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PROSTON COMMUNITY PLAN

2025



SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Proston

The town of Proston has a population of 281. Proston is located in the north-west of the South Burnett Region and is situated 50km north-west of Kingaroy and 41km north-west of Wondai. European settlement was established in 1846 at Boondooma Station by Robert and Alexander Lawson. Boondooma Homestead was constructed in 1850 and remains an important historical monument to the pioneering days and major tourist attraction for the South Burnett Region.

The first town allotments were sold in 1910 however the growth of Proston benefitted greatly from the arrival of the railway line in 1923 and the establishment of the South Burnett Dairy Co-operative Butter Factory in 1934. Historically, water supply was a significant issue for Proston until 1980 when the Boondooma Dam was constructed. Boondooma Dam approximately 20km north of Proston is also a major tourist attraction for the area where visitors can enjoy camping, fishing, boating and waterskiing.

Today, Proston is serviced by a number of services and facilities including a general store, newsagency, chemist, swimming pool, post office, police and emergency services and continues to be a business activity centre for the surrounding rural area.



Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and respect the Wakka Wakka and Auburn Hawkwood people, the traditional owners of this land that we live, work and play and respect their cultures, their ancestors and their elders past, present and future generations.

Short Term (1 - 4 years)

- Railway Park - shade sail, replace old equipment and softfall (Capital Projects Plan).
- Shelters over BBQ's and replace playground gates (Capital Projects Plan).
- Repair walking track (Capital Projects Plan).
- Flagpole behind Cenotaph is needed.
- ~~Install signage on top of town (near pub).~~
- Replace safety signage - Regional Pools (Capital Projects Plan).
- Upgrade waste signage across region (Capital Projects Plan).
- CCTV in main street.
- ~~Library hours extended.~~
- New display board for community information at Proston Hall.
- Move dump point.
- ~~Health facilities.~~
- Cemetery - Boundary fence (Capital Projects Plan).
- ~~FRRR Disaster Resilience need power to run everything in case of a disaster.~~
- Kerb and channel to be rolled out annually.
- Drainage issues throughout town.
- Oakden Road/Butler Drive upgrades – Culvert/pipe washed out road.
- Butler Drive to residential (rural residential now?) so can have fire hazards removed. It has snakes, vermin etc (health hazard) and road needs to be redone/repaired.
- Footpath in front of Post Office to be repaired.
- Boondooma Dam (Capital Projects Plan):
 - » Bunkhouse area - Install powered ensuites and new camp kitchen;
 - » Establish play area at the bottom of the dam area e.g. Multi use area - i.e., basket ball/ soccer court;
 - » Establish ensuites and concrete slabs as well as improve security at the kiosk with CCTV;
 - » Cabins (5) - Eaves and architraves - Repair and painting;
 - » Installation of new powered sites - Main park (20);
 - » Recreation facilities (half court/remove tennis court);
 - » Lakeside cabins *5 - Bathroom fit out;
 - » Tree removal and
 - » Camp kitchen (near new powered sites).
 - » Generator and wiring upgrade kiosk

Short Term Continued (1 - 4 years)

- Water Distribution (Capital Projects Plan):
 - » Reservoir to Beresford Street
 - » Hivesville main line stage 4 Wondai Proston Road (Nodes 408A -410)
 - » Rural main reservoir switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA
 - » Rural range WPS switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA
 - » WTP switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA
 - » Rural Kinleymoore WPS switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA
 - » Rural Stuart River WPS pump/motor renewal and process control/SCADA renewal WMR - Nelson Street (Beatty Street - Rodney Street)
 - » WMR - Murphys Way (Rodney Street - End)
- Water Treatment (Capital Projects Plan):
 - » Boondooma Dam - WTP switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA

- Advocate for free entertainment once per year

Medium Term (4 - 8 years)

- Playgroup building - playground equipment, sand pit replacement and kitchen is deteriorating (Capital Projects Plan).
- Proston Caravan Park - Refurbish Amenities (Capital Projects Plan).
- Regional housing (Capital Projects Plan).
- Stage 2 of Boondooma Dam.
- Boondooma Dam - Expansion of powered sites, refurbishment of amenities (day use area), upgrade dump point, communal amenities (laundry and kiosk renewal), kiosk and managers quarters (Capital Projects Plan).
- Water Distribution (Capital Projects Plan):
 - » Proston Rural Hivesville reservoir and WPS switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA
- Wastewater Mains (Capital Projects Plan):
 - » Boondooma Dam - SPS 1 switchboard renewal and process control/SCADA
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- Water Storage (Capital Projects Plan):
 - » Proston Weir

Long Term (Over 8 years)

- Infrastructure upgrade program across Waste Facilities to meet service standards (Capital Projects Plan).
- Boondooma refurbishments (Capital Projects Plan).

Priority Feedback

Short term:

- Butler Drive.
- CCTV in main street.

Medium term:

- Water storage.
- Caravan park upgrade.

Added Feedback

Short term:

- Fences around all parks.
- Recommended age sign on parks.
- Nelson Street - upgrade to all bitumen.
- A community center space that all community can use to help them connect with their community - maybe working with libraries would work in this space.
- Hall signage.

Medium term:

- Excess water from Blake Street to be diverted into a community water point.
- Wash bay for trucks and vehicles to prevent spread of parthinum weed and other obnoxious weeds.
- Proston weir and water condition.

General Feedback

- Regular creek burns every year.
- More residential land be rezoned and opened up.
- Revitalisation of the Proston Council Depot.



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