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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 8.30 am and 10.00 am

10.00 am service is live-streamed at

www.menangleanglican.com.au

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6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

SALVATION ARMY HOME CHURCH

SUNDAYS: 10.00am

@ 10 Station St

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429



BIRTHDAYS

1st Bradley Warner
1st Simone Collison
2nd Charlie Culpán
2nd Ethan Green
3rd Laura Howard
5th Jason Jeffree
6th Sam Ashton
6th Shane Halfpenny
7th Sara McNevin
9th Paige Robertson
11th Vanessa Perentin
11th Alyce Maree Mamone
15th Zoe Lau
18th Rosemary Tedesco
19th Neave Burt
21st Shane Koeford
21st Luke Campbell
23rd Maxlyn Luke
27th Fionna Johnson



Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

OUTDOOR EVENT

Breakfast on Thursday 26th January
at 8.00 am

at The Fire Shed

\$5 per adult, \$10 per family

Kids U/12 free



THE STORE MENANGLE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7.00am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus now available!

POST OFFICE

open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday

CAROLS ON THE HILL

Sunday December 11th



Activities from
5.30pm – 6.45pm

Face Painting,
Petting Zoo

Menangle RFS Sausage
sandwiches

Menangle Salvos Teas and Coffees

Carols 6.45pm – 8.00pm

Accompanied by the Camden Community Band.

SINGERS NEEDED!

Please let Sue know if you are willing to participate
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THOMMO'S CORNER

Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder and Jack is now scared out of his wits.

Then he notices a man chiselling a tombstone.

"Thank goodness!" Jack says to the man. "You gave me the fright of my life. Why are you working so late?"

"They spelt my name wrong."

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I (Sue) am keen to bring together a little team to expand the reach of the Menangle News next year. If you have skills in IT, reporting, editing or mail-box delivery please let me know (0425 203 429)

ROSES DECEMBER 2022



Dear Reader,

The gardens in Menangle are looking beautiful, and the roses are especially lovely. They remind me of a story I once

heard about a rose, which has stuck with me.

It was told by a young Catholic man soon to take his final vows into the priesthood.

He held a beautiful red rose and described how it represents our relationship with God.

The flower represents all that is good: love, affection, affirmation, acceptance, forgiveness, respect, caring, grace, mercy, understanding and all the fruit of the Spirit.

The stem and the thorns represent the cost: dying to self-centredness by sacrificial love, self-giving, accepting the pain of misunderstanding, processing disappointments, choosing to forgive others, allowing our hearts to be broken. The flower needs the stem to hold it up, the stem needs the rose to bring beauty and the fragrance of love alive.

This is also a beautiful metaphor of the Christmas Story.

Our Heavenly Father's relationship with us was so badly damaged. The "flower" had been severed from the "stem" when His very first human children decided to govern their own lives. The terrible mess we are in is just the consequence of generations governing their own lives.

But God loves His human children, and implemented a totally unexpected plan to restore His relationship with us and our relationship with Him – to mend the rose.

The cost to God was excruciatingly high, but paid in full for the joy that would result.

Jesus, God's beloved son was born to Mary at Bethlehem. He grew to manhood and became God's Sacrificial Lamb, ending up nailed to a Roman cross.

Prior to this God's people, the Israelites would continually sacrifice animals and birds as a way to have their sins forgiven. They knew that the consequence of sin is death, and God gave His people the way to offer a substitute animal to die in their place, so they could be forgiven. Jesus, the eternal Son of God willingly sacrificed His human life once and for all to take away the sins of the world.

Restoring relationship – putting the rose back on the stem – was achieved.

A New Covenant of Forgiveness was made by Jesus when he died on the cross, and ratified by God on the third day when Jesus rose from the dead.

From God's side everything has been set right, and He holds out the beautiful rose to us.

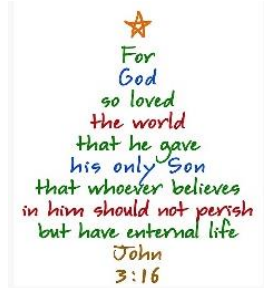
When I am willing to surrender self-government and receive His gift then immediately everything about my life is brought under the government of God's Kingdom. Slowly, and painfully I learn the ways to behave to protect this precious relationship.

In God's Kingdom each of our relationships is like a rose.

As we learn to see, think, speak and act in ways that protect the fragile petals, so the sweet fragrance of the "rose" brings pleasure to our Heavenly Father.

May the incarnation of the Saviour Messiah bring special blessings in this beautiful Christmas Season.

Blessings and Love, Sue



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MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED



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DIDJANO DPRB

Last month we focused upon both the official and unofficial aspects of mail deliveries and the locations of Post Offices in the Village. Between the locations at no 121 Menangle Rd and later at 100 Menangle Road, there was a considerable time when proprietors of The Store maintained a postal service. A longtime resident recalls with some accuracy that the Featherstones and the Maynes ensured the Village had a reliable postal service.

It is recorded in another publication that Agnes Featherstone was involved in activities at the Store between 1965 and 1973, and this included the royal mail. It also came to light that John Evans was not the only unofficial postman. From time to time the fellows who collected milk from the surrounding dairies, would deliver mail and other items to the "Big House" upon Camden Park. Mail to be posted was collected from Camden Park by those same drivers and it was brought into the Village where it was stamped and forwarded accordingly. When this was discussed recently the question of why was Menangle preferred for mail services rather than the larger town of Camden. A quick glance at a local map places Camden Park and the "Big House" roughly halfway between Camden and Menangle. Camden had "Pansy" but Menangle had the Main Southern Line, a railway station and a Station Master who lived in the Station Master's Residence. Just like the Pony Express, the mail must get through. The railway not only provided a mail service but services to other Camden-based businesses. One that comes to immediate light is Whitemans, a former mixed retail business house situated upon the high side of Argyle Street Camden. Recent arrivals to Menangle may not know that immediately adjacent to the existing northern up line platform, there used to be a short rail spur, or siding, which enabled mainly goods trains to arrive and depart from a purpose built platform. The actual metal railway lines of the siding were removed some time ago; the platform remains. Immediately to the west of the old Goods Platform, a number of metal storage sheds still stand as reminders of a time when the Menangle Rail Precinct was a hive of busy and essential activity.

Returning to the Camden business houses, and more specifically Whitemans. On the western side of one of the metal sheds is a reminder of bygone days. There is a very faded inscription which indicates as follows:

F.C. WHITEMAN
& SONS PTY LTD
(046) 669 201

There is no doubt that a reliable rail service made Menangle a very suitable place to not only receive and dispatch passengers, but also mail, goods, produce and fresh milk.

In closing, and on a lighter note, on Wednesday 30 November, Menangle made the news when it was reported that a runaway bull travelled up Riversford Close towards the end of the cul-de-sac perhaps to get to one of the high spots for a good look around at the changing landscape as trees and fields are replaced by bare earth and proposed road sites.

It is quite obvious to the author that the bull was confused and was actually trying to get to the top of Mt Taurus. Think about it!

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 13th December Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429

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.



MEN'S SHED

Open on Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 12noon in the old Whiteman's shed, Stevens Rd, Menangle.

(Public holidays excepted.)

Contact Allan Webb: 46339886; 0409 246 117

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Friday between 11am and 12noon.

You will find it parked in St James Ave...

MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Menangle District Probus Club especially caters for retirees in our community, and is designed for friendship, fellowship and fun.

NEXT MEETING "Mercy Ships"

JANUARY 16th at 10.00am at Durham Green

If interested, please contact

President Marion Marriott (4633 9229)

Or Secretary Rosemary Menday (4633 9901).

DANCE LATINO

We currently provide fun dance classes to suit every one: Salsa, Bachata & Merengue.

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LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

From 7:30am Saturday at Onslow Park

Ph.: 0417 230 418

THE PUPPY LOF

An exciting new pet services business supporting the four-legged friends in our community has arrived in Menangle. Introducing The Puppy Loft. Offering a range of services including Specialised Grooming, Day-care and holiday Care as well as pick up/drop off within the local area. Conveniently situated at 235 Menangle Rd. Menangle.

For bookings contact Annette on 0414816624 or email annette@thepuppyloft.au

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Update



Menangle



Although we have had a lot of rain in 2022, there is still a risk of fire this summer. The brigade has been called to a number of grass fires in recent weeks at Razorback and in the neighbouring Campbelltown LGA. Fast moving grass fires will be a risk in Menangle this summer. Please ensure you keep an eye on the current Fire Danger Ratings and download the **Fires Near Me** App to your phone.

December, 2022 will be a busy month for the brigade. The brigade will be out and about at a Careers Day for primary school children at All Saints Catholic College, attending the Menangle Carols on the Hill, delivering our calendars and conducting our annual Santa Run. Be sure to stop for a chat to ask any questions you may have about the fire season or becoming a volunteer!

2023 Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Calendars

The 2023 Menangle RFS Calendar has just arrived at the station and Brigade volunteers will be out and about delivering in person to homes in Menangle throughout the month of December. The brigade re-designed our calendars for 2023 and we think you're all going to love the new calendars.

If you would like to purchase a calendar and donate to the brigade that would be much appreciated. There will be three options for donating: an on the spot cash donation (the brigade is also hoping to offer EFTPOS for the first time in 2023), you can make a direct deposit into the brigade's bank account or drop an envelope with cash donation to The Store Menangle.



Santa Run

Santa and his elves will again be visiting Menangle in 2022. There are two separate Santa Runs planned:

- **10am- 2pm Saturday 24th December:** Rural streets including Carolls Road, Quirkies Lane, Cummins Road, Hawkey Road, Burrels Road, Finns Road, Dawsons Road and Moreton Park Road.
- **8am- 9:30am Sunday 25th December:** Menangle Village including Menangle Road, Station Street, Riversford Close, St James Place, Sulman Place and Haines Place.

If you would like Santa to visit your home please drop your present to the collection box at the Menangle Post Office- 2 Station Street Menangle by no later than 12pm Friday 23rd December, 2022.



Ensure presents are labelled with:

- Recipient's name
- Home address
- Contact phone number for your family

If you have any questions about the Santa Run please visit the Brigade's facebook page (scan the QR Code) or call the Brigade's Community Engagement Officer Natalie on 0416 022 452.

