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SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Postponed till next year. We are very sorry for disappointment and inconvenience.

We are all a bit snowed under (so to speak!)

THOMMO'S CORNER

So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says: "Is this Whiskey?" Elmer says: "Yeth, but not as whiskey as wobbing a bank!!"



Bring your family and friends along for the grand opening of this new community park where you can enjoy the brand-new playground and open lawn area.

A raffle will be held on the day to support the Rural Fire Service.

FREE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE



BBQ



Petting zoo



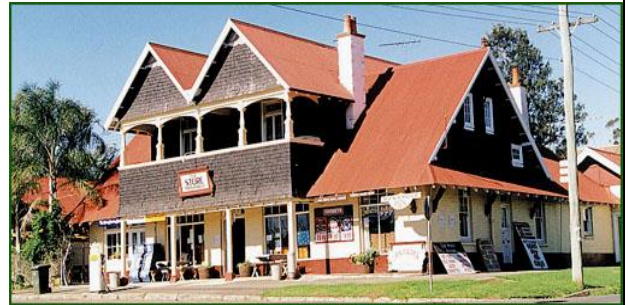
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jessica Foulks
6th Shirley Maher,
6th Pauline Peretin
15th John Redmond
16th Conner McFarlane
17th Peter Foulks
18th Laura Taylor,
18th Indyana Worthington
23rd Gary Luke
25th James Collison,
26th Melissa Lamrock
26th Frances Warner
30th Jacqueline Bell
30th Jessica McNevin



ANNIVERSARIES

9th Meredith and Stephen Cross
12th Natalie and Sean McMullen
24th Peter and Sharon Foulks
Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: susan.peacock2@gmail.com



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

Hello Dear Readers,

One of my favourite things about October is celebrating Beersheba Day on the 31st.

Club Menangle, along with the Australian Army have created a beautiful photographic display recording the history of this training ground of the Australian Lighthorse, (and the Camel Corp).

Also, a memorial garden is set in the lovely grounds of the Club including a water feature to represent the unique contribution of the Australian Light Horse Regiments to the allied victory in the Middle East during WW1.

You may have also noticed the dramatic monument opposite



**BEERSHEBA DAY
CEREMONY & BREAKFAST
Tuesday 31 October 2023**

6.45 am for a 7.00 a.m. ceremony followed by breakfast. Book at [Beersheba Day Breakfast & Ceremony at Trackside - Club Menangle](#)

Menangle Country Club that has been constructed. It really is a big deal!

Prior to the famous 800 Light Horsemen charging into the teeth of the Turkish guns on October 31st, 1917, our soldiers had really been used as cannon fodder by the British Military. Up till then desert warfare required each little unit of four soldiers to ride their horses to the battleground and dismount, the horses were taken out of the way by one and the other three advanced on foot with rifles.

The situation had grown extreme, horses had been without water for 36 hours, and it was either capture Beersheba or withdraw in defeat for the 3rd time. Many horses would die attempting to travel a further 12 hours to the nearest water.

Lieutenant General Harry Chauvel knew that his mounted troops could assault Beersheba and capture the water wells. An historic charge took place at sunset led by Brigadier General William Grant. The 4th and 12th Lighthorse regiments, crested the slope of the wadi and rode over 6km, the last 2km at full gallop, with bayonets extended, cleared the trenches and captured not only the town and the wells, but many Turkish soldiers.

AND this action in the Middle East led to the formation of the modern nation of Israel precipitating what Christians believe is the "End Times" described in the bible as the time just before Jesus comes back.

No one knows the time or the hour, but we can recognise by the signs that the time is drawing near, and we need to be ready.

What must we do? Tell people that God loves them and will forgive all their shortfall when they surrender their lives to Jesus and live to serve this God of love wholeheartedly.

Blessings and love,

Sue

NEXT CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

October 10th

Enquiries Sue:

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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.

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 October 16th

This is a special meeting to celebrate Probus Month. Our entertainer will be Roland Storm and we have a very special morning tea. Wear the Probus Colours: yellow and blue!

If interested, please contact:

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520

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In the August 2023 Newsletter we were provided with information about aircraft passing over our village. The responses to the 4 questions contained information represented in feet, nautical miles, knots, and kilometres per hour.

It caused a reader to enquire why some information was presented in the metric form and others in the imperial form. The reader also posed the query about measurement terminology that is no longer in use or used sparingly by older members of our communities.

That query got the author on the trail of forgotten terminology and also, how far back in time to go to look for answers and information - how about the Bible for starters. Way back in time God commanded Noah to build an ark, made from cypress wood and from memory the units were cubits. Generally, one cubit was based on the distance from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. However, the distance varied according to who was doing the measuring. For the purpose of this publication, let us agree that it was 18" to 20" in length. The metric equivalent is approximately 45.5cm to 51.0 cm.

The enquirer was actually looking for information more recent than that used by Noah; something his grandparents would have used around the time of Federation. Most of the readers would remember that decimal currency was introduced on the 14th February 1966, but what about other measurements and terminology for distances, weights and land measurements.

Where to start?

The late Aub Moore from Glenmore used to refer to the length of fencing done on the family farms, in chains, never feet, yards or metres. What is a chain? A surveyor's chain is 66 feet long or in metric terms 20.1168 metres. That is also the length of a cricket pitch. However, an engineer's chain is 100 feet, or 30.48 metres. Aub Moore never referred to land size in hectares or square metres. Everything was in acres. Even smaller parcels of land such as the ¼ acre, were referred to as roods, there being 4 roods in an acre. Perches were even smaller, there being 40 perches in each rood. To finish off, land areas approximately 2.47 acres converts to one hectare.

One linear measurement from the bygone years that is still used on odd occasions, especially in horse racing circles, is the furlong. A furlong is 660 feet and there are 8 furlongs in one mile. The word furlong is derived from the length of a ploughed furrow.

The author commenced his formal education in 1957 at St John's Park Public School. There were no metric values around then; whatever the English people used, we used. Once learnt the imperial system of measuring distances, land areas, and weights was for a lot of folk very hard to "unlearn".

Back to the source of this article. Why use knots and nautical miles? Generally, the knot or knots is associated with aviation, meteorology, and maritime activities.

As a very young student I learnt that one mile was equal to 5,280 feet. A nautical mile is approximately 6,076 feet, so there is a fair bit of difference, especially when applied to navigational matters. Without getting too technical, the length of a nautical mile, upon which the knot is based, is closely related to the longitude/latitude geographic coordinate system. As a result, nautical miles, or knots are convenient units to use when navigating an aircraft or ship.

Thanks for the query!

In closing, Aub Moore also spoke a different language when it came to weight measurements and that is another topic to look at. Aub was a part-time undertaker's assistant who had a personalized business card with the following text printed thereon:

"Aub Moore – Undertaker.

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(or words very similar).



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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade News October 2023 update



Menangle



September has been a very busy month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade. In addition to undertaking a number of local hazard reduction burns and pile burns, the brigade assisted with bush fires burning in Wallacia and Canyonleigh. Thank you to members who assisted with these fires on both day and overnight shifts.

There were seven callouts in September 2023 including grass fires, bush fire, motor vehicle accidents and a vehicle fire.

Lawn Mower and Slasher Fires

This year Menangle has been paged to two grassfires that have started when lawnmowers have caught on fire.

The risk of mower or slasher fires is currently higher due to grass in the area being dry and cured. Dry grass can become packed in the mower deck and result in a lawn mower catching fire. Fires can also happen from lawn mowers or slashers striking rocks and igniting a spark that can set dry grass on fire.

Some tips for mowing and slashing safely in fire season are:

- Avoid mowing on hot, dry days or try and mow early in the morning or later in the day when grass is damp and temperatures are cooler.
- Be aware of any rocks or items in the grass that may cause sparks.

- Where possible mow from the outside in by decreasing fuel loads around the perimeter first, you will have created a fire break around the area you're working in. This will help to prevent the spread of a fire if one does start.
- Have fire suppression equipment on hand.
- Ensure you have a phone with you to call 000 if necessary.



'Hazards Near Me NSW' App

For more than a decade, the RFS Fires Near Me NSW app was 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.

We encourage all residents to ensure that you have downloaded Hazards Near Me and set-up a watch area which will alert you to any fire or flood hazards in the area. We also encourage you to familiarise yourself with the alert levels used on the App. The three levels of bushfire alerts are depicted below



ADVICE

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action to protect you and your family.



EMERGENCY WARNING

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.