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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

MASS

6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

MENANGLE HOME CHURCH

The Store for coffee 10.00am

10.30 Church @ 10 Station St.

LAST SUNDAY EACH MONTH 12.00 – 2.00 pm



Community Picnic Lunch

At Dean McGrath Park,

18 Station St

Coffee, Cold drinks,

Sausage sizzle

We really enjoyed spending a couple of hours together with our community on a mostly fine 27th of February. The red van is such a compact, well set-up unit, and the coffee machine will be installed by our March 27th picnic day!

Enquiries Sue Peacock 0425203429

BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Ben Black
- 3rd Ivan Green
- 4th Elliott Margin
- 5th Bev James
- 5th Beau Kent
- 6th Mark Robertson
- 9th Dave
- 9th Matthew Tedesco
- 12th Graham Noyes
- 14th Jethro Margin
- 19th Lucy
- 20th Christine Butler
- 21st Indigo Margin
- 22nd Cindy Haines
- 30th Brett Warner



ANNIVERSARIES

14th Steve and Simone Collison

15th Steve and Kerry Charles

18th James and Karen McFarlane

20th Steve and Vicki Blight

26th Jenni and Steve McGrath

Email to susan.peacock2@gmail.com

THE STORE MENANGLE



Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

Great coffee, pies, pastries and sandwiches

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7.00am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY: 8.00am – 2.30pm

SUNDAY: 8.00am – 11.00am

POST OFFICE open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday

PARCEL COLLECTION – 3.00 pm

Due to increased volume of parcels, and the time required for sorting and scanning, Shane and Katie ask us to **please collect carded items after 3.00 pm.**

BANKING AT THE P.O.

Menangle Post Office offers full banking access to over 75 local banking institutions (except ANZ) including deposits, withdrawals, Bpay, EFTpos.

THOMMO'S CORNER

BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "aquathermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel, under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision!

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS



MARCH 2022 EVERYTHING IS A GIFT

Dear Readers,

I am writing today in the midst of flooding rains, and all roads into and out of Menangle are closed. It has happened before – and will no doubt happen again. I am thankful that when the Macarthurs pioneered this area, they built simple little cottages for their workers and located them above the flood line – they had a healthy respect for the river!

Managing our water supply must be a very great challenge, and praying for those responsible for deciding when to let out massive volumes of water from our dams is a good idea.

For up to date information on flooding visit:

livetraffic.com

This also gives you access to the camera across the Nepean River Bridge (when its feet are on dry land!)

Not too long ago we had water restrictions... and no doubt that too will happen again as we cycle through our weather patterns.

THE GIFT

I have been pondering the way our perception of things shapes our responses. My insights usually begin with awareness of a “negative” emotion – in this case a bit of resentment was polluting the practice of my peaceful, positive outlook.

Resentment is a bitterness that can come through unforgiveness, but also just through feeling a bit hard-done-by. I believe it can be a fruit of “entitlement”, which of course is pride and self-centredness working together, in partnership with the ugliness of self-pity.

So what is the antidote?

When we perceive life through the lens that “everything is a gift”, bitterness is displaced by gratitude.

Work is a gift, even hard, unappreciated work is a gift. Work like unpacking the dishwasher, or cleaning up the mess made by another person, is a gift.

Access to this lens is a gift – a gift of grace from a Father who loves us. Faith itself, believing in God, is also a gift – a gift freely offered to all humankind.

I have been so privileged to walk with Jesus as my Lord and Saviour for over 40 years – every day experiencing the goodness, care, protection and provision He gives to all those who choose to accept His extravagant gift of life, and join His family.

Blessings and love, Sue Peacock

CAMDEN AGLOW BRANCH MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 10.00 am
Wednesday 16th March

**We have a cuppa,
Sing in worship to the Lord,
Share communion,
Ponder God's Word,
And pray for one another.
A beautiful, refreshing time together.**



Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429

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Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts
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Website: hawkcarts.com.au

MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Menangle District Probus Club especially caters for retirees in our community. It joins clubs in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand designed for friendship, fellowship and fun. A number of the members live in Durham Green Village but retirees and semi-retirees in the district area of Menangle and Menangle Park are eligible to join – applications welcome.

If interested, please contact President Marion Marriott (4633 9229) or Secretary Rosemary Menday (4633 9901).

DIDJANO D.P.R.B.

As well as the residents within the old and real village of Menangle, the village boasted the Store with the Barn, the School of Arts and two churches.

Electricity and water are two essential services required to support a community. The residents of the village really did require a much better water supply.

Prior to the supply of "real" town water, the residents received their water from the Nepean River. River water was pumped from the "Black Hole" in a generally westerly direction. Water pipes carried river water under the highway, under Moreton Park Road, and under the main southern railway line. From there it went slightly uphill to large tanks located just to the east of St James Anglican church. There the water settled, and chemicals were added to make it more drinkable and useable. It was gravity reticulated to the village from the tanks.

However, during prolonged periods of rain and floods the quality of the water declined. The water filters only performed a reasonable job. It is a fact that tiny shrimp were able to pass through the filters and finish their journeys in sinks, baths and basins in buildings throughout the village. This situation could not continue. The chemicals were costly. It was considered inappropriate to supply "real" town water to a relatively small village population.

The village had to grow both in population and in number of dwellings. During the 1990s Riversford Close, St James Ave, Sulman Place and Haines Place were constructed. New contemporary and attractive residences were built within the properties of the four new roads and new families settled into the village. The pre-existing families within the village were able to enjoy the luxury of fair dinkum town water. Just where does that real and fair dinkum town water come from?

All will be revealed next month.

CLUB MENANGLE

The Menangle NightMarkets
2nd Saturday each month

Join us for a wide range of food, family activities, and of course an action-packed evening of harness racing.

Boutique local and regional retail section plus rides, jumping castle, and games for the kids.

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Check Club Menangle Website for updates.

ADVERTS

Wanted: mature cleaner for elderly gentleman living in Menangle. Please phone Kay 0408 486 990

LIBRARIES

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Friday between 11am and 12noon. You will find it parked in St James Ave...

AND don't forget the Little Library at 12 Station Street; available whenever you're passing by!

LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

From 7:30am Saturday at Onslow Park
[Next to Camden Showground]
Ph: 0417 230 418

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden
Ph. 4655 7735

HOUSE CLEANING IN MENANGLE

By Malaika Hall
If interested, please contact:
0451-142-947 (Rates negotiable)

DANCE LATINO

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Salsa, Bachata & Merengue.

Group Classes and

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Call Claudia on 0430 460 205

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www.dancelatino.com.au

MENS SHED

Men's Shed meets in the old Whiteman's Shed in Stevens Road, Menangle. We are a small group in a huge shed. We have made a good beginning with some generously donated items. The Men's Shed operates on Mondays from 9am till 12noon. New members are always welcome. Donations of good quality tools, timber and machines would be much appreciated.

Contact Allan Webb 0409 246 117

Or Greg King 46339898

MEN AT SHOP

...an opportunity for men to relax, with other men, over a cup of coffee or tea in a friendly atmosphere once a week at

10.30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Menangle Store.

The meetings usually last about an hour.

Menangle RFS Update

With the ongoing wet weather February and early March has been a relatively quiet time for the Menangle Rural Fire Brigade. We have been called to several fallen trees this year, which is a timely reminder that during periods of ongoing rain there is an increased risk of falling trees, particularly in windy conditions as the ground is so soft.



The NSW SES has some great information on their website about the simple steps you can take to prepare for a Storm. Many of these steps are simple, practical steps, several of which will also help you prepare for bushfire and other disasters:

1. Maintain your yard and balcony. Secure or store items that could blow around in strong winds
2. Clean your gutters, down pipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages
3. Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
4. Fix any damage to your roof, including broken or missing tiles
5. Check your insurance policy is current and adequate
6. Make a [Home Emergency Plan](#) for your family that outlines what you would do in an emergency
7. Prepare an emergency kit with essential items in case you lose power or need to leave home in an emergency
8. Listen to your local radio station and other media for weather warnings

For more information on Storm Preparedness visit: <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/>

New Equipment for the Brigade

Funds from recent fundraising activities along with a grant from South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's Community Partnership Program (CPP) have allowed the brigade to purchase some much-needed new equipment including:

- Oxygen units for advanced resuscitation
- Portable GRN Radios
- Zero turn lawn mower.

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade is very excited to be able to purchase this equipment, as it will not only help maintain community safety, but also the safety of brigade members.

The contribution from South32's Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's Community Partnership Program (CPP) is greatly appreciated. Previously South 32 have supported the upgrade of our firetrucks, facilities, training and meeting room extension and ongoing community assistance. Thank you to all our supporters.