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5th SUNDAYS THIS YEAR.

Save the Date! April 30

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

THOMMO'S CORNER

CRICKET IS QUITE SIMPLE

You have two sides ... ours and theirs. One out in the field, and one in. Each man in the side that's in, goes out, and, when he's out, he comes in and the next man comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. Then when they have all been in and are all out, the side that's been in the field goes in and the side that's in goes out and tries to get out those coming in.

Sometimes you get men still in and not-out. Then when both sides have been in and out, including not-outs, that's the end of the game.It's really very simple

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MARCH 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
- 30th Natalia Mamone



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

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EDITORIAL

MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION



In 2021 I imagined one of my lavender bushes looking a bit like a peacock. So, I was inspired to make it look a bit more like a peacock including an orange hose nozzle for a beak. Brian laughed till he cried! Then all the rain came, and the inside of the lavender turned black, so I pruned it severely.

Last week my 7-year-old grandson Levi asked "Grandma, where is the peacock?" So, we got to work again and shaped another peacock out of the lavender bush. He looks quite distinguished with his pipe-cleaner crown! This inspired me to get stuck into the long overdue weeding the garden needed. I can even see a peachick in another lavender bush.... Waiting to come forth!

Inspiration is something that happens in the heart. Grandchildren are brilliant inspirers because they come with a double download of love!

Motivation, on the other hand, is something that happens in the mind. Through a process of reasoning, we determine to make a change that we think will be for the better. (e.g., new year's resolutions).

I was motivated to cut out all caffeine in preparation for the mission trip Maeve (my 16- year-old granddaughter) and I are taking to the Philippines in May. I set myself up to be accountable to you all and put my caffeinated beverages away in the pantry for visitors. And I have had a month caffeine free. The benefits I had hoped for haven't really kicked in – better sleep, more even energy levels through the day (I just have two speeds: "go" and "nod off" when I sit down!)

I still feel lost without my nice comforting cups of tea. So – in this stage of my life as I am still working through the grief of the loss of my dear husband, I am returning to a moderated version of my 50 year "normal", intending to have just two cups a day and keep them before lunch. It's the best I can manage at this stage. I trust you will all have the generosity of spirit to be kind to me.

I am, however, inspired to help raise the money Maeve needs to cover her costs for our mission trip. **Please order lots of pies!**

Remember the order date is 15th March.
Collection from the Fire Shed March 25th

Blessings and love, Sue

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm
TUESDAY 14th March
Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429

We are continuing to 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.

Meetings are held in the Durham Green Club Room
MARCH 20th MEETING IS THE AGM

APRIL MEETING Monday 17th

Guest Speaker - STEPHEN PEAD - Former Media Industry Trainer/Coach "The Lighter Side of Doing Business in India"

If interested, please contact:

President Marion Marriott (4633 9229)

Or Secretary Rosemary Menday (4633 9901).

NSW ELECTIONS March 25

We need to support good people who will fight for our democratic freedoms and protect our most vulnerable citizens. These people do.

HOUSE OF REPS: Nathaniel Smith (Lib)

SENATE: Mark Latham (One Nation) (A FIGHTER!)

Courtney Houssos (ALP)

Scott Farlow (Lib)

Robert Borsak (Shooters, Fishers and Farmers)

***Lyle Shelton** is running for Senate and he is a FIGHTER!

More info:

[New South Wales State Election \(nswvotes.org.au\)](http://New South Wales State Election (nswvotes.org.au))

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Every now and then the name Menangle is mentioned in the news, in print or in oral recollections by former and current resident. From as early as 1795, Menangle can be linked to something or someone of importance, significance, or uniqueness. Gilbulla, Camden Park, The Store and St James Anglican Church come to mind.

In 1952 the Rotolactor was introduced to the district. It was an idea brought to Australia by Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Macarthur-Onslow. It operated for approximately 30 years. In an undated publication that recently came to light the author came upon a snippet with the title in large bold print: **JOHN MACARTHUR'S FAMILY ARE SELLING A TOWN.**

Guestimates put the article being composed in the 1960's as land area is described in acres, not hectares and prices are described in pounds (£) not dollars (\$). More research is being done to define the date of the publication.

The sleepy little village of Menangle, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, stirred momentarily the other week, sat up with a start, then rolled over and went back to sleep again.

This was the reaction of its people to the news their historic little nook would probably go under the auctioneer's hammer. "History for Sale" said the headline which announced preparations to subdivide part of pioneer John Macarthur's 9,000-acre Camden Park Estate.

It was the first news the 500 residents of the district had heard of the scheme – although to most the Estate is their own little world. Surrounding and including Menangle it is worth more than £1 million (pounds) at current land values.

There is quite a bit more information in the article, however the contents of the final two paragraphs may bring a smile to the faces of our readers. The article concludes with the following: *But the people of Menangle do not hurry things. While subdivision plans are still uncertain, they are going along with their daily work. They feel there is no need for them to worry about the future of John Macarthur's land – after such a long and stable past.* (End of article)

How times have changed. Now we do worry about subdivisions and their impacts upon our environment. Returning to the structures and people linked to Menangle. We have the railway bridge over the Nepean River. The bridge dates back to 1862. More recently we have the Rubens, described as "An Australian Alternative Rock Band from Menangle". The current Captain of the Australian Rugby League team, the Kangaroos, is James Tedesco whose mother's maiden name is Finn, as in Finns Rd, and in all probability to Patrick Finn a pioneer settler.

Returning to the Railway bridge or as it is referred to in a publication dated 18 June 1963 "Menangle Viaduct". Recently the Editor and the Author enjoyed some time at The Store with three older residents of the district. Some of the discussion centred around jumping from the Rail Bridge into the river. The "Jumper" recalled doing this dare devil act after a prolonged period of rain and the surface level of the river was considerably higher than during periods of normal flow. This led the author to do a little research about the history of our unique Railway Bridge/viaduct, and that information should be forthcoming in a future edition of the Menangle News.

WHAT'S IN THAT TOWER? ST JAMES MENANGLE



Menangle village has the rare distinction of containing a peal of bells in its church tower. This distinction is usually reserved for capital cities and large towns.

St James tower contains eight bells ranging in weight from 138 kgs to 380 kgs and are in the key of A.

The bells are rung by the English method with a large

wooden wheel attached to the bell and a rope going to the level below the bells where the ringers stand. The bells turn through 360 degrees and each bell requires a bell ringer, (i.e. to ring eight bells, you need eight bell ringers). There is only one new bell cast for the peal and that is bell 4, (2003), six bells

coming from other UK churches, (one of these cast in 1806), bell number 3 was on a buoy in the ocean around England. They are a fine sounding peal of bells.

THE NAMES OF THE BELLS are from lightest, treble bell to heaviest, the tenor bell:

1 St Peter, 2 St Luke, 3 St Barnabas, 4 St James, 5 St Paul, 6 St John, 7 St Andrew, 8 St Jerome.

WHEN WE RING

We ring most Sundays 9.30 to 10.00 am and usually practice on Wednesday evenings 6.00 to 7.30 pm. Apart from ringing on Sundays we also ring for special occasions: ANZAC Day, Australia Day and weddings.



A special day being called "Ring for the King" is coming on the 6th May 2023 for the Coronation of King Charles 111.

If you would like to learn to ring, we are currently recruiting, lessons are free. It is a very interesting hobby requiring physical and mental ability.

Please feel free to contact:

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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade March 2023 Update



Menangle



Whilst February was a quiet month for the Menangle Rural Fire Brigade, we have had a busy start to March, with four callouts in the first week, including three callouts in one 24-hour period. These callouts included an Automated Fire Alarm, a motor vehicle accident, a medical assist and a house fire.

Although we have had a quiet fire season so far in Wollondilly, the risk of fire is ongoing. Be sure to monitor Fire Danger Ratings to ensure you are aware of any restrictions or risks impacting Menangle.

Thank you to South 32 for their Recent Grant to the Brigade

Rural Fire Brigade would like to thank South 32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal for their recent grant to the brigade as part of their Community Partnership Program (CPP). The grant funding was used to purchase a new Lawn Mower for the brigade.

Our volunteers mow the grass at the station. The new mower will allow us to get this done much quicker and more safely, allowing us more time to focus on important tasks such as training, maintaining firefighting equipment and engaging with the community.



Hazards Near Me NSW' App

Over more than a decade, the RFS Fires Near Me NSW app has become a trusted source of information about bush fires in NSW. The app has now been upgraded and expanded to show flood incidents, with information provided by the State Emergency Service. The new version of the App is called 'Hazards Near Me NSW'.

Over time, more hazards will be added to the app, and additional features will be added.

The display of emergency information in a multi-hazard app was a recommendation of the recent Flood Inquiry, and the expansion of Fires Near Me into Hazards Near Me NSW builds upon the success and user base of the RFS app.

We encourage all residents to ensure that you have updated your App. Keep an eye on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/menangleRFS> for more information about Hazards Near Me NSW.

