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8.30 and 10.00am Christmas Eve

9.00am Christmas Day

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

5.30pm Christmas Eve

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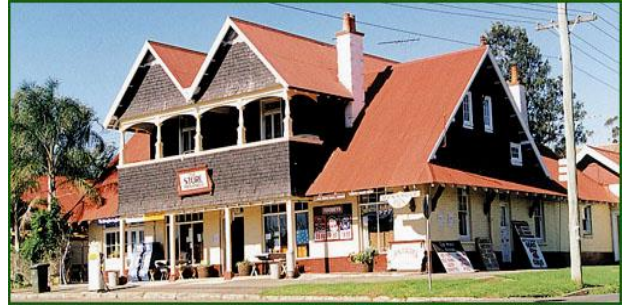
Does anybody know if you need a current licence to drive an electric car?



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

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

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(Check "The Menangle Store" Facebook Page next week for further details.)

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BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Bradley Warner, Simone Collison
- 2nd Charlie Culpan, Ethan Green
- 3rd Laura Howard
- 5th Jason Jeffree
- 6th Sam Ashton , Shane Halfpenny
- 7th Sara McNevin
- 9th Paige Robertson
- 11th Vanessa Perentin, Alyce Maree Mamone
- 15th Zoe Lau
- 18th Rosemary Tedesco
- 19th Neave Burt
- 21st Shane Koeford
- 21st Luke Campbell
- 23rd Elsie Luke
- 27th Fionna Johnson



Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARIES

(One I missed- my apologies!)

12th November Keith and Judy Lynch celebrated 63 wonderful years together. CONGRATULATIONS!

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EDITORIAL

Hello Dear Readers,



How did December arrive so quickly?

Are you ready for Christmas? Am I?

Last time I was asked my answer was "I am just taking one day at a time". (And one celebration at a time....). One of which is our Carols on the Hill.

Each year it is a unique celebration in our wonderful community of Menangle, and I hope you will join us.

But I am also sobered by the ongoing wars in Israel, and the Ukraine. My news source "Tikkun Global" is a Messianic Jewish Community in Jerusalem. They are followers of Jesus who embrace the Old and New Testaments wholeheartedly. They report that the whole Church – Jewish, Palestinian, and International followers of Jesus in Israel are ONE! They have a common enemy on the ground – the evil of Terrorism.

*Excerpt from **Let's be Gen V** by Asher Intrater*

"God wants you to know war. That is hard for some to grasp. Fighting in moral, spiritual, and military warfare is part of walking in faith. To fear God is to hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). If we haven't been through war, we miss some basic aspects of faith:

Fighting a war demands obedience, discipline, holiness, faithfulness, courage, sacrifice, a victorious spirit, punishment of evil, justice, and salvation. Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ) is not only the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6): He is also the Commander of the Armies (Joshua 5:13, Revelation 19:11).

*If we don't know Him as Commander of the Armies, then we have missed a significant part of who He is. This is the time to regain a victorious and fighting spirit. Let's be part of God's army in heaven and on earth. **Yeshua (Jesus) is returning to repossess planet earth; we are to repossess with Him.***

The key issue is not age but attitude. Caleb and Joshua were in their 80's when they crossed the Jordan. This is a change of paradigms, a change of times and seasons. There is a time of war and a time of peace (Ecclesiastes 3:8). This is a time of war. Let's cross over. Let's be 'Gen V.'"

Sometimes we forget that we, on the other side of the world, also have a common enemy – the devil, the father of all evil, the enemy of God and all God's people. While we don't usually see the devil or his evil minions, we know the effects of these spiritual forces. Jesus described him as the thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

And then Jesus goes on to say, "But I have come that you may have life in all its fullness." Fullness of joy, peace, and goodness; fullness of faith, hope and love.

It is a privilege to fight the good fight against the sin that so easily entangles us.

But – like the Israelis above we fight as "Gen V" from the place of the victory that Jesus won for us on the cross.

Ponder this: "God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

Blessings and love, Sue

LAST CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING



At 10 Station St, Menangle
On Tuesday December 12th
at 12.30pm
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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 on the third Monday

NEXT MEETING Monday January 17th

Speaker: Judith Bond

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DIDJANO by D.P.R.B.

The first DIDJANO contribution appeared in the February 2022 edition of the Menangle News. This contribution will be the last from this author. The main focus has been upon local happenings and events and at all times the author has endeavoured to be as factual as possible. Since the publication of the first contribution approximately 2 years ago, new streets, new homes and new residents are evidence of the change that is taking place. From time to time the name Menangle pops up, whether it be links to floods, fires, or the occasional serious mishap on the Hume Motorway.

One event that I cannot recall being brought to the attention of the readers is a royal visit to Menangle and Camden Park by their royal highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. It was reported upon and appeared in an issue of the Sydney Morning Herald dated Monday 4th April 1927. It is reported that the Duchess said the district was "like England". How did the royal couple get to Menangle and what did they do during their short stay?

We know that the Duke went horse riding across the nearby fields and played some tennis on the rain soaked court at Gilbulla. The Duchess went riding with Miss Elizabeth Macarthur Onslow in a silky turnout.

It is reported the royal team arrived at Menangle just before 1.00pm on Saturday. The railway station with its array of bunting and the avenue of saplings that had sprung up overnight (they were only planted the day before), were scenes of wonderment to the village people, whetting their appetites for the arrival. Places on the post and rail fences were secured by onlookers hours beforehand and were jealously guarded. It is believed that approximately 200 people cheered "long and loud".

An observant resident of Durham Green who supplied some of the details in the article has made an interesting observation in relation to the avenue of recently planted saplings. It is a fair bet to assume that the avenue is now what is Stevens Rd. The saplings? Recently the author stood at the intersection of Station St with Stevens Rd, next to the large ironbark tree on the northwestern corner of the intersection. On the western side of Stevens Rd there are 2 large mature gum trees and on the eastern side there are 4 large gumtrees between the roadway and the metal fence. All appear to be in a generally straight alignment. If those mature trees are in fact the previously mentioned saplings, they will be 100 years old in 2027.

How did the avenue get the name Stevens Rd? Robbie Stevens from Harrington Park informed the author recently, that Leonard William Stevens was the Railway Station Master at Menangle from roughly 1955 until 1958 give or take a year. Leonard was Robbie's father.

So there you have it. DIDJANO started and finished with a little bit of information about our unique village.

I hope you have enjoyed these interesting, informative, and sometimes quirky columns and will miss them as much as I will.

Our very sincere thanks to D.P.R.B. – definitely one of our local heroes! Editor.



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AUSTRALIA DAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th 2024

**At the Fire Shed
8.00am – 10.00am
\$5 adults, kids free**



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.)

THE NOMINATION PROCESS.

Details to include:

Your name and email address.

The name of the person you are nominating.

The award you are nominating them for.

Please make sure to invite them to the Australia Day Breakfast to receive their award!

Email me susan.peacock2@gmail.com

OR

Hand write and post in my letterbox at 10 Station St.

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Update December 2023

On Sunday 19th November 2023 Menangle was impacted by a rapid moving grass fire. The fire burned approximately 60 hectares and threatened a number of homes, as well as Durham Green Retirement village. In an amazing effort the fire was brought under control by 26 firefighting appliances on the ground and two waterbombing helicopters in the air, with no injuries and no homes being impacted.



Menangle RFS members not only filled both of our trucks, but also jumped into empty seats in other brigades' trucks to assist with the fire. We are extremely proud of both our members, and of our entire village. It warmed our hearts to see residents rushing to assist their neighbours and to support our brigade and other first responders on scene. What an amazing town we live in!

This fire was a reminder that regardless of where we live in the town, we must be vigilant during fire season and ensure our properties are prepared for bush fire and grass fire. For information about how to prepare your home visit:

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/3114/Prepare-Your-Home.pdf

2023 Menangle RFS Santa Run

If you would like Santa to deliver a present for your family member as part of our annual Santa Run please ensure your wrapped gift is delivered to **Menangle Post Office before 5pm on Friday 22nd December 2023**. Please ensure the package is labelled with: the person's name, address and where you will be meeting Santa.

Details for our two Santa Runs are:

- **9:30am- 1pm Sunday 24th December (home drop-offs):** Rural streets including Carolls Road, Quirkies Lane, Cummins Road, Hawkey Road, Burrells Road, Finns Road and Dawson's Road.
- **Sunday 25th December (centralised meeting points):** 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>

Congratulations to Geoff Hughes- 45 Years Service

Geoff joined the Menangle Brigade in 1978.

In 1988 he was elected as Captain of the Brigade, a position he held until 2005, making him the longest serving Captain of the Menangle Brigade.

He later held the position of Deputy Captain from 2005-2016. In 2018 Geoff was made a Life Member of the brigade.

Geoff has dedicated many hours to the Rural Fire Service and was instrumental in the construction of the Menangle Brigade's first fire station and the upgrade from the original Bedford Truck. He was actively involved in the Sydney fires of 1996 and the Christmas fires of 2000 to name a few.

Geoff's experience and knowledge is invaluable to the brigade and the NSW Rural Fire Service, and his dedication is to be applauded.

Geoffrey Hughes is a worthy recipient of the Long Service Medal Third Clasp for 45 years of service.

