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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

51.7%

In the Rain Gauge

Total for May
at Proston
Post Office
29.8mm
Yearly Total
368.4mm



Success for Hivesville family

“Anderlea”, a family owned piggery at Hivesville, has taken out top honours in the Kingaroy Show Pork Carcass Competition for the porker class. Anderlea Pork which is owned and operated by Peter & Tracy Anderson along with Peter & Margaret Anderson took out first prize in the Porker class. A total of 46 carcasses, comprising 24 bacon and 22 pork carcasses from 9 piggeries made up the 2017 Competition.

“Competition was very close in both classes and the carcasses were of the highest standard,” Tracy explained. “We were thrilled to attend the inaugural dinner and presentation evening and be awarded a first place.”

Currently there are 10 people employed on the farm including family

members, full and part time workers and contractors. “It’s a busy place around here,” Tracy said.

Three years ago Peter and Tracy made the decision to expand the piggery to 500 sows which included building 4 new weaner and grower sheds. This project is about half way through and should be completed by the end of 2017.

During the expansion phase,



Peter Snr & Margaret Anderson, Tracy & Peter Jnr Anderson, with children Molly, Peter & Clare Anderson



the Andersons have taken full advantage of new technology and installed fully electronic feeding systems for their sows and growers. Their piggery is now sow stall free and sows are group-housed and trained to walk into feeding stations. They are also excited about installing a new feeding system for their grower pigs. “It’s Danish technology and it’s pretty amazing” Tracy commented.

Congratulations to this hard-working family for the success they have achieved.

Rural students do us proud!

It’s been a very busy month for Proston State School Rural Show Team and once again they have represented their school and community in outstanding fashion. The senior members of the Show Team and their cattle headed to the Ekka Rural Discovery Day to give city kids a glimpse of what they might see at the Ekka in August as well as

information on where their meat comes from.

Following hot on the heels of their Brisbane trip, the Team competed very successfully at the Blackbutt Show. They were thrilled to take home the trophy for most successful School at the Show.

Well done to Miss Hayward, Mr Randle and Mr Amery who

made it all possible as well as Brian Smith for carting the cattle. Congratulations!



Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Proston has done us proud with the South Burnett Rewards campaign. Council helped to coordinate this promotion to encourage everyone to shop locally.

There were 49 businesses across the South Burnett participating and on the awards night Proston won three out of the nine categories.

Congratulations to Proston Rural Supplies for the most Creative Rewards and to

NB Inspirations for winning the Most Active in the Backend Process and the Most Active Promotion of the Campaign.

Proston really does punch above its weight when it comes to progressive businesses in a small country town.

It is really important that we support our local businesses if we want to keep Proston strong. I encourage everyone to shop locally

and keep the dollars in our town so we have a strong business centre for everyone to be proud of and enjoy into the future.

Please contact me at any time if you wish to catch up on Council matters on 0437020705.



Placegetters in the Juvenile Draft won by Todd Myers (left) riding Bella.

Successful Campdraft



The Golden Spurs Campdraft was once again a very successful weekend both socially and financially. President John Ramke said "This event is only possible with the great support of local donors. Thanks to Smithfield Logistics and Greg Evans for carting the cattle and also entertainer Guy Davies from the band who donated his time to support the Pony Club."

Winner of the Golden Spurs

Open Draft was Robert Plant of Kragra, Chinchilla riding Icon, the Novice was won by Adrian Lamb on Lambs Leroy while the Restricted Open was won by Jj Lamb riding Regret.

It was great to see such a good line up of young competitors in the Junior and Juvenile Competitions. Winner of the Junior Draft was Cody Ryan riding Puzzle while Todd Myers took out the Juvenile Draft on Bella.

The Proston Pony Club did a great job manning the bar for the weekend and they would like to thank all those who gave donations towards their raffle which raised an amazing \$800!

The Proston School also benefitted from running the drink stall for the weekend.

Great competitors, great weather, great weekend.

Dunlop Santas on Safari



Scott and Rebecca Dunlop of Dunlop Santas "Jingeri" Proston recently spent 18 days in South Africa where they attended the Santa Gertrudis World Congress in Bloemfontein.

Whilst there they took the opportunity to soak up the African experience with a tour. They enjoyed glamping, were served

some amazing food, as well as a local delicacy called Fried Mupani Worms (pictured),



got up close and personal with Lions, Elephants and Zebra and went canoeing with Hippos on the Zambesi River.

Rebecca described it as "an awesome, amazing experience and something I would do again in a heartbeat."

Getting their Jacaranda on

Toowoomba visitors Bob & Wendy Megaw along with Ray & Bern Smith of Goondiwindi recommend the tea & scones at the Tearooms. They loved the fact that the tea was made in a pot with “real” tea leaves! They were repeat visitors to the area and were pleased to return bringing their friends. While here they embarked on the Heritage Trail to the site of the old Bakery.



14 Castra Residents and Staff boarded their bus for a trip to Proston on Thursday 18 May.

Destination: Jacaranda Tearooms. Many were former residents of Proston including **Oriel Welch, Audrey**

Kirkwood, Pat & Mick Geary, Isobel Smith and Gordon Buchanan.

Nicole and Skye looked after everyone beautifully and all

agreed they would return again soon. Thanks must go to the wonderful Castra staff and volunteers who made the trip possible.



CWA Date Claimers:

Melbourne Cup Lunch Tues 7 Nov.

Trivia Night (Australian Theme)

Sat 9 Sept in conjunction with Coverty Rural Fire Brigade.

Biggest Morning Tea

A very successful Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council was held in Blake Street on Tuesday 30 May. The Proston Angels Relay for Life Team spokesperson Noela Ardrey said “Everyone who attended enjoyed a lovely social morning, and we were delighted to raise approximately \$300.” The Proston Angels are always looking to welcome new members and find new ideas for fund-raising. If you would like to support the team in any way you can contact Irene McDonald on 0428 689 281. Great effort everyone!



Proston Branch of the QCWA took much pleasure in organising a short walk around Proston to mark ACWW Day (Women Walk the World).

ACWW is active in over 70 countries offering support to women and their communities for a better life through many projects such as sanitation, food production, education, health and many other programmes.

Publicity Officer Judith Marek said “The walk was a lot of fun, wonky knees and all, and to round off the morning we had a lovely morning tea waiting for us back at the rooms.”

Who’s Who in the Zoo?

Hec Dionysius is a familiar face around Proston having lived here for the last 40 years and is one of the town’s quiet achievers. He began his working life at Allies Creek Sawmill where he worked for 6 years, before securing a job with the then Wondai Shire Council. Hec is still employed by the Council 34 years later. He enjoys the quiet lifestyle in Proston and the chance to be involved in the community, having taken on the role of Lions Club President this year.

Lions would like to welcome more members and Hec invites everyone to come along to a meeting and find out more about the Club. Maintaining Lions Park, the glass recycling program, provision of a community defibrillator, monthly barbecue at the Hivesville Markets and catering for Car Rallies are some of the activities undertaken by the Club. Looking to the future, Hec plans to one day retire and enjoy some travelling..



**Hec Dionysius
President
Proston Lions Club**

Proston Lions Club meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Cultural Centre and 4th Tuesday of each month is a Dinner Meeting held at the Golden Spurs Hotel.

Dates for your Diary

School Term 2 ends Friday 23 June

Heritage Trail Walk Sat 24 June - meet at Cultural Centre at 2pm

Hivesville Country Markets Sunday 25 June

Church Service Times for June:

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.



The Mindfulness Based Stillness Meditation programme run by Ros Melmeth during May was well attended and enjoyed by all. Ros 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.



Carlos, hard at work laying pavers to create an attractive outdoor area at the front of the Catholic Church. Perfect spot for a cuppa after church!

Those were the days.....

HERITAGE TRAIL WALK

Do you have an interest in Proston's history?

Would you like to learn a little more about it?

Perhaps you have information that could help in updating Proston's Heritage Trail Brochure.

Proston Round Table invite you to join a Heritage Trail Walk on Saturday 24 June. They will meet at the Cultural Centre at 2pm and you are welcome to come for all or part of the walk.

For more information please contact Kathy Crane at the Health Clinic.

This space has been left blank Help us add your photos or memories of Proston's history.

No matter how small or insignificant you might think they are, all the little bits of information, photos and family stories are vital pieces in the jigsaw that is our history. With the Centenary of Proston to be celebrated in the coming years, now is the time for us to start gathering memories for our story. Can you help?



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