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Next Free Sausage Sizzle

Sunday July 23rd

12pm – 2pm

at Dean McGrath Park in Station St.

Donations of clothing can be brought to this event.

Looking forward to meeting more of our new neighbours!

THOMMO'S CORNER

A man was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a magazine. "What was that for?" he asked.

That was for the piece of paper in your trouser pocket with the name Laura Lou written on it." She replied.

Two weeks ago, I was at the races, Laura Lou was the name of one of the horses I bet on, I bought you those flowers with the winnings" he explained. "Oh darling, I'm sorry" she said, "I should have known there was a good explanation."

Three days later he was watching the TV when she walked up and hit him on the head again, this time with a frying pan which knocked him out cold.

When he came to, he asked "What was that for?" "Your horse phoned!"

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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17th Peter Wright
19th Brodie Mealing
21st Vincent Mamone
24th Dave Black
25th Elizabeth Cross
27th Esmond Lau
28th Rick Mamone
30th Rhiannon



Email susan.peacock2@gmail.com to have your birthday or anniversary included!

And please let me know if people have moved away, or passed away.



Thank you, Mirvac, for sponsoring the printing of this issue of the Menangle News.

Land in Village Glen, Stage 2A is now registered.

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Back in January I declared my intention to decaffeinate and began what has turned into a journey of self-discovery! It is a bumpy road with detours built in! A few weeks ago, I even joined a couple of zoom sessions run by CAFAA (Caffeine Addicts Anonymous) to glean encouragement. Very helpful, but they require zero caffeine intake which is a little bit extreme even for me.

In the big scheme of things does it really matter? I will leave you to ponder that!

Recently I heard a message on suffering by Dr Larry Crabb. He explains that each one of us is living out our story, and at the same time God is working out His Higher Story. **The challenge is to make sure we are living the higher version of our story and displaying the beautiful character of Jesus especially in the tough times.**

He gives a graphic illustration from his battles with cancer. After a treatment, he was catheterised and spent a week in hospital, at which time the catheter was removed. Unbeknownst to Larry the medication he normally used to make passing urine possible had been omitted from his meds for the week. In the agony of urinary retention, realising what had happened, when he was finally found on the floor of his bathroom, he had a choice. He would have been completely justified to rip shreds off the nursing staff and make the biggest fuss. But he chose to exercise patience and grace and speak kindly, and just grunt as he was catheterised again.

I have spent a week pondering this and am reminded yet again, that as a follower of Jesus, I most display His character when I am patient and kind. Interestingly St. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians "Love is patient and kind" and St John writes "God is love". Being patient with myself is often a bigger challenge than being patient with others, but it is essential if we are to learn how to love ourselves in a good way.

What if practicing patience is the key to the abundant life Jesus promised, that positions us to live in His love?

Blessings and love, Sue

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm
11th July



Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429
Aglow is an international, interdenominational Christian movement in over 170 nations.

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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
NEXT MEETING Monday July 17th

Guest Speaker Mark Bundy sharing some interesting historical stories about the iconic Rookwood Cemetery

If interested, please contact:

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Signs, signs, and yet more signs. Don't do this, don't do that, give way here, stop there, and on it goes!

To answer last month's poser, the detour sign to regulate certain heavy vehicle movements upon Menangle Road towards Menangle from Douglas Park, is erected just shy of the Finns Road/Menangle Rd intersection. It displays a black-coloured D in a yellow-coloured background and is rectangular in shape.

Much has been written about our district in previous issues of the Menangle News. However, there is still a little bit more out there that highlights our "differentness" compared with other localities within Wollondilly Shire.

To lead into that, we should look at the meaning of the word demography. It comes from the combination of "demo" meaning people, population or common people. The second part "graphy" is a word element denoting some process or form of drawing representing writing, recording, describing, etc., of an art or science concerned with a particular thing as in biography, choreography, geography, and the list goes on.

For demographic purposes, our shire has 33 areas with Appin first on the list alphabetically, and Yerranderie last on the list.

The 33 areas are grouped into 13 districts and for demographic purposes Menangle is aligned with Razorback.

The information on the Shire database is sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the most recent information is accurate up until 2021.

As categories, generally in blocks of 5 years such as 15 years to 19 years, 40 years to 44 years and so on. Menangle's population uniqueness within the Shire is evident when the details of 4 age groups are examined. In the 85years and older group Menangle has a percentage of 5.2 whilst the Shire's percentage is only 1.4.

In the 75years to 79years our percentage is 6.1 and the Shire percentage is 2.8.

In the 80years to 84years our percentage is 4.5 and the Shire percentage is 1.8.

Come to Menangle and Razorback and live longer! One interesting age group is the 30 years to 34 years group where our percentage is only 3.2 whereas the Shire percentage is twice that at 6.4.

By now our readers should have worked out that the residents at 153 Menangle Rd have contributed significantly to our higher numbers in the older groups. Thank you, Durham Green!

Before signing off, earlier in this issue it was indicated that our Shire has 33 areas, alphabetically Appin to Yerranderie.

Two commence with the letter "D". One is Douglas Park. What is the other?



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MENANGLE SCHOOL OF ARTS update

Demolition is now completed, the silky oak at the back of the block and the old concrete septic tanks have been removed, and construction should be starting very soon.



This is a design concept diagram.

Having only ever lived in houses built by others it has been eye-opening to wade through the preconstruction process. All you new-home builders have my greatest respect for enduring the trials of that and persevering with your build! We are so sorry to learn that thieves have visited some of your building sites and the set-backs that has caused.

Let's keep up our neighbourhood watch!

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade News



Menangle



Menangle Rural Fire Brigade has had a quiet period in terms of call-outs in recent months, however our members have been busy undertaking and completing a number of training courses:

- Martin Scott completed chainsaw training.
- Nathan Scott completed Advanced Firefighting and obtained his truck licence.
- Tiffany Heyman completed Village Firefighting.

Congratulations to these members. Thank you for your commitment to the brigade and your community.

New Members

Welcome to Menangle Rural Fire Brigade's newest member Dylan who completed his bush firefighter course in June 2023. See you on the fireground Dylan!

Did you know there's a variety of different roles within the [#NSWRFS](#), not just firefighting? Our members undertake a number of support roles, including communications, catering and logistical support. There is also Wollondilly Support Brigade who provides vital support by maintaining equipment, catering, community engagement, delivering supplies and assisting during hazard reduction and major incidents.

If you've ever wanted to support your community, why not join your local Brigade. For more information visit our website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/join or come along to our next monthly brigade meeting on Tuesday 25th July, 2023.



Electric Blanket Safety

During the cold Winter months many of us are unpacking our electric blankets, and while these are a great option to keep us warm at night, they can pose a fire risk if they are damaged or older than five years. To ensure your electric blanket is safe and prevent a fire in your home:

- Replace electric blankets that are more than five years old.
- Test your electric blanket before use by laying it on top of your bed, looking for scorch marks, feeling the internal wires for any abnormalities and inspecting cords/controls for damage. Turn it on for 5 minutes and then feel for any uneven hot spots. If you notice any of the above the electric blanket should be replaced.
- Always tie the electric blanket to the mattress using the tapes provided, and smooth out any wrinkles or creases.
- Never wash or dry clean an electric blanket unless the manufacturer's instructions indicate that it is a "washable" type which can be laundered. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never leave clothes piled on an electric blanket if it is switched on - this can cause overheating and scorching.
- Ready to pack your electric blanket away? Roll it for storage, folding can cause damage.
- Electric blankets are not designed to be used while sleeping. Consider adding additional bedding to keep warm if needed