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## **ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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## **ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

## **SALVATION ARMY HOME CHURCH**

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@ 10 Station St

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429



## **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024**

To add some fun to next year's Australia Day Breakfast the Menangle News is once again inviting people to nominate neighbours for Awards.

Start taking note of people who contribute to the rich tapestry of our Menangle Community!

## **THOMMO'S CORNER**

When I was in class 7 I used to ask a lot of questions...! One day I asked my English Teacher "Why do we ignore some letters in pronunciation e.g. the letter H in hour, honour, etc.???"

My English teacher said "We are not ignoring them, they are silent. (I was even more confused!)"

During the lunch break my Teacher gave me her packed lunch and asked me to heat it up in the Cafeteria.

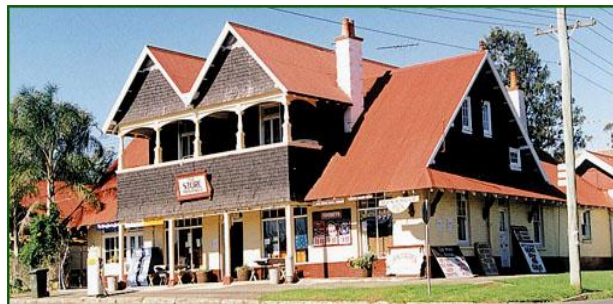
I ate all the food and returned her the empty container

My English Teacher: "What happened? I told you to go and HEAT my food, you are returning me an empty container."

I replied "Madam, I thought the 'H' was silent!"

## **THE STORE MENANGLE**

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|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Steve Charles           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Troy Mealing            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Lauren Bell             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Stuart Leigh Baxter     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Siobhan Burt            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Bill Irving             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Ernie                   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Lily Margin             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Kate Porteous           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Tiarne Holz             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Rowan Shiner            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Nicholas Lamrock-George |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Christine               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Cameron Halfpenny       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Sky Samantha Kyle       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Edward McDonald         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Abe Peacock             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Unchalee Thompson       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Ethan Campbell          |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Kerry Charles           |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Steve                   |

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

29<sup>th</sup> Esmond and Winnie Lau

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Please help me keep this up to date

## UNDERSTANDING THESE TIMES

The day of Pentecost has become very famous in Church circles and is seen by most as the birth of the Christian Church. Following Holy week, Jesus stayed visiting His disciples for 40 days, teaching them about the Kingdom of God, and then went back to heaven. Before He left, He said to them to wait in Jerusalem for what the Father promised: an outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that they would be filled with both the presence of God and the power of God, and they would carry the good news of the Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

Then we read in Acts:2 that on the Day of Pentecost – ten days after Jesus ascended to Heaven – this very thing happened and the disciples began to testify fearlessly to the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is the only way to heaven, and that everyone needs to receive God's forgiveness personally, and put their trust in Jesus.

The impact of this first outpouring led to thousands of transformed lives as people began to follow Jesus and live for God's glory.

Two centuries later the good news has reached almost every nation, but not many nations have been transformed by it. Till now.

There is a movement of prayer in the International Church – estimated at one hundred million people – praying for Israel, uniting in the Isaiah 62 Global Prayer and Fasting for Israel from May 7 – 28.

What has inspired Mike Bickle and several thousand ministries (Including Canberra Declaration in Aus) to do this now?

Because the death of Queen Elizabeth ended an era, and God's plan switched up a notch.

The Era of the King has now begun. In the natural realm King Charles has been crowned, as a shadow of a much, much greater reality.

The great King, the King of the Jews, the King of Israel, The Saviour of the World, the Head of the Church, Jesus, is being crowned with glory and honour all around the world during these 21 days.

A Second Pentecost is promised through Peter, quoting the prophet Joel "And in the last days it shall be' God declares, 'that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.'" Acts 2:17

We have a small measure of this now, but the transformation measure will come when we pray with one accord, on the same day, for a Second Pentecost.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 may be just that day!

Blessings and Love, Sue

**Isaiah 62: 1**

*For Zion's sake I will not be silent,*

*And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,*

*Until her righteousness and vindication go forth as brightness,*

*And her salvation goes forth like a burning torch.*

## CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

13<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429

Aglow is an international, interdenominational Christian movement in over 170 nations.

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and encourage each other, remember Jesus by celebrating communion together, and always have a delicious afternoon tea.



## MEN'S SHED

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Contact Allan Webb: 46339886; 0409 246 117

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Tuesday between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Dean McGrath Park Station St.

Also check out **Wollondilly Library website**

## 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 10.00 am till 12.00pm **MAY MEETING Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Guest Speaker Greg Woodward, Royal Flying Doctor Service

If interested, please contact:

President David Llewellyn 46263460

Or Secretary Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

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## DIDJANO DPRB

We finished last month with information that the Menangle Rail Bridge over the Nepean River and the adjoining flood plain was tested on 29 June 1863, and that the bridge received the tick of approval. The testing equipment was 2 engines (probably Stephenson 0-4-2s), with a train consisting of 20 trucks, a total weight of 290 tons. The whole project was considered a work of some note, highlighted by the fact that on the Queen's Birthday (May 24) 1863 and before it was officially opened, an excursion train was run to Menangle to enable the public to view the work.

Other excursion trains followed, and they finished their runs at Picton. A bridge of similar design was constructed over the Nepean River near Penrith in 1867.

Give or take a day or two here and there, the Menangle Bridge is 160 years old. During that time there have been enhancements, improvements and repairs to the bridge. A major change with the structure was undertaken in the 1930s when the viaduct was strengthened by the addition of "web plates". This enabled or permitted the operation of the 57 class engines in the freight service to Goulburn.

The bridge has occasionally made the headlines, particularly on 12 December 1975. On that date a goods train derailed, and considerable damage was done. Much of the actual box girder iron bridge was damaged as were some of the sandstone structures. Part of the cargo that day was a consignment of motor cars, brand new Holdens including the then state of the art the HJ Statesman. A real mess. As some of the cargo was so badly damaged and would not be able to be repaired, a number of vehicles were offloaded from the bridge onto the ground below. The cars on the ground were joined by parts of the rolling stock, pieces of the bridge and also some railway lines with varying degrees of damage.

The cleanup took a considerable amount of time, and the main focus was to repair the structure so that normal rail movements could be restored. Unfortunately, the attention to removing items left on the ground seemed to be never ending.

Obviously the large and noticeable items were removed as would be expected. However other items such as smaller chunks of sandstone and some actual rail line remained buried and hidden from sight by grass and other foliage for years.

It is timely to recall that the entire structure from the north in Menangle Park to Menangle in the south embraces two local government areas, Campbelltown and Wollondilly, the boundary being the river.

The actual derailment was in Menangle Park and therefore the ground cleanup within the Nepean Reserve was, in part, a job for Campbelltown Council employees. Sometime way back in the late 1970s or early 1980s the author retrieved a 30cm length railway line from the vicinity of one of the sandstone piers. Today it serves the purpose of an anvil, and it adorns a shelf the author maintains with numerous other items of rusting metal. How much does a 30cm length of railway line weigh?

Answer next month.



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### MENANGLE SCHOOL OF ARTS update

It is so exciting to see demolition underway on the old Community Hall in the hands of our very own Jim Nelson. We are hoping our project will be completed in one year. Having sat in disrepair and unused for a decade, it is good to begin to dream about the community activities that will be possible. Playgroup for one – this was such a blessing to me when I had preschoolers, and not too much wisdom about childraising. My generation had been brought up with the adult-centric philosophy of "spare the rod and spoil the child" and "children should be seen and not heard".

But we were 'educated' and I think we lost our way a bit as the pendulum swung to families being child-centric. I hope the present generation will find a nice even middle ground! Playgroup was actually the inspiration for the "Menangle News" when we looked at how we might 'build community'.

Regular weekly events, dances, concerts, and celebrations of all kinds!

How about an Historical Society?

Line Dancing anyone?

How about Physical Culture?

Start to imagine!!!

# Menangle Rural Fire Brigade May 2023 Update



**Menangle**



April was a very quiet month for the Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with only two call-outs in April and one in the first week of May. This provided the brigade with time to carry out a long overdue working-bee at the fire station and to plan for upcoming Hazard Reduction activities in the area.

## Annual General Meeting

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade will be holding our Annual General Meeting at 7pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the brigade station on Menangle Road, Menangle. This will be a very special night for the brigade where we will be recognising long serving volunteers, who will be presented with Long Service medals.

An invitation is extended to all community members to join us at the AGM.

## End of the Bushfire Danger Period and Permission to Burn Requirements

The 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 saw the end of the Bush Fire Danger Period for the Southern Highlands, which means fire permits issued by the RFS are not currently required.

There are however, still a number of requirements for land holders to undertake before conducting a pile burn.

You must obtain a 'General Approval to Burn' from Wollondilly Shire Council. For more information visit:

<https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/home/features/burning-off/> or call 4677 1100.

You must also notify the NSW RFS at least 24 hours before undertaking the pile burn by visiting:

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify)

Finally, please notify your adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours before undertaking the pile burn. This will help people with chronic health conditions and also prevent unnecessary calls to 000.

Some important things to keep in mind to ensure you are 'burning off' safely include:

- **Check weather conditions like the fire danger rating, wind and temperature.** Permits may be suspended during bad conditions. If there's a total fire ban, no fire is allowed out in the open.
- **Make sure you're using fire safely.** Check your permit for any special conditions. Ensure you have a cleared area around any material you're burning and monitor conditions closely.
- **If the fire gets out of control, call Triple Zero.** It's important that you monitor the fire and have firefighting equipment on hand. If you have any problems, call Triple Zero (000) immediately
- **After the fire, extinguish the fire and monitor it.** Keep an eye on the material or area you've been burning and call Triple Zero (000) if the fire causes any concern.

If you would assistance from the brigade to conduct a pile burn please message us via our Facebook page or email: [rfsmenangle@hotmail.com](mailto:rfsmenangle@hotmail.com). You can also call the local Fire Control Centre on (02) 4677 7000.

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