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Lake Boondooma Current Capacity

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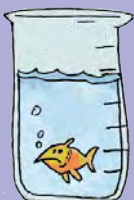
In the Rain Gauge

Total for September at Proston Post Office

4.6mm

Yearly Total

435.8mm



Bush Hospitality

It's always great to receive some positive feedback from visitors to our area. The following is from some happy travellers who spent time in our town on their way to and from Scots in the Bush.

"While in Proston, we stayed 2 nights at the Caravan Park and 1 night at the Proston Golf Club (donation). Robyn from the Rural Centre was most helpful by making phone calls for us after we realized that we needed a medical prescription on your holiday Monday. We are very grateful that you provide us with camping facilities for two night stays".



Some happy travellers enjoy our Overnight Campground

Bagpipes.....

Boondooma Homestead once again hosted the Annual "Scots in the Bush" gathering. The festival honours the contribution of 3 Scots who founded Boondooma Station in the mid 1800's. Manager Buddy Thomson said a new record was set with an astounding 413 caravans and an estimated crowd of 1000 people



Cr Kathy Duff with parking attendant Brownie and a dancer from Rum City Dancers

attending across the 3 days. The festival was a third bigger than that of last year. Funds raised will be used to continue to improve the visitor experience at the Homestead.

B.A.S.S.....

Lake Boondooma hosted the ATOMIC B.A.S.S. Australia Fishing Championship on the weekend of 25-27 August. The best Pro and Co-Anglers for 2017 competed to see who would be the next Australian



Winner Dean Silvester, Mayor Keith Campbell and Co-Angler winner Daniel McCoy

Bass Champion. The winning Pro Angler was Dean Silvester who will head to the USA to represent Australia in the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship in October. Runner-up was Mitchell Cone and in 3rd place was Brett Turner. The winning Co-Angler was Daniel McCoy.

and the Buzz of Chainsaws!

The Golden Spurs Hotel hosted a successful Post Rip Competition on Sat 19 August. The Open Final was won by Nigel Newitt with Jason Akers 2nd and Trevor Baker 3rd. Fourth place was taken out by



Concentration in the Post Rip Competition

local Will Hutchins, Daryl Pearce came in 5th and Brad Scorgie 6th. The Golden Spurs Social Club provided a delicious Pig on the Spit Dinner while Proston Lions Club conducted raffles and Proston CWA served morning and afternoon tea. Publican Murray Anderson said the day was enjoyed by all and it would definitely be an annual event.

Councillor Kathy's Comments



Cr Kathy Duff



"Fire the Brand" Campfire Evening will record local families brand history

I would like to congratulate all of our wonderful Lions Clubs on the 100th Anniversary of Lions International this year. I am a proud Proston Lion although I don't ever get enough time to participate in the meetings and activities that I would like to.

I joined Lions because of the strong values and philosophies that they believe in and the simple

motto that they aspire to; that is "we serve".

Whenever a Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better because they help in their own communities and around the world with unmatched integrity and energy.

Our Proston Lions do a fantastic job working tirelessly providing burgers at the Hivesville

Markets and running the bar at the annual Boondooma Dam fishing competition. Thank you especially to the Proston Lions for volunteering to run the annual Christmas Carnival again this year. Hats off to our Lions Club and Happy Anniversary!!



Lions Club members keeping the burgers coming at the Hivesville Market

Proston On Show

For the first time Proston will play a part in the South Burnett and Cherbourg On Show Weekend to be held on the October long weekend.

Proston's events will take place on Saturday 30 September and will kick off with the **Re-dedication of Reinke Scrub Conservation Park** at 10am. Members of the Reinke family will be special guests as well as Paul Forster, Chief Botanist at the QLD Herbarium. Scouts will be providing Tea and Damper. As parking is limited, please meet

at the school to car pool and don't forget to BYO chair and hat/umbrella.

Following this, Jacaranda Tearooms will remain open until 1pm for anyone wishing to purchase a light lunch before joining the **Heritage Trail Walk** which will take in the main business precinct of the town. All meet at the Cultural Centre at 1pm.

The final event of the day will be the **"Fire the Brand" campfire evening** in the Overnight Campground in

Railway Park. Families will have the opportunity to immortalise their family brand into timber for seating at the campsite. A gas branding furnace will be on hand. A brand identifier board will record the brand and owner for future local history reference.

All are invited to this informal evening to share memories and personal histories of brands and branding. A BBQ Tea will be available for purchase at the event. More details will be available soon.

Council Roadshow

Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO) invite you to the 2017 Roadshow. Various businesses and community groups throughout the region, with support from Council, will be hosting a Roadshow during the month of September. The Roadshow will also be an opportunity to update residents on the progress within Council. Some of the items to be covered are:

◆ **Beakon Contract Management System**
Council has introduced a new

supplier and contract management system.
◆ **Preferred Supplier List**
An overview of changes to Council's procurement processes.
◆ **2020 South Burnett Economic Development Strategy**
This will cover Investment and Innovation, Visitor Economy and Business Growth.
◆ **Council 2016/2017 Annual Report**
Mayor Keith Campbell explained "We've just completed the first full 12

months as a Council and a lot of progress has been made. The Roadshow plans to give residents details of the achievements and information about working with Council. I encourage all residents to be an active part of your Council's future".
The venue for the Proston Roadshow will be the Proston Community Hall on 26 September at 6pm. Proston Men's Shed will have a BBQ Tea and drinks available for purchase from 5.30pm. All welcome.



Social Snippets

Jacaranda Tearooms

PRESENTS

A SPRING FASHION TEA!

NB Inspirations will be hosting a special Afternoon Tea at Jacaranda Tearooms to showcase their Spring Fashion Collection on Saturday 16 September at 3pm. Cost is \$10 which covers afternoon tea cakes, scones, biscuits, punch & tea. Coffee sold separately. Seating is limited so please RSVP by calling 4168 9013 or see staff at either store.



At the Library



BOOK WEEK 2017

These little people enjoyed celebrating the Book Week theme of "Escape to Everywhere" by making their own passports. Their imaginations can take them

anywhere!

Proston School students also visited the Library during Book Week and enjoyed the display and activities organised by Librarian Julie Manning.



- ◆ Great to see our Cultural Centre having a spring makeover with some repairs and a fresh coat of paint inside and out.
- ◆ The Proston Men's Shed will benefit from the Taabinga Rotary Club Bookarama to be held in Kingaroy on 9 & 10 September.

Proston Lions Club is looking for your support with various projects.

Lions Recycle for Sight: Donate your old glasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read, an adult succeed or a senior maintain their independence. You can drop your old glasses in the collection box at Proston Health Clinic.



Lions are also seeking used stamps to assist in purchasing walking aids for children born with cerebral palsy.



Our Pony Clubbers are looking a little tired at the end of a fun morning out with their ponies and friends.



Best wishes to the Dunlop and Fox families as they prepare for their Annual Bull Sales this month.

Proston State School Rural Studies Show Team member Grace, concentrates on getting the hairdressing and grooming just right.

Good luck to the students and cattle as they compete at the Wondai Show.



Who's Who in the Zoo?

Noela Ardrey, who with husband Col, owns and operates Proston Country Bus Service, first came to the area in late 1969 when they bought a farm at Bluff Road. After 7½ years, they sold the farm and intended to return to the coast. Instead, they moved to Proston and fell in love with the place. While Col was driving trucks for Carsburgs, Noela got a job driving a school bus for Ernie Jones. In 1984, the couple bought their first bus run (Okeden Road) from Oscar Luck and so began

more than 30 years of bus service to the Proston district. Noela has always generously given her time and has worked tirelessly for many community organisations over the years. Currently she is involved in Over 50's, Relay for Life and has just been awarded 30 years service to Meals on Wheels. She has also been the recipient of an Australia Day Award. Noela appreciates the lifestyle Proston offers and this is reflected by the effort she puts into her garden, roses and her beautifully decorated yard at



Christmas time. A caravan waits patiently in the shed for the day Noela and Col decide to retire, although it's hard to imagine the day when Noela takes off her community service hat. Thank you and well done!!

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 1, 15 & 29 SEPTEMBER at 9.30am. \$50 Jackpot

Dates for your Diary

Australiana Trivia Night Saturday 9 September Proston Community Hall

NB Inspirations Spring Fashion Launch Afternoon Tea Saturday 16 September

NB Inspirations Fashion Week 18—23 September

Wondai Spring Garden Expo Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 September

Hivesville Country Market Sunday 24 September

Proston Roadshow Tuesday 26 September

Proston On Show Saturday 30 September

Church Service Times for September:

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.

CWA NEWS: It's been a busy month for our CWA Ladies. The QCWA Country Kitchens Team visited Proston during August for the first of 3 hands-on Nutrition Workshops. Publicity Officer Judith Marek reported "It was a most informative and fun day and we look forward to the next one to be held Wednesday 13 September. Our raffle has been drawn with 1st prize of a rug going to Lyn Ramscar, 2nd prize of a \$50 voucher from NB Inspirations to Annette Duff, while 3rd prize of a kitchen pack was won by Angel Doessel. Thanks to all for your support". Members also catered morning and afternoon tea for the Golden Spurs Post Rip. Finally, several Proston CWA Members were reported as "missing in action" during a recent visit to Spotlight, Bundaberg. "It was a haven for crafty chicks such as us," Judith commented. Good on you ladies - keep enjoying life!

CWA Date Claimer: Melbourne Cup Lunch Tues 7 Nov. Proston Town Hall

Those were the days.....



Construction of Boondooma Private Hospital - 1935

The hospital operated until 1940. After its closure the building became the Margaret Marr Boys Home during the war years. The verandahs were closed in and used as dormitories for the boys and underneath the building was also closed in and was used as a kitchen-dining room. Following the end of the war, the building became a boarding/guest house. It is now a private residence and is situated opposite the Anglican Church in Proston.

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!

Date Claimer:
Hivesville Anniversary Market 22 October. Lots of fun activities planned. More details next newsletter.

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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.