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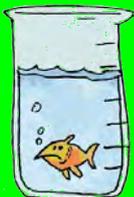
Wishing all
our readers a
very Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year!

Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

46.1%

In the Rain Gauge

Total for
November at
Proston Post
Office
62.2mm
Yearly Total
646.4mm



A Year in Review

2017 Proston Highlights

As another year draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate Christmas, it's timely to reflect on some of the activities and achievements in our community this year. Here's a brief snapshot.

In April, Nick and Anita Blanch took a leap of faith and opened Jacaranda Tearooms which has become a welcome meeting place and drop in spot for residents and visitors alike.

Murray & Teena at the Golden Spurs Hotel have opened Buster's Bar & Grill and are providing regular live entertainment as well as Karaoke and Pool & Darts Competitions.

The Proston Post Office have moved their business to Rodney Street where they have set up a very welcoming shop front. All of our businesses are looking fresh and vibrant and working

hard to provide the services we need.

Working Groups formed from within the Proston Round Table Forum have been instrumental in a number of initiatives. Tourists are making good use of the Overnight Free Camp in Railway Park which was opened in April. A fire pit has been constructed by volunteers and Council has assisted by planting a number of shade trees.

For the month of July, a vacant shop in Blake Street became a pop-up Photo Exhibition and Museum entitled "Proston Unlocked".

Proston On Show saw the re-dedication of Reinke Conservation Park, a Heritage Trail Walk, and the "Fire the Brand" evening, when seating donated for the fire pit was branded with local family brands.



In recent weeks, a new town map has been erected in Rundle Park.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who work so hard for our community organisations and clubs to provide facilities and recreational activities. We have enjoyed the Show, Campdraft, Fishing Comps, Car Rallies, Golf, Bowls, Swimming, Scouts and so much more. The list is endless. For a quiet country town, there's certainly a lot happening and it all combines to make Proston a very liveable community.

May we all enjoy a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year as we look forward to even more progress in 2018.

Christmas Carnival

Saturday 16 December 5pm Railway Park

Free entertainment for the kids

- ◆ Jumping Castle
- ◆ Merry-Go-Round
- ◆ Mini Golf
- ◆ Face Painting

VARIETY OF STALLS:

BBQ HOT CHIPS

PLUM PUDDING & CUSTARD

BAR SOFT DRINKS

ICE CREAM

RAFFLES

CRAFT STALL

**Santa will arrive with
free ice cream and
lollies!!**

Live Entertainment with Phil & Dave



Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

It has been a big year for Proston with the establishment of the Round Table. There have been lots of good outcomes with everyone working together. It has really helped me as a Councillor to attend the meetings and get feedback on what the community would like to see happen. The "Unlocking Proston" project has had fantastic support and is really unfolding some great history as we lead into our

one hundred year anniversary. Congratulations to everyone involved in organising the events around "Proston on Show" as well as the new town map that I am sure will encourage more visitors to the area. I look forward to an exciting 2018 with lots of opportunities still to evolve including hopefully fuel for Proston, the SES in a better location and the

Men's Shed established in an area with a Shed. I would like to thank everyone for your support throughout the year and wish you all a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas and a wonderful 2018. Please contact me at any time if you wish to catch up on Council matters on 0437020705.



Remembrance Day



The Wall of Remembrance at Boondooma Homestead

During a ceremony held at Boondooma Homestead to commemorate Remembrance Day seven more plaques in honour of World War One soldiers from the area were unveiled. During the service, a moving poem entitled "Life in the Trenches of Hell" was beautifully presented by it's author Buddy Thomson.

Descendants from some of the soldiers honoured were in attendance and following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a lovely BBQ lunch kindly provided by the Homestead.

The plaques are part of a project entitled "Boondooma Station World War One Anzac Stories" which is estimated to cost

in excess of \$10,000. An Interpretation Board will illustrate the Anzac Connections through pictures and stories. There are now 22 plaques in place on this Wall of Remembrance and during 2018 more plaques will be added. A final Roll Call will be made on Remembrance Day 2018.

Student Achievement Recognised

Dux of Proston State School for 2017 is Jade Mann



Proston State School students were presented with Awards for both Academic and Sporting achievements at their Annual Awards Night on 16 November. Dux of the School for 2017 was Jade Mann, while Junior Sportsperson was Oliver Thomas and Senior Sportsperson was Iutin Tetabo.

- Other winners were:
- * ADF Long Tan Award Michael Malone
 - * Lions Citizenship Awards Brewster Burfoot & Michael

- Malone
- * Proston Rural Supplies Bursary Lorna Smith & Iutin Tetabo
 - * Kathy Duff Arts Award Seth Cree & Kim Fisher
 - * Scout Leadership Awards Leighton Blanch & Kim Fisher
 - * Michelle Humphrey Perseverance Award Jessica Jackson & Lachlan Doessel
- Guest Speaker "Jonesy" from the QAS gave a message on the importance of community.

Congratulations also to the Year 10 students who celebrated their Graduation with a dinner at the Proston Hall on 23 November. Guest Speaker Josie Potter inspired all present with her story of overcoming adversity and achieving amazing things while living with MS. We wish these students all the best as they embark on the next phase of their education.



Social Snippets

Can you pick who this Proston resident is? He's none other than our mild mannered Newsagent Kiall Rowberry.



He received rave reviews for his role as "Ngombi" in the recent production of "Jungle Juice" staged by the South Burnett Musical Comedy Society. Good job Kiall!



Happy 80th Birthday to Ray Edwards who celebrated recently with Proston friends, as well as family from Tasmania and NSW. Ray will travel to Tasmania at Christmas to spend time with his sister and family.



◆ Line dancing finishes for the year on Monday 18 December and will recommence on Monday 8 January.

◆ The Proston Town Library will close at 11.15am Friday 22 December and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. **PAGE 3**

Proston Christmas Carnival Shopping Night

Proston Health & Beauty, NB Inspirations Department Store, Jacaranda Tearooms

5-8pm Up To 40% Off

The Perfect Time To Shop

Saturday 16 December

Proston Over 50's CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

Tuesday 12 December

Visiting Gympie Timber Museum, Tin Can Bay and Maryborough.

Cost \$35 per head (bus only)

Bookings please phone 4168 9296



MERRY MONDAY SALE
18 December
NB INSPIRATIONS



This is the Plum Pudding recipe that the Anglican Ladies always made for the Senior Citizens Dinners held many years ago. Give it a try, it's delicious!

2 cups milk into a saucepan, 1pkt (375g) mixed fruit (can add raisins & dates), 2 large tablesp. Butter or margarine, 1 cup sugar, pinch salt, spice and nutmeg to taste. Bring to the boil and add 1 teasp bicarb soda. Remove from heat, add 2 cups SR Flour and stir well together while hot. Add coffee essence, some lemon & vanilla essence and spirits can also be added. Put into a steamer lined with foil. Do not put lid on steamer. Place into saucepan of boiling water, place lid on saucepan and boil for 4 hours. The longer boiled, the better and browner the pudding.

Note: The water should come halfway up the side of the steamer. You will need to top up the water during cooking, so keep an eye on it!

Who's Who in the Zoo?



Meet Bonny Banks, Champion Whipmaker and Craftsman who is happy to call Proston home.

Bonny was born in Toowoomba but his family lived on a property at Injune. He learned resilience early in life when he was sent to boarding school in Warwick at age 7, making the complex journey via trains and taxi entirely on his own. After finishing school Bonny returned to the property where he worked hard to learn all aspects of property management eventually taking over the management of the 40,000 acre property.

He met his wife Fay, when his sister brought a friend home from boarding school, although it took him a while to pluck up the courage to talk to her. During this time, he was a member of the Qld Cattlemen's Union for 25 years, holding all positions at various times including Councillor and Qld Vice Chairman. He also received the Citizen of the Year Award for Booringa Shire for his work with Landcare, Catchment Care and the Cattlemen's Union. He got into leatherwork when his father went to the Ekka and brought home a book by RM Williams on how to do leatherwork. He already knew how to plait, but admits that the first whip he ever made was "pretty rough". He finds whipmaking a constructive and satisfying pastime and his aim is always to try and improve on the previous whip made—not only the look of it, but also its feel and practical use.

Bonny competed in 2016 at the Australian Whip Plaiters Championship held at Stanthorpe. In 2017, he competed on a larger scale at 6 shows including the Australian Championship at Clifton. Here he was awarded 1st & 2nd in Cowhide Whips, 1st & 2nd in Cowhide Hatbands, 1st in Belts and 2nd in Roohide Whips. In all other local shows his work took out either Grand Champion or Reserve Champion. He buys his own roohide and can cut a whole whip out of it, plaiting 8 strands for the thong and up to 16 strands to cover the handle. His talents also extend to making pocket knives and ropemaking. Bonny and his wife Fay like living in Proston and say it's "a good little country town". He enjoys going to Men's Shed twice a week and plaiting on the other 5 days and hopes to continue his craft as long as he can.

Dates for your Diary

Term 4 ends Friday 8 December

Reinke Scrub Walk Saturday 9 December

Christmas Carnival & Shopping Night Saturday 16 December

*Hivesville Country Market Sunday 28 January with Stolzenberg Bros.
Please Note: No Market in December*

Term One starts Monday 22 January 2018

Australia Day Friday 26 January

Lake Boondooma Yellowbelly Fishing Comp 10 & 11 February

Church Service Times for December:

Catholic 8am Mass every Saturday

South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday

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

Christmas Day Service 8am. Please Note: NO service on Sunday 24 Dec.

There will be no January edition of The Proston Post. The next edition will appear in the first week of February. Thanks to all for your support & contributions during the year.



**Over 50's Bingo 1st & 3rd
Friday of each month**



**Come and enjoy a game
of BINGO on Friday 1 &
15 DEC, Fri 12 JANUARY.**

Eyes down at 9.30am.

\$100 Jackpot

Morning Tea \$2



POOL OPENING HOURS

MON TO FRI 6-8AM & 3-6PM

WEEKENDS, SCHOOL & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1-5PM

**Check the Proston Swimming Pool Facebook page for
special school holiday events!**

Those were the days.....



A much anticipated part of Christmas for kids in the 60's, 70's and 80's was the ride around town in the decorated truck. Clive Latcham started the tradition and Carsburg & Johanson carried it on until insurance became too difficult.

Brenda Johanson recalls the town children would be knocking on the door at 7am ready to start the decorating.

Thanks Brenda for supplying the photo and some great memories!

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 Inspirations or Jacaranda Tearooms or alternatively email it to grea6@bigpond.com for possible inclusion in the newsletter.