale and Auction on Saturday 2 September from 7am**. The Men's Shed are fundraising to enable them to get their own building and would very much appreciate your support, so come along and enjoy a great social morning. For enquiries or to book a stall please phone Geoff Rea on 0439 694 000 or see any of the Men's Shed members.



Harry Franz & Les Koy from the SB Field Naturalists visited Proston and Reinke Scrub Conservation Park recently.

EUMUNDI MARKETS BUS TRIP

Saturday 12 August 2017

Join Relay for Life for a day trip to the Eumundi Markets. Have a fun day out while helping to raise much needed funds for cancer. Bus departs Proston with pickup from other SB towns.

Adults \$35

Bookings Phone 41689296



Who's Who in the Zoo?

I caught up with local identity Eddie O'Donnell at the Photo Exhibition held during July and asked him to share a bit about himself. In true Eddie style he was a bit reluctant but went on to tell me a bit about his life. Eddie was born in Roma and grew up in the Wallumbilla district, where he worked at various jobs on the land but mostly as a ringer. Eddie has an interest in history and brought in a very old link & bar chain used to pull bullock drays for the display. He said his

family were the last in the Wallumbilla/Taroom district to use horse-drawn machinery and he was about 14 at that time. Around 1981 Eddie bought his farm at Stalworth where he farmed duboisia and cattle and also had a go at Campdrafting. He said he likes a quiet life, loves watching football (particularly the kids) and enjoys all horse sports. Proston being central to the west and coast, he reckons it's a pretty good place to live. Thanks for telling your story Eddie.



Eddie O'Donnell

Proston Over 50's Club invite you to join them for a **Social Day** on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at the Proston Community Hall. 9.30am** start with M/Tea, games, raffle, lucky door, light lunch 12 noon. **Come and enjoy a game of BINGO on Friday 4 & 18 AUGUST at 9.30am.** **\$50 Jackpot** **Morning Tea \$2**

Dates for your Diary

Eumundi Markets Bus Trip Saturday 12 August

Show Holiday Monday 14 August

Scots in the Bush Boondooma Homestead 17-20 August

2nd Heritage Trail Walk Saturday 19 August - meet at the Cultural Centre at 2pm

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 27 August

Men's Shed Car Boot Sale & Auction Saturday 2 September from 7am

Church Service Times for August:

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

Proston Bowls Club
Everyone is invited every Wednesday night from 6.30pm for hot meals @ \$2.50 each, TV, darts or bring your own board games. For information and/or lift to the Club (within 5kms), ring Ian on 0418132844.

Did you enjoy the last Heritage Walk? Well it's on again!

Don't miss the next Proston Heritage Trail Walk on Saturday 19 August. All meet at the Cultural Centre at 2pm. Come and soak up some history. All Welcome!



The Mindfulness Based Stillness Meditation programme run by Ros Melmeth will be returning on **22 August** for a follow-up session. In the meantime, to keep the momentum going, those interested will meet on Tuesday evenings at the Cultural Centre from 5 - 6pm. This is an opportunity for those who would like to come along and support their meditation and relaxation practice.

Sessions are free and are aimed at helping to develop mindfulness and relaxation practices to reduce the negative effects of stress. Please bring a shawl or blanket for the cooler weather. Hope to see you there.

Kathy Crane, Community Health Nurse.

Those were the days.....



George Hives died young and the Youngman's (from Taabinga Homestead) came to live with Gwen Hives to help run the farm. The children from both families grew up together at Sunday Creek.

From left: Dorothea (Dorro) Hives, Betty Youngman, Edna Hives, M E Garea holding Jean Hives, March Youngman in garden at Sunday Creek, October 1913

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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 for possible inclusion in the newsletter.