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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

48%

In the Rain Gauge

Total for October at Proston Post Office
148.4mm
Yearly Total
584.2mm



Welcome Spring Rain

Beautiful Spring rain has fallen across much of the district during October. After a very dry start to Spring and higher than normal temperatures, the area was looking extremely dry. No rain was recorded at all for September and only 4.6mm for August, leading to a complete fire ban in late September.

October 1st finally saw a welcome change in the weather and regular, widespread falls of soaking rain and the odd storm continued throughout the month. The country has responded well as always and the landscape has been transformed from dry brown to lush green, lifting everyone's spirits.

Proston Post Office has recorded 148.4mm for the month, while approximately 210mm fell at Boondooma Homestead.

Local graziers are very happy and looking forward to an improved outlook for summer. Crop farmers will have ample moisture to plant summer crops such as sorghum, corn and mung beans.

Here's hoping the great season continues.



One of Proston's finest features are the beautiful Jacaranda trees which provide a spectacular show each October. This magnificent specimen is at the residence of Glenda & Ted McArdle in Collingwood Street and is the winning entry in the Jacaranda Tearooms photo competition. Just beautiful!

Christmas Carnival Plans



Proston Lions Club invites everyone to join in the fun at the Proston Community Christmas Carnival on **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**. Railway Park is the venue for the Carnival this year and the Lions Club has had extra lighting installed on top of the Cultural Centre to light up the whole area around the park.

CHILDREN'S RIDES BBQ BAR ICE-CREAMS HOT CHIPS
RAFFLES ENJOY A GAME OF MINI GOLF
SANTA WILL ARRIVE WITH GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

Anyone who would like to assist with the Carnival or have a stall can contact **Del Blanch** on **0428 689 329**.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

It is fantastic to see the beautiful rain fall on our region. We are an agricultural area and rain makes a huge difference to the outlook, for not only rural people, but it has a flow on effect to businesses and our general economy. Proston and also the town of Kingaroy rely heavily on the Boondooma Dam for their water supply. The Proston Rural Water Scheme is also sourced

from Boondooma Dam which is controlled by Sunwater. The town water across our region is charged on a tiered system to encourage water efficiency. Proston Rural Water is the only scheme in our region that works on a flat rate of charge. This is to support our rural producers and help keep the cost down as much as possible for them. Council is continually monitoring our water supply and we are participating in a water study through the

Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils, to identify any future shortfalls so that we can make sure we are water secure into the future.

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



Sharron, Angel and Elle enjoyed all the fun of the markets

Hivesville Market

Hivesville Country Market Inc celebrated 9 years of markets recently. It was a glorious sunny morning after the rain and everyone was out to enjoy a great morning. Special guests were Cr Kathy Duff and Cr Ros Heit who enjoyed participating in some of the activities and also drew the raffle.

much fun they have line dancing. The kids were not forgotten with egg & spoon races, sack races and tug-of-war as well free goodie bags. There was a nice array of stalls selling everything from plants to chickens to wood-fired pizzas.

Winners were: Kate Roberts (pole chainsaw), Charmaine Litchfield (\$100 Caltex), C Wilkinson (electric lead), Sheriff (\$40 IGA), Shirley Harm (fan heater), Les Blanch (\$20 Jacaranda Tearooms), Sheryl Ramke (napkin holder), Sue Toms (tea towels), C Wilkinson (wine).

Kathy Crane led an inspiring demonstration of Tai Chi by the local group who meet in Hivesville each week. Proston Line Dancers, who meet in Proston each Monday night, were out to show just how

Raffle prizes were generously donated by Proston Hardware, CWA Proston, Jacaranda Tearooms, Proston Health & Beauty, Caltex, Mitre 10, IGA Kingaroy, Ryan's Butchery and Nicole Bateman.

Spokesperson Joan Spicer would like to thank everyone for their support and remind you that the next Market is on Sunday 26 November. Hope to see you there!



Tai Chi Demonstration

Road Survey

Are you a transport or tourism operator, business owner (including primary producers) or industry body?

Do you rely on the Mundubbera Durong Road and/or Chinchilla Wondai Road (west of Durong) to conduct your business?



The Mundubbera to Jandowae Roads Working Group would love to hear from you! Just go to the "Survey" tab on the BIEDO website—www.biedo.org.au and choose the survey relevant to you. You can either download and print, or complete online and submit.

Your input is greatly appreciated and will be provided to the Roads Working Group to assist in their efforts towards improving the route. For further information please contact Kristy by emailing ceo@biedo.org.au or call 0741695456.



Social Snippets

◆ Mrs Lyn Manthey is spending 2½ weeks visiting Israel & Jordan. A special highlight of the trip will be witnessing the re-enactment of the Australian Light Horsemen taking Beersheba 100 years ago this month.

◆ Congratulations to Sandra Abbott and June Kelly who are the lucky winners of the 2 gorgeous knitted blankets donated by Bush Kids and raffled by the Proston Playgroup. \$61 was raised for the local Playgroup which welcomes all under school age children each Wednesday from 9 to 11am. Thanks to all for your support.

◆ An interested group of 10 people enjoyed the walk in Reinke Scrub Conservation Park recently. The scrub was looking rejuvenated after the rain. Another



walk is planned for 9 December if you would like to come along and share the scrub experience. All welcome!

◆ Proston State School will celebrate students achievements at their annual Awards Night Thursday 16 November at the Community Hall at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Year 10 Graduation is set for Thursday 23 November. Best wishes for the future to those students.



◆ There was a great turnout for the Golden Lure Fishing Competition held at Lake Boondooma during October. Spokesperson Laeticha said "Lots of good size fish were caught and despite the rain, no one got too wet. We have good bookings leading up to the Christmas holidays too." Sounds like a great idea!

Make a Splash!

Swimming Club is on each Monday afternoon from 4 to 5pm.

Aqua Aerobics start Wednesday 15 November 4pm. Cost \$13 per class.

Proston Swimming Pool Christmas Party Saturday 2 December 4pm. All welcome!



A large crowd gathered at the Proston Community Hall recently to farewell a pioneer of the Abbeywood district, Mr Eric Cridland. Eric passed away on 19 October at the grand age of 101 years 11 months and 1 week. He was a stalwart supporter of the Proston Show, both as an exhibitor and a tireless volunteer. He was remembered as a happy and contented man who loved his family. Eric's beloved horse "Joker" was a special guest at the committal service at the Proston Cemetery. Rest in Peace Eric.



Every Monday night in the Proston Community Hall. Beginners 5pm. Advanced 6.30pm \$5 per head. Anyone can learn, even if you have 2 left feet!

Who's Who in the Zoo?

Welcome to Proston for new residents Roger and Pat Henry, who have built the lovely new home opposite the Health Clinic. Roger and Pat have moved to Proston after spending 40 years living in Nowra NSW. Prior to retirement, the couple's working lives had been spent in the banking and building society industries. They were attracted to the lifestyle here while visiting Pat's sister Barbara Nott.

"The pace of life is so nice here" Pat commented. She said a sign in one of the local businesses summed it up perfectly. "We open 9ish and close 5ish." Both enjoy the country lifestyle and the fact there are no traffic lights. And one thing they definitely don't miss is daylight saving. Once the house and garden are completed, the couple plan to do a bit more caravanning as well as pursuing their love of



canoeing and water skiing at lovely Lake Boondooma. We hope you enjoy many happy years of retirement in Proston.

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



Come and enjoy a game of BINGO on Friday 3 & 17 NOV, 1 & 15 DEC.

Eyes down at 9.30am.

\$100 Jackpot

Morning Tea \$2

Proston Community Hall

Dates for your Diary

Melbourne Cup Lunch Tuesday 7 November

Proston State School Remembrance Service Friday 10 November 10.40am

Boondooma Homestead Remembrance Day Ceremony Saturday 11 November 10am

Proston State School Awards Night Thursday 16 November

Proston State School Year 10 Graduation Thursday 23 November

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 26 November

Church Service Times for November:

Catholic 8am Mass every Saturday (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME)

South Burnett Ministries 9.30am every Sunday

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



November is Proston Bowls Club's COME & TRY MONTH. Everyone is invited to come and try lawn bowls on Sunday 12 Nov. Sausage Sizzle. Bar open. Bring the family along for a fun day. Ph 0418132844

Ladies ... would you like to learn Tai Chi? Classes are held at the Hivesville Sportsground every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Cost \$2. All Welcome!

Meditation continues at the Cultural Centre each Tuesday evening from 5 to 6pm. Sessions are free and are aimed at helping to develop mindfulness and relaxation practices to reduce the negative effects of stress. All are welcome to join in.

Those were the days.....



Q5397 Trooper Colin Douglas Reinke with the Proston Railway in the background circa 1941.

In 1936 an attempt was made to form a Light Horse Troop. This was not successful. However in 1939, under the auspices of the Proston RSSAILA, a troop was formed. There were some 30 men who enlisted in Proston and the Headquarters of the Brigade were in Gympie.

There were certain conditions which applied, the most important being that the men had to supply their own horses. Men with the rank of Trooper were paid 5/- (shillings) per day, men of higher rank were paid more. The Government supplied the saddles, uniforms and other equipment.

The drill ground was near the entrance to the Proston Recreation Reserve and the Troopers attended camps at Maryborough, Caloundra and Beaudesert. The Proston residents always gave the men a hearty send-off at the railway station and on one occasion detonators were exploded on the railway line.

The Proston Light Horse Troop was disbanded after the end of World War 2.

*Photo credit: Proston Heritage Collection
Story: Joyce A. Penman*

Remembrance Day

A ceremony to observe Remembrance Day will be held at Proston State School on Friday 10 November at 10.40am.

Students and staff would appreciate parents and community members joining them for this special occasion.

Morning Tea will be served following the ceremony.



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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.