

# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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## ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Enquiries:**

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**Sunday Services: 8.30 am and 10.00 am.**

**10.00 am service is live streamed at**

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### **MUSIC TIME:**

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Rectory Lower Room,  
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**6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month**

## SALVATION ARMY HOME CHURCH

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**@ 10 Station St**

**Sue Peacock 0425 203 429**



**We extend our sympathy to the family of Fred Skinner**, a well-known local who lived in Riversford Close, and prior to that Durham Green. Fred died on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. Fred grew up on a market garden on the Nepean River in Camden and during his business life installed many refrigeration plants (including Menangle Creamery) and many commercial and domestic air conditioning units. I will miss the little chats we had when Fred was out and about in his wheelchair.

## **THOMMO'S CORNER**

A man and woman are sitting on their porch drinking beer.

The man says, "I love you."

The woman says, "Is that you talking or the beer talking?"

The man says, "That's me talking to the beer!"

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## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coopa
- 4<sup>th</sup> Samuel Black
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ella McGrath
- 5<sup>th</sup> Adeline Betty Howard
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Holz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Doug Worthington
- 11<sup>th</sup> Taylor Haines
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sue Peacock
- 17<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Anderson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Steve McGrath
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Meredith Cross
- 24<sup>th</sup> Megan Ashton
- 25<sup>th</sup> John Rowells
- 26<sup>th</sup> Karen McFarlane
- 26<sup>th</sup> Lilian Borg
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jasmine Haines

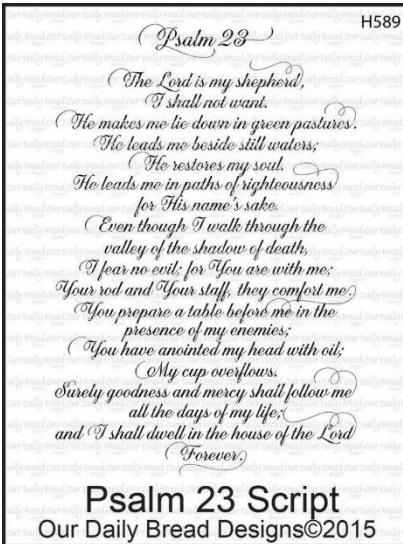


Thank you, Mirvac, for sponsoring the printing of this issue of the Menangle News.

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

## A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

It has been said that 2023 is the year that **the world is undergoing Psalm 2:1-3** *“Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.” while believers are invited to abide more and more in Psalm 23.*



Two quite difficult days recently – a day studying Grief at my Chaplaincy Course, and a week later Brian’s birthday - directed my thoughts to v 4. *“... I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff comfort me.”*

We understand and experience God’s

presence protecting us from all evil, but I wonder how God’s rod and staff comfort us?

As I picture Moses holding God’s Rod over the Red Sea, I see the authority and power of God mightily displayed – the very wind and waves obey him. Similarly, when Jesus arose in the boat and rebuked the wind and said to the sea “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:39) there is that same authority and power.

Is it stretching a point to suggest that the “Rod” Jesus extended over the wind and waves is His spoken Word?

As He commanded Peter “Come”, His Word made the way for Peter to walk on the water. (Matthew 14:29)

So, if God’s Word makes our way, how does His Staff partner with His Word to comfort us? The shepherd’s staff is the crook that he uses to keep the sheep on the path, to hook them to safety, to direct them, to move them and to settle them. Sounds a lot like the beautiful Holy Spirit to me!

I am comforted by the Rod: the authority and power of God’s Word in partnership with the Staff: The Holy Spirit; keeping my life in alignment with God’s will and way for my life!

Blessings and love, Sue



## CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> August



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

We have friendly, lively bible discussions, pray for and encourage each other, remember Jesus by celebrating communion together, and always have a delicious afternoon tea.

## 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 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 August 21st**

Guest Speaker: Nick Donato talking about longevity, well-being and health.

If interested, please contact:

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520

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## DIDJANO DPRB

In the last issue it was indicated that of the 33 Areas within our Shire two commence with the letter D.

One is Douglas Park and the other is Darkes Forest. Somewhat like Yerranderie, Darkes Forest is often overlooked as an area within the boundaries of our Shire. Parts of it are also within the boundary or boundaries of the City of Wollongong. Darkes Forest has a small population of just over 100. A feature of the area from around 1890 was the suitability for growing stone fruits and apples, just like Nattai and Oakdale at the opposite side of the shire.

Recently some local residents visited the site of the new airport at Badgery's Creek, AKA Western Sydney Airport and AKA Nancy-Bird Walton Airport. Take your pick.

Discussion moved onto flight paths and would there be any impact upon the Village of Menangle. At the time of writing, it would appear not, however, you never know. This raised the question of the flight path that is over our village but does not impact upon the residents or the environment. Especially from late afternoon and into mid evening, air traffic is most conspicuous due to the lights on the inbound planes being quite visible.

One of the very simple and enjoyable late afternoon pastimes the author has is to watch the procession of inbound planes. Unlike the late John Evans who would record train and plane movements, the author simply observes. However way back in 2002, curiosity did get the better of the author who posed a handful of questions to a Qantas flight crew member. The author's questions and the responses are presented as follows:

Q1 At what point do you usually turn the landing lights on?

A1 Qantas procedure (no legal requirement) is that the outboard landing lights are turned on at 10,000 feet for collision avoidance day and night. At night further landing lights are switched on at about 500 feet.

Q2 Height going over Menangle?

A2 Depends on aircraft type (glide ratio), wind, air traffic control, runway being used. Usually there is a requirement for us to be at or below 9,000 feet at 20 nautical miles from Sydney. Menangle is about 25 NM from Sydney and typically would be at about 10,000 to 13,000 feet over here on a standard profile.

Q3 Approximate speed?

A3 Boeing 767 descent speed is 320 knots (200 series) or 300 kts (300 series), but Air Traffic Control usually requires that we decelerate to 250 kts by 10,000 feet, therefore typically over Menangle we would have started to slow down and would be approximately 280 kts indicated airspeed (In excess of 600 kph).

Q4 If there is/are more than one aircraft what would separation be?

A4 Separation provided by radar, minimum of 1,000 feet vertical separation. Lateral separation varies. We are required to ensure the aircraft is maintained at least 500 feet above the lower limit of controlled airspace.

So there you have it, as provided by Colin Burns, the son of the late Judith Douglas; a past resident of Gilbulla and 133 Menangle Road, Menangle.



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## August 1<sup>st</sup>, HORSES' BIRTHDAY



In the Southern Hemisphere we celebrate on the 1st of August but in the Northern Hemisphere the horses' birthday is considered the 1st of January.

These dates were chosen to coincide with the start of the breeding / foaling season.

Originally this came about in the thoroughbred and standardbred racing industries. The reasoning was because horses were placed in races according to their age, so it was therefore easier to have all horse's birthdate deemed as August 1st of the year they were born.

Although it began in the racing industries, these days many breeds and competitions consider August 1st the horses birthday. It was decided to do it this way to alleviate confusion and to have overall fairness in competition.

Bec (2020) *Why August the first is every horses birthday - the vet-N-pet blog, n.* Available at: <https://blog.vetnpetdirect.com.au/happy-birthday-horses/> (Accessed: 06 August 2023).

There are any number of "International Days" – I share my birthday with my sister Kate who is 2 years older, as well as with International Youth Day and World Elephant Day! (And no doubt a million other people!)

Just google "International Awareness Days" for more info.



## Menangle Rural Fire Brigade News August 2023 update



**Menangle**



After a quiet start to Winter, Menangle Rural Fire Brigade had an extremely busy month in July, 2023.

The Brigade received 12 call-outs for the month of July for a range of events including diesel spills, grass fires, pile burns, automated fire alarms and structure fires. Sadly, one call-out was a structure fire at the historic Creamery building in Menangle. The damage to the building was a sad sight for our members, as it was for all residents in the village.

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade along with Fire and Rescue NSW and neighbouring RFS Brigades attended a Pre-Incident Planning event at the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute in Menangle. This provided First Responders with a familiarisation tour of the facility, a briefing on the Automated Fire Alarm System and the opportunity to identify some of the potential risks on the site. Activities such as these are invaluable during emergency times.

### Hazard Reduction Activities

In addition to callouts the Brigade has participated in two Hazard Reduction burns- one at Razorback and another in The Hills District.

Hazard reduction activities will be continuing throughout the lead-up to the 2023/24 bushfire season both in Wollondilly and across the state as favourable weather conditions allow prescribed burning to be undertaken.

Throughout the coming months the brigade has planned a number of pile burns on private property in Menangle and Camden Park.

Be sure to download Hazards Near Me so that you are aware of Hazard Reduction Burns are taking place in your area.



**Congratulations to Deputy Captain Brenton Nicholson who was awarded his Ten-Year Long Service Medal in July, 2023.**

### Get Ready Weekend 2023

When: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Time: 10am- 2pm

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade's annual Get Ready Open Day will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please join us at the Menangle Rural Fire Station for a fun day of activities, jumping castle, a BBQ and some great information to help you prepare for the fire season.