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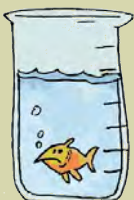
Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

48.9%

In the Rain Gauge

Total for September at Proston Post Office
0mm

Yearly Total
435.8mm



Proston's Time to Shine

The 3 events which Proston presented as part of the South Burnett & Cherbourg on Show Weekend were very well supported and to quote Cr Kathy Duff, "once again, Proston has punched above it's weight." Proston On Show was an initiative of the Proston Round Table Forum.

Reinke Scrub

Organisers were thrilled when almost 70 people attended the 1st event which was the re-dedication of Reinke Scrub Conservation Park. This parcel of untouched dry vine scrub covering almost 50 hectares (100 acres) was donated by brothers, Doug and Arthur Reinke in 1992. Special guests at the ceremony were Dot Bauer



Les Koy, Dot Bauer and her daughter Linda Bauer cut the ribbon at the re-dedication ceremony.

(Doug's sister), and her 2 daughters, Mr Les Koy, Dr Rhonda Melzer (nee Grundy) who recommended gazettal as a Conservation Park and Dr Paul Forster, Principal Botanist at the

Qld Herbarium. Both Rhonda and Paul have family connections to the Proston district and were very pleased to return. Proston State school student Lorna Smith gave an Acknowledgement of Country which was followed by the National Anthem. The guest speakers gave an insight into how the Park came into being.

Following the ceremony many of those present walked the circuit track of about 300m through the scrub, including 90 year old Dot Bauer! All then enjoyed a welcome cup of tea and some Damper provided by the Proston Scout Group.

Heritage Trail Walk

The 2nd event of the day was the Heritage Trail Walk. This walk concentrated on the main business area of Proston. Peter Doessel shared the history of his late father's Fix-it Shop in Rodney Street which burned down in the 1980's. At the former Uniting Church, Mrs Coralie Fox gave a very entertaining talk on the trials and tribulations of being of a minister in the early days of Proston's settlement.

Thanks to Phil Powell for opening his former garage to the group. It was a great afternoon of sharing memories and history.



Tom Fox and Richard Grimes register their brands with Kristy Frahm at the branding night.

Fire the Brand!

A fantastic crowd turned out for the 3rd event—the Fire the Brand Evening at the newly built campfire pit in the Overnight Camp area. The weather was perfect and it was a great family night.

Lance Frahm & Dale Murray branded 69 brands in just over 3 hours onto timber seating kindly donated by Nick & Nikita Hockey of Hivesville Timber & Fencing. The oldest brand belonged to Bonny & Fay Banks, which was registered in the early 1900's.

Proston Men's Shed cooked the BBQ Tea and Charles Neville provided a lovely musical backdrop to the evening.



Due to many enquiries, a tentative date of 25 February has been set for further branding.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff

Australia Day nominations are now open so please don't forget to nominate someone or a worthy organisation for an award. The celebrations for the South Burnett awards will be in the Murgon Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day on January 25th 2018. The nominations close on Friday 10 November this year. The categories are Citizen

of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Organisation of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Volunteer of the Year, Junior Cultural Award, Senior Cultural Award, Junior Sportsperson, Senior Sportsperson, Sports Coach/Administrator/ Official Award and Local Achievers (Town and Rural) for each town. There will be celebrations in

each town on Australia Day where the awards from the previous night are presented again to honour the recipients in their home communities. Nomination forms are available at Council Customer Service Offices or on the Council website. This community has some amazing local organisations and community members so please use this opportunity to honour them.

First 5 Forever

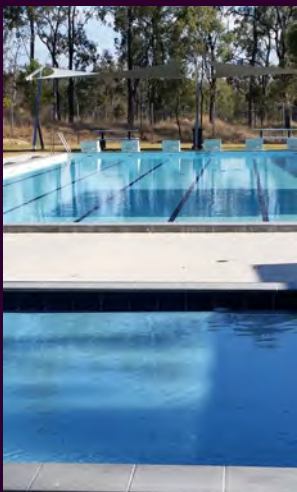


Thirteen Parents along with their bubs and toddlers attended a First Aid Session with Jonesy (QAS) in the Library recently. Jonesy demonstrated the correct CPR procedures for children and babies as well as the correct first aid response for a child who is choking. The informative session was part of the regular Rhyme Time gathering which is an activity of the "First 5 Forever" initiative. The focus of this initiative is on the importance of spending time in the early years talking, playing

and reading with your children so their growing brains get what they need. Community Health Nurse Kathy Crane said that research shows that up to 90% of a child's brain development happens in the first 5 years. Kathy invites all families to come along and join in the fun as you share in stories, rhymes, simple songs and play activities on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. For more information go to first5forever.org.au.



Paul paid close attention to Jonesy's instructions and then put them into practice.



POOL OPENING HOURS
MON TO FRI 6-8AM & 3-6PM
WEEKENDS, SCHOOL & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1-5PM

It's Pool Time!!

Proston Pool is open and the crystal clear water looks very inviting in this hot weather. New shade structures have been added to the deep end and the toddler pool has been re-tiled with non-slip tiles.

To celebrate the start of the season, an **Open Day** will be held on **Saturday 7 October** with **free entry to the pool from 11am**. Grab a Sausage sizzle for \$2 or a Steak Burger for \$7 and enjoy a great family day out!

Hivesville Market



Hivesville Country Market celebrate their Anniversary this month on **Sunday 22 October** at the Hivesville Sportsground.

There'll be lots to see and do with games for the kids including **Tug-O-War and Egg & Spoon Races** throughout the morning. These kick off at 8.45am and continue at 15 minute intervals. **Line Dancers** will entertain at 9am and 10am, and don't miss the **Tai Chi** demonstration at 9.30am. **Raffle** will be drawn at 11am. If you get hungry, the **Lions Club** and **CWA** will look after you with **delicious burgers and morning tea**.

Lots of stalls and free activities for the kids. It's a fun morning for everyone, so come on down!!

Social Snippets



The men from the Proston Men's Shed have had a very busy month. In early September they held a successful Car Boot Sale and Auction, which was also a lovely social morning. They also ran the BBQ for the Council Roadshow on 26 September and worked very hard

manning the BBQ for the "Fire the Brand" night. Thanks for supporting these community events so splendidly. It's great to see your teamwork and organisation. Funds raised will go towards establishing their own building.

- ◆ Lots of fun, terrific prizes and a great night out was the verdict on the Trivia Night held recently by the Proston CWA and Covertly Rural Fire Brigade.

Proston State School P&C and Rural Studies are holding a Car Wash and Sausage Sizzle

on Saturday 7 October. \$10 for cars and \$15 for SUV's and Utes, so get in early. Thanks to Proston Rural Supplies for hosting this event.



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, 7th November 2017

PROSTON COMMUNITY HALL
from 10.00 am

\$20.00 per head - 2 course luncheon

\$10.00 Deposit Please

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT:

Leanne at Proston Post Office

Teena at Golden Spurs Hotel

Val Klein: ph 4168 9391

Coral Graham: ph 0429 689 558

Judith Marek: ph 4168 9540

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

PRIZES FOR:

BEST DRESSED MALE AND FEMALE

At the Library

RHYME TIME

A special session for the under 5's which is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Come along, meet other families and share in the fun activities.

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.

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.

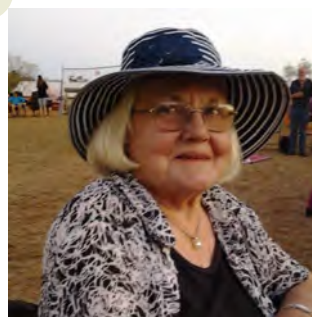
Who's Who in the Zoo?

Coralie Fox, one of Proston's most gracious ladies, came to the area as a new bride with husband Tom in 1964. Tom worked on Jingeri Station for the Dunlop family. Born in Monto, Coralie grew up mainly around the Springsure and Capella areas. Her father worked on properties and the family moved around a lot. In 1971, Tom & Coralie moved to their own property, "Cooinda", at Speedwell where they started breeding Santa

Gertrudis cattle, which still continues today.

Coralie was kept busy with a family which grew to 3 girls and 1 boy, but still managed to fit in 18 months as a Teacher Aide at Proston Preschool in 1978-79.

Over the years, Coralie has spent countless hours volunteering for many organisations in Proston. Coralie's involvement in the Methodist, and later the Uniting Church in Proston has been a constant in her life. She was able to write the history of the church when it was closed in 2015. These days, life on the farm is



quieter, but Coralie still loves where she lives. The lovely red soil lets her indulge her passion for gardening and she also loves reading, but the greatest joy in Coralie's life is watching her 15 grandchildren grow up and it's this that makes her most proud.

The Proston district has lost another long-time resident with the passing of Gordon Buchanan on Friday 8 September, at the age of 92 years. Gordon spent all his life in the area and had a long career with the Council, starting as a labourer and finishing as a Councillor. He was passionate about the Proston community and his family.



He would have been humbled by the large crowd who gathered at the Proston Community Hall to farewell him. Truly a life well-lived.

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 13
& 27 OCTOBER at
9.30am.
\$50 Jackpot

Dates for your Diary

Proston Swimming Pool Open Day Saturday 7 October

Proston State School P & C Car Wash Saturday 7 October

Reinke Scrub Walk Saturday 21 October at 9am

Hivesville Country Anniversary Market Sunday 22 October

Church Service Times for October:

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

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.



On Saturday 21 October, a longer walk through Reinke Scrub will be led by the Field Naturalists. This will be a different track to the one walked at the Re-dedication. If you would like to come, meet at the Reinke Scrub Car Park at 9am. There is no cost involved and all are very welcome to join in.

Line Dancing

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!

Those were the days.....



**Wedding 3/10/1928 at Stalworth
Oliver James Wesley Parrish & Jane Logan Smith**

The bride looked lovely in all white. The frock was made by the bride's mother (who was a dressmaker in Glasgow, Scotland before coming to Australia) and it was all stitched by hand. The bouquets were beautiful. The guests, who were neighbours of the Smith family, were served tea, cake and sandwiches after the ceremony. The happy couple then left for the groom's farm, where he had built a home for them. They then became another pioneering family in the Abbeywood district. (Photo and story contributed by Joyce A Penman)

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