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Sue Peacock 0425 203 429



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5th SUNDAYS THIS YEAR.

April 30; July 30; October 29

We are hoping to welcome some of our new neighbours and invite all our old neighbours along too!!!

THOMMO'S CORNER

Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer"

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

The greener grass next door is probably just as hard to cut.

The trouble with opportunity is it always comes disguised as hard work.

Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.

A happy marriage exists when a couple is as deeply in love as it is in debt.

If we learn to laugh at ourselves, we will always have something to make us happy!



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7th Lisa Redmond

7th Maxlyn Luke

13th Graham Bell

15th Emily Rose

17th Tanida Johnson

19th Jake Kent

21st Judy Lynch

21st Sean McMullen

22nd Glen Peretin

22nd Glynnis Bell

22nd Mark Campbell

22nd Cathy Bulger



ANNIVERSARIES

5th Steve & Kerri Rochaix

9th Ernie & Jean Siddall

16th Gary & Yasmin Luke

27th Jason and Laura Burt

28th Graham and Dorothy Noyes

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: 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

FEBRUARY 2023

It takes a lot of courage
To put things in God's hands,
To give ourselves completely –
Our lives, our hopes, our plans –
To follow where He leads us
To make His will our own –
But all it takes is foolishness
To go the way alone!



Author unknown

HELPING HANDS

Every year Menangle gets better. **Thank you to everyone who supported our Australia day Event!** As many of you would be aware, we began a little project Last Australia Day to help one of our neighbours. Heavy rain was pouring into Carmel's house. Our wonderful RFS organized a Hazard Reduction day clearing out gutters and cutting back lots of overgrown shrubs. This helped enormously! We collected donations to have the massive gum tree adjacent to her house removed. Now that we have been assured of funding for this from another source, some of the donated money has been used to purchase an electric mower for Carmel to make her yard maintenance manageable. She is very grateful to you all – thank you!

MISSION TRIP

My granddaughter Maeve has talked me into going on a mission trip with Impact Nations to a couple of remote areas of the Philippines in May. The people living in these areas are very poor and their villages are impacted by typhoon damage. We take water filters and help with food distribution as well and gathering local people together for special celebration meals each evening. We tell them about the good news that Jesus loves.

We are fund raising to help Maeve, a school student, cover her costs. If you would like to make a donation please **Check out our fundraiser at** <https://www.impactnations.com/fundraisers/grammy-and-maeves-mission>

Next month I will be running a pie drive, and hoping you will all stock up your freezers with delicious Loftus Pies!

My de-caffeinating. I did not make the date I had originally planned to be "drinking caffeine-free hot drinks". But, after a short deviation, I have now made the transition. I haven't had nasty withdrawal headaches, but just a week feeling flat, and nodding off to sleep almost every time I sat down! Today I am feeling closer to normal. My thanks to those who enquired – it did make a difference.

Blessings and love, Sue



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NSW Elections Saturday March 23, 2023

Democracy means rule by the people. A democratic country has a system of government in which the people have the power to participate in decision-making.

In Australia, citizens choose representatives to make decisions on their behalf (representative democracy). A democracy relies on the participation of citizens. They participate not just by voting, but by getting involved in their community. This might be by joining a charity, a political party or an environmental or community group.

A democratic society is one that works towards the ideals of democracy:

- **Respect for individuals, and their right to make their own choices.**
- **Tolerance of differences and opposing ideas.**
- **Equity—valuing all people, and supporting them to reach their full potential.**
- **Each person has freedom of speech, association, movement and freedom of belief.**
- **Justice—treating everyone fairly, in society and in court. (Parliamentary Education Office)**

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO UPHOLD OUR
DEMOCRATIC IDEALS!

DIDJANO DPRB

Folk from Menangle and nearby gathered at our fire shed on Thursday 26th January 2023 to once again participate in Australia Day Activities. Our prime organizer, Sue Peacock, ensured that things ran smoothly. As well as the usual locals in attendance, it was good to see a smattering of new faces. As attendees mingled some informal questions were asked concerning our history and association with Australia Day celebrations. Early recollections are of locals gathering at the School of Arts in Station Street where local resident David Cutts and Donald Howard, the then Anglican minister from St James Church would read a selection of appropriate Australian poem and prose.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to people who had participated in local activities during the preceding 12 months. Light refreshments were served and consumed. By 1990, the new Fire Shed was up and running, the School of Arts building was deteriorating, and in due course our Australia Day activities moved from Station Street to Menangle Road.

It was overheard by the author on the day "Do other places in Wollondilly do this sort of thing and how many fire brigades are there in Wollondilly?"

It is not known whether other Fire Brigades host Australia Day Activities. However the second part of the question is quite easy to answer. There are 19 Bush Fire Brigades in Wollondilly Shire. In alphabetical order they are:

Appin; Bargo; Buxton; Cawdor; Douglas Park; Lakesland; Menangle; Mount Hunter; Oakdale; Orangeville/Werombi; Pheasants Nest; Picton; Silverdale; Tahmoor; The Oaks; Theresa Park; Thirmere; Wilton; and Yanderra. Wollondilly Shire is certainly a big Local Government Area. It is roughly 2560km² in area. Not all towns or villages have a Bush Fire Brigade. Belimba Park, Brownlow Hill, Glenmore, Maldon and Mowbray Park, to name just five don't have their own brigades, but are looked after by brigades from neighbouring towns and villages.

Wollondilly Shire came into being in 1906 and the name is taken from the Wollondilly River. Like many other eastern flowing rivers in New South Wales it has its origin upon the eastern slopes of the Great Dividing Range. Its source is at McAlister near Crookwell. It flows into and out of Pejar Dam. It winds its way through the Southern Highlands passing north of Joadja before flowing into Lake Burragorang. A distance of some 156 kilometers. The actual word "Wollondilly" has a few different pronunciations, spellings and leanings. It is generally accepted that the members of the Gundagurra Tribe used the word wollondilly to refer to "water trickling over rocks". Taking into account its journey through some very inhospitable, uninhabited and rocky landscapes, it is most appropriate to acknowledge this application of the word Wollondilly. It does have other meanings.

We started with a bit about Australia Day, and we will finish with another bit of Australia day that should probably be in Thommos Corner (or should that be Thomo's corner?) check your back copies. Australia became a nation on 1 January 1901.

The author's maternal grandfather was born on 4 November 1897. Technically was he actually an Australian?

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 14th February 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 February 20th
at 10.00am at Durham Green

Tony Cosgrove, a local Physio will teach us about falls prevention.

If interested, please contact

President Marion Marriott (4633 9229)

Or Secretary Rosemary Menday (4633 9901).

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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade February 2023 Update



Menangle



It was been a busy start to the year for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade. We had a number of call-outs to a diverse range of incidents including diesel spills, motor vehicle accidents, grass fires, automated fire alarms and storm clean-up.

In addition to attending call-outs in Menangle, the brigade was also called to assist with incidents in Airds, Razorback, Picton and Tahmoor.

A number of new members commenced their bush firefighter training in December/ January. If you have ever considered joining the RFS, now is a great time! You can train and complete your course with the group. Prospective members can contact the brigade via our Facebook page or attend our brigade meeting on the last Tuesday of the month for more information on how to join.

2023 Australia Day Breakfast

What a great morning it was at the annual Australia Day Breakfast!

A huge thank you to Sue and Dave- the local community members who planned and hosted the event. Thank you to our brigade volunteers for organising the BBQ and Thai curries.

A huge thank you also to the classic car owners who responded to our call for the vintage car display. We had an amazing display of vehicles. We really appreciate you all coming out and sharing your beautiful vehicles with our community.



FACT: There's an increased risk of grass fires this season!

Recent rain has caused extensive grass growth across NSW. As grass and crops dry out, they become more susceptible to fire. This means there's a **significant risk of large and destructive grass fires this season.**

There are things you can do to prepare for the risk of grass fire:

- Keep grass short. You can mow it, graze it or slash it back.
- Maintain your machinery- including mowers.
- Know where you can move your animals to safety.
- Check and maintain firefighting equipment like pumps and hoses.
- Make sure a fire truck can access your property- think about gates, bridges or obstructions.
- If you're using fire on your property, get to know the team at your local Fire Control Centre and find out if you need a permit.

