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THOMMO'S CORNER

EATING in THE FIFTIES.

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating. Fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot, using leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed good press and was regarded as white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin;

we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of a tap.

If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have been the laughingstock.

The one thing we never, ever had on/at our table in the fifties was elbows, hats, and mobile phones!



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

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BIRTHDAYS

1st Kerry Taylor
4th Matthew McMullen
9th Janice Warner
13th Mark Haines, Elana Reece
15th Mathew Foulks
16th Sarah Howard
17th Sam Margin
18th Isabella Mealing
19th Tahlia Bond
21st Allie Margin, Angus Terry, Sharon Foulks
22nd Marlene Gordon
25th Michael Abberton
26th Francis Warner
27th Izaac Margin
28th Geoff Hughes
29th Karen Halfpenny, Francesco Mamone
30th Mathew Robertson, Winnie Lau



ANNIVERSARIES

9th Meredith and Stephen Cross
12th Natalie and Sean McMullen
16th Carol and Brian Redmond 60 years! **CONGRATULATIONS!**
24th Peter and Sharon Foulks



Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to:
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EDITORIAL

Hello Dear Readers,
I hope you are enjoying the wonderful facilities at the new Rotolactor Park. Not to be outdone, both Dean McGrath Park, and the Old Menangle School Site in Station Street are also undergoing transformation!
We loved raising our kids in Menangle, and these new facilities add even more value to our wonderful little town.



As we gear up for Christmas, planning for our annual highlight community event **Carols on the Hill**, is well underway.

As the sun sets, we will sing and reflect on the story of Jesus' birth. Free activities include BBQ food and drinks, face-painting and petting zoo.

Food & Activities 6:30pm | Carols 7:45pm

One song "Silent Night" is especially significant to me. Two years ago, our Carols event was just six days after my dear Brian died. As was usual for him, Brian had been involved in the early planning of the event.

As we sang the words: "Glories stream from heaven afar," I was aware that Brian was in those glories in heaven, and for those few moments I could see what he was seeing through his eyes. He was in a magnificent room, strong and healthy with his arms lifted high, worshiping God with great enthusiasm. I realised that what we do down here on the earth is like a little candle compared to the brightness and glory of the sun in heaven.

Jesus willingly and joyfully left those heavenly glories to become human, so we could be born again into God's heavenly family. It's a big story, a good story, and just the beginning is told at Christmas time. It's a story of tragedy and hope restored, of promise and heartache and of a love so powerful- more powerful even than death- that triumphs in the end!

Jesus was born in Bethlehem – and died in Jerusalem in the tiny land of Israel. It is extraordinary that 2,000 years later this little scrap of land in the Middle East is still in the news, still in conflict, still fighting to survive.

Could it be that there is a spiritual explanation? That the God who created all things placed His Name on this piece of property, and the Israeli people who occupy it. The devil has opposed God and attempted to wipe out His people since the beginning of time, using the Crusaders, Nazis, Hamas, Hezbollah etc!

But Israel is still here and God's plan is that Jesus, the King of the Jews, will come back and rule the earth from there.

WE NEED TO BE READY! Blessings and love, Sue

NEXT CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm
November 14th



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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 November 20th

Speaker: Steve White from Belgenny Farm

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In the previous article, it was mentioned that the late Aub Moore from Glenmore did not use metric terminology. He had a preference for acres, hundredweights, yards and gallons. It got the author on the trail of hunting down some information on measures that were commonly used before the introduction of the metric forms we use today. I hope the following information will bring smiles to the faces of some of the older residents of the village, as they turn back their clocks to the time when they sat in their classrooms and learnt arithmetic measures in a "rote" manner.

A measure may be defined as a standard unit, established by law or custom, by which quantity of any kind is measured. The standard unit of "dry measure" is the Winchester bushel; of "weight" is the pound; and of "liquid measure" is the gallon.

Measures are generally of six kinds, and some are now long forgotten and rarely used as we've been launched into a world of nanoscience where a nanometre in one billionth (10^{-9}) of a metre. Back to the six kinds of measures and some words that are rarely used or spoken of anymore.

1. MEASURES OF EXTENSION

This measure has three subcategories. They are listed hereunder with a few, if somewhat obscure examples provided.

a) Linear Measure

12 inches equals 1 foot 3 feet equals 1 yard
5.5 yards equals 1 rod 40 rods equals 1 furlong
And 8 furlongs equals 1 mile.

b) Square Measure

9 square feet equals 1 square yard
160 square rods equals 1 acre
And 640 acres equals 1 square mile.

c) Cubic Measure

1,728 cubic inches equals 1 cubic foot
128 cubic feet equals 1 cord
And $24 \frac{3}{4}$ cubic feet equals 1 perch.

2. MEASURES OF WEIGHT

a) Avoirdupois

16 ounces equals 1 pound
100 pounds equals 1 hundredweight
And 20 hundredweight or 2,000 pounds equals 1 ton

b) Long Ton has two variables to Avoirdupois

112 pounds equals 1 hundredweight
20 hundredweight or 2,240 pounds equals 1 ton
NOTE: The metric tonne is totally different and
1 metric tonne equals 1,000 kilograms

c) Troy Weight is different again

24 grains equals 1 pennyweight
20 pennyweights equals 1 ounce
And 12 ounces equals 1 pound.
Troy Weight was used to weigh gold, silverware and jewels.

3. MEASURES OF CAPACITY

a) Liquid Measures

4 gills equals 1 pint 2 pints equals 1 quart
4 quarts equals 1 gallon $31 \frac{1}{2}$ gallons equals 1 barrel
And 2 barrels or 63 gallons equals 1 hogshead.

b) Dry Measures

2 pints equals 1 quart
8 quarts equals 1 peck
And 4 pecks equals 1 bushel.

4. MEASURES OF TIME

Short and sweet – unchanged over time!

5. MEASURES OF ANGLES OR ARCS

Again short and sweet, still generally represented in seconds, minutes and degrees.

6. MEASURES OF MONEY

There are too many to write about so we'll skip this one.

To finish off there are quite a few miscellaneous Measures that may jog our memories:

- a) 12 things are 1 dozen b) 12 dozen are 1 gross
c) 12 gross are 1 great gross d) 2 things are 1 pair
e) 20 things are 1 score f) 1 league is 3 miles
g) 1 fathom is 6 feet h) 1 metre is 39.37 inches
i) 1 hand is 4 inches j) 1 palm is 3 inches
k) 1 span is 9 inches l) 24 sheets are 1 quire
m) 20 quires or 480 sheets are 1 ream
and finally 1 bushel contains 2,150.4 cubic inches.

Perhaps the metric system does have a lot going for it!



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AUSTRALIA DAY JANUARY 26th 2024



One special feature we are adding back into our Australia Day Breakfast is **LOCAL HERO AWARDS**.

Start thinking about how you could nominate a "good neighbour", a "random act of kindness", a "funny thing someone has done" (remembering to be kind of course!) a "real achievement", (sporting, academic, community etc.)

Details next month on the nomination process.

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Update November 2023



Menangle



October was a busy month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade who attended six local call-outs as well as participating in strike teams at Silverdale, The Oaks and Kempsey. Brigade members also participated in an annual district Incident Management Exercise undertaken at the Mittagong Fire Control Centre.

2023 Menangle RFS Santa Run

Santa's elves have been in touch and preparations have commenced for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade's annual Santa Run. Families are invited to drop wrapped gifts to Menangle Post Office for delivery from Santa on-board the Menangle firetruck.

While our Christmas Eve Santa run to the rural areas of Menangle will continue unchanged, we have changed our Christmas morning run to ensure Santa and his team can visit all the children and still make it home for Christmas breakfast with their families. Instead of doing home drop-offs on Christmas morning Santa will be visiting a number of central locations in the village.



Details for our two Santa Runs are:

- **9:30am Sunday 24th December:**
- Rural streets including Carolls Road, Quirkles Lane, Cummins Road, Hawkey Road, Burrells Road, Finns Road and Dawson's Road.
- **Sunday 25th December:**
 - Durham Green 8am,
 - St James Avenue Reserve 8:20am,
 - Dean McGrath Park (Station Street Menangle) 8:40am and
 - Rotolocator Park (Rotolactor Parade) 9am.

Final details of the Santa Run will be posted on our Facebook page in coming weeks. Be sure to watch our page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/menangleRFS>

What is a Total Fire Ban?

A total fire ban means no fires out in the open. A total fire ban helps limit the potential of fires developing. During a Total Fire Ban you cannot light, maintain, or use a fire in the open, or to carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire. Lighting a fire on a day of Total Fire Ban attracts penalties including an on-the-spot fine of \$2200.

What is allowed during a Total Fire Ban?

- You can use an electric barbeque for cooking if it is under the direct control of a responsible adult, who is present at all times while it is operating, and no combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating.
- You can use a gas barbeque under the following conditions:
 - It is under the direct control of a responsible adult, who is present at all times while it is operating;
 - No combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating;
 - You have an immediate and continuous supply of water;
 - The barbeque is within 20 metres of a permanent private dwelling such as a home, or the barbeque is within a designated picnic area and the appliance is approved by Council, National Parks or State Forest.

What is not allowed during a Total Fire Burn?

- You cannot light, maintain or use a fire in the open.
- You cannot carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire.
- Barbeques or wood fire pizza ovens which uses solid fuel, such as wood, charcoal or heat beads.
- General purpose hot works (such as welding, grinding or gas cutting or any activity that produces a spark or flame) are not to be done in the open.