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## **ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

## **SALVATION ARMY HOME CHURCH**

SUNDAYS: 10.00am

@ 10 Station St

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429



## **BIRTHDAYS**

5<sup>th</sup> Terry Swanson

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14<sup>th</sup> Isabel Lau

16<sup>th</sup> Victoria Foulks

19<sup>th</sup> Bianca Peretin

20<sup>th</sup> Rheannen

21<sup>st</sup> Joshua Bond

28<sup>th</sup> Paul Thompson



Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: [susan.peacock2@gmail.com](mailto:susan.peacock2@gmail.com)

I rely on readers to help me keep this accurate. Please call me if you pick up any mistakes! 0425 203 429

## **AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**A GREAT OUTDOOR EVENT THAT GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR!**

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## **THOMMO'S CORNER**

To people who put antlers and red noses on their cars at Christmas:

You can't trick me. I know that's a car!

## **MEANWHILE IN AUSTRALIA**

"You are the Gold to my Coast,

The vegemite on my Toast;

The sea to the sand,

The beer in my hand;

The thong to my foot,

The Ronda to my Kutut;

The kanga to my Roo,

The BB to my Q;

The wi to my fi,

The sauce to my pie;

The harbour to my bridge,

The lamingtons in my fridge;

The heat to my rash,

The grog to my stash;

The Holden to my Ute,

Australia you're beaut!"



## JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year!

Instead of resolutions this year I am thinking about my habits, and how I can bring them more fully

into line with my beliefs and values.

Basically I believe that God put me on this planet to love Him; to love and serve others; and to care well for my physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational health.

One habit that compromises my values is very long standing, and is my target for 2023.

Since the age of twelve I have daily enjoyed regular cups of tea.

This habit associates so many happy things – comfort, human connection, a little boost of energy, a reward for having completed any number of tasks, and just a welcome home. It is absolutely available and reliable, with very few calories. It is not any significant threat to my health, but it is something in which I feel stuck.

Rather than “de-caffeinating” as I have termed my occasional efforts in the past, I am approaching this first to win the battle in my mind.

Until recently I have believed that caffeine is a great friend. But having invited the friend in to stay I realise it has no respect for boundaries, and is actually quite bossy – relentlessly demanding my attention at least three times a day! It has recently begun to impact on the quality of my sleep, and often gives me a “sour” stomach. I am going on a mission trip to the remote areas of the Philippines in May, where having to have my 3 cups of strong tea every day with milk will be a nuisance!

So what kind of person will I be when I kick out this “friend” that has overstayed its welcome?

I have been fairly habitual for a lot of years about choosing healthy food options.

I will now be the kind of person who chooses healthy drink options.

I began the process of weaning myself on January 2, and by making very small changes, that should be completed by January 20.

Not for a break this time but as my new lifestyle.

What kind of habits will I create, and how will I set myself up to succeed?

I will need to have a storage place for caffeinated supplies, out of sight, so I don't scare away my friends and family!

I will have herbal infusions in the easy-to-reach tea-making zone.

I will sample the healthier options at Coffee Shops

I will make sure I have enough calcium.

I will find other ways to “reward” myself for completing tasks, and stay patiently “in the task” rather than rushing to get it over with.

Now I have put this out there, I am accountable!

Blessings and love, Sue

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Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

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**“The measure of a life, after all,  
is not its duration,  
but its donation.”**

*Corrie ten Boom*

## DIDJANO DPRB

The project to provide suitable and acceptable names for the 23 new roads being constructed just east of Moreton Park Road has not been completed.

However progress is being made. Some of the names on offer include Hickey Street, Golden Cap Lane, Birdseye Corner Avenue, and Bradman Avenue.

The last mentioned name, Bradman, of course relates to the late Sir Donald George Bradman, the famous Australian test cricket batsman. So what is the Bradman/Menangle connection? It is known that Bradman is certainly connected to the town of Bowral in the nearby Southern Highlands, but Menangle?

The only Bradman/Menangle connection the author could find was when the famous cricketer played a second class match against Bert Oldfield's XI at Menangle during the 1928/1929 season.

The exact date is not known to the author. Bradman only scored 6 runs on that outing. His dismissal is recorded as having been caught. It is also unknown to the author the name of the person who took the catch, nor the name of the person who bowled the ball.

It is not disputed that the cricket match was played at Menangle; but exactly whereabouts in Menangle? It is also not disputed that cricket was played on a portion of the Rotolactor paddock in the vicinity of the north eastern corner of the Menangle Road/Station Street intersection, directly north and across the road from The Store. It is very, very unlikely that Bradman played there.

For the answer we have to expand our geographical perception of the overall suburb or locality of Menangle. If we hark back to the previous issue of the Menangle News, Camden Park homestead (The Big House) is located in Menangle and within the shire of Wollondilly, just. Not far off the private road which is the prolongation of Elizabeth Macarthur Ave and which eventually intersects with Woodbridge Road at the Gate House, there is a cricket ground set in picturesque surrounds.

Again, it is very, very unlikely that this is the cricket ground where Bradman scored his 6 runs in Menangle. So just where is, or rather where was this cricket ground?

Mark Stanham was able to answer this a couple of years ago at a Camden Rotary Club Meeting. At that meeting, local cricket historian Neville Clissold spoke about the history of the Camden District Cricket Association. Menangle was one of the original clubs to participate in the formative years of the CDCA. Their home ground had the only turf wicket in the district.

Time now to reveal where Bradman scored his 6 runs.

The private road mentioned earlier crosses Navigation Creek where the LGA boundary between Camden and Wollondilly is. A short distance away in a generally easterly direction and to the right of the roadway was the location of the cricket ground.

Why isn't it there now?

Mark Stanham indicated that too often after prolonged periods of rain, the ground was just too wet for cricket to be played. Today the location is used for growing crops. If you had an old UBD street directory, Bradman in all probability scored his 6 runs at map reference No 344, F15

## CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 10th January Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429

**In 2023 we will investigate the significance of the land and people of Israel; enjoy celebrating the Feasts of the Lord; and understand how this brings us into alignment with God's purposes for the times in which we live.**

**All in the context of prayer, worship and communion.**



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am at Durham Green

If interested, please contact

President Marion Marriott (4633 9229)

Or Secretary Rosemary Menday (4633 9901).

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## Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Update



# Menangle



As busy as the Christmas/ New Year period is for our brigade, it is always one of our favourite times of the year! We had such a great time out in the community cooking the BBQ at Carols on the Hill, conducting the Santa Run and doing our annual calendar drive.

A huge thank you from the Brigade to our fantastic local community for your support of the Brigade during this time. All donations made to the brigade assist with the purchase of equipment and resources that support not only the safety of our volunteers, but also the broader community. Thank you also to Menangle Post Office for again supporting the annual Santa Run.

Thankfully there have not been any major fires in the region during the Christmas period. Residents are reminded not to be complacent though as there is a heightened risk of grass fires this season. Although there were no major fires, the brigade had a number of call-outs during December/ January; largely for motor vehicle accidents and Automated Fire Alarms. There have been a number of motor vehicle accidents in the Menangle village and on the Hume Highway. Please take care on the roads. Drive safely and to the conditions.

### 2023 Calendars

We hope that you all like the new and improved format of our 2023 Menangle Fire Brigade calendar. Thank you to all of our 2023 Calendar sponsors who have made our calendar possible!

Any Durham Green residents who missed out on a 2023 calendar can collect one from the Durham Green office where they are now available.

Anyone from outside of Durham Green who missed out on a calendar and is wishing to purchase one can message our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/menangleRFS>

### Community Engagement

In December 2022 Menangle Rural Fire Brigade, along with NSW Fire and Rescue attended a Careers Day at All Saints Catholic College to talk about firefighting as a career or volunteer opportunity.

We had a great day talking with kids about the role of the RFS and the amazing skills and knowledge you can gain as an RFS volunteer as well as the fantastic opportunity the RFS provides to give back to your local community.

While being a firefighter with the RFS isn't a career there are so many great skills that you can develop as an RFS volunteer that can help your career. These include communication skills, teamwork, leadership and decision making under pressure.

The brigade also thoroughly enjoyed our annual Santa Run. This is a Menangle township tradition that we are honoured to continue and look forward to every year!

