

# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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## ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Enquiries: [office@menangleanglican.com.au](mailto:office@menangleanglican.com.au)

Sunday Services: 8.30 am and 10.00 am

10.00 am service is live-streamed at

[www.menangleanglican.org.au](http://www.menangleanglican.org.au)

Easter Services: Good Friday 9.00am

Easter Sunday 8.30 am and 10.00 am

**Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month.**

## ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

## SALVATION ARMY

Sharing the Love of Jesus by:

Caring for people

Creating faith pathways

Building healthy communities

Working for justice

Contact Sue: 0425 203 429

Enjoy the words of this beautiful hymn from 1707

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** by Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



## THOMMO'S CORNER



A farmer pulls a prank on Easter Sunday. After the egg hunt he sneaks into the chicken coop and replaces every egg with a brightly coloured one.

Minutes later the rooster walks in. He spots the coloured eggs, then storms out and beats up the peacock!



## THE STORE MENANGLE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

### OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 6.30am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus.

### POST OFFICE

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## BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> James McFarlane

2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Noyes

2<sup>nd</sup> Emelise Bond

4<sup>th</sup> Natalie Worthington

6<sup>th</sup> Brodie James

7<sup>th</sup> Lisa Redmond

13<sup>th</sup> Graham Bell

15<sup>th</sup> Emily Rose

17<sup>th</sup> Tanida Johnson

19<sup>th</sup> Jake Kent

21<sup>st</sup> Judy Lynch

21<sup>st</sup> Sean McMullen

22<sup>nd</sup> Glen Peretin

22<sup>nd</sup> Glynnis Bell

22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Campbell

22<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Bulger



## ANNIVERSARIES

14<sup>th</sup> Steve and Simone Collison

15<sup>th</sup> Steve and Kerry Charles

18<sup>th</sup> James and Karen McFarlane

20<sup>th</sup> Steve and Vicki Blight

26<sup>th</sup> Jenni and Steve McGrath



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

## MARCH 2024

Dear Reader,

The weather hasn't quite caught up with the change of seasons, but I am confident it will! Betty and I began on March 1 to merge our lives into one household, one family. There are lots of things to consider, lots of things to do and lots of adjustments to make. And we are both filled with the joy of the Lord in this new season of our lives, this new stage of our journeys.

We are blessed because we know the destination of the journey – God the Father.

When Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (in John 14:6) He was giving us such a bold challenge. **"I Am the Only Way to God"**.

As well as being a pathway to travel along, a "way" can also be a doorway – a way in. Jesus is claiming to be both – the pathway to God, and the way into the presence of God the Father.

This bold challenge is issued to each one of us. If you are human then the echo of these words of Jesus are still ringing, challenging you to respond. Because, dear Reader, we are all destined to meet our Creator, every one of us on this journey of life.

**For some of us the first encounter we have with God will be when we die.**

God will say to us something like this "What did you do with My Son Jesus?"

If we can only answer – "He didn't seem important so I ignored Him" or "I tried my best to live a good life" or "I never did harm to others" God will ask again "What did you do with my Son Jesus?"

The ONLY acceptable answer is "I received Him. I surrendered to His rightful claim to rule my life. I trusted in Him to forgive every thought, word and deed that fell short of His love and holiness."

Then God will say "Then I receive you – you are welcome in My Family because you have honoured My Son."

Any other answer will mean rejection by God – eternal damnation, what the Bible calls hell.

**It is bold and blunt – a line drawn in the sand.**

But for some of us we will encounter this wonderful creator God during our lifetime in the earth. We will walk in the Way of Life and Truth. We will go through stuff – but we will go through it with hope as the anchor of our souls, and the joy of the Lord as our strength.

It all comes down to the choice we make – will we live according to our own way, or will we live God's way?

One big choice, then many little choices day by day.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (in John 14:6)

Blessings and love, Sue



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### OPENING HOURS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 6.00 pm**

**SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED**



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### THE FEAST OF PURIM March 23rd

The book of Esther in the bible is the story of God raising up an orphan Jewish girl to be the Queen of the most powerful King in the world at that time – the king of the Persian Empire. A powerful noble in the king's court, Haman, hated the Jewish people and set up a plan to destroy them. Esther risked her life to approach the king and successfully interceded on behalf of the Jewish people, so the plot is overturned. Haman's wickedness is exposed, and he is put to death. The day that had been determined as "Jewish extermination day" was chosen by the casting of the lots (dice) called "pur" and became a day of great rejoicing instead.



The parallels with our day are stunning – Persia is now known as Iran, and the leadership of Iran is behind "Haman" and other terrorist groups seeking Islamic World Domination.

The 10 countries at highest risk of terrorism are: from top down are: Burkina Faso (West Africa) Israel, Mali, Pakistan, Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Nigeria, Myanmar, Niger.

## LOCAL HEROES – Matt Deeth Show your support!

Matt is one of the recipients of a Menangle Australia Day Community Service Award.



Matt has served two terms with Wollondilly Shire Council, and filled the roles of Councilor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He has represented Menangle wholeheartedly, and and we have so much to show for his advocacy on our behalf.

He is considering running in the Council Elections on Saturday September 14.

### He will do so if 40 volunteers are willing to support him at the polling booths on election day.

What do you say Menangle Community?  
I'm in – are you?

Please respond ASAP by text message: 0425203429  
Or email: [susan.peacock2@gmail.com](mailto:susan.peacock2@gmail.com)

Matt has worked tirelessly to make the Menangle School of Arts rebuild a reality, advising the Menangle Community Association through the very difficult process of Planning Approvals and Conditions of Consent. He continues to identify grant funding opportunities so we (the MCA) can see this project through to completion.

The Old Menangle School WSC project is progressing in a timely manner and will be another wonderful asset to the community of Menangle. Matt has been the driving force behind this. This development also includes the site for our Carols event (The Amphitheater) and the path to the top of Riversford Close.

Footpaths have been on the WSC agenda for many years (since St James Ave was built!) but funding has delayed the completion of these, over and over again. Some are Council funded, some Mirvac Developer funded.

Matt works hard to protect Menangle from rezoning and development that contradicts or diminishes the historical and agricultural significance of the area. With many other Councilors, Matt is currently pushing for a State Government buffer zone around EMAI as a protective measure both for EMAI and further housing development.

## ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

On the second Tuesday each month we will be reading a chapter of a book called "Alignment" by Asher Intrater. Asher is a Messianic Jewish teacher who lives in Jerusalem who draws deeply on God's promises in the Old and New Covenants to help us understand how it all fits together, and to understand the times we live in.

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm  
TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April Enquiries Sue: 0425 203 429

## 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 9.30am and 11.30am  
You will find it parked on Menangle Rd near St Patrick's Church

## MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Menangle District Probus Club especially caters for retirees in our community, and is designed for friendship, fellowship and fun.

CHELLASTON RESERVE PICNIC 10.00am April 1<sup>st</sup>  
NEXT MEETING April 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 10.00am at Durham Green

## DANCE LATINO

We currently provide fun dance classes to suit every one: Salsa, Bachata & Merengue.  
Group Classes and private Lessons available.  
Call Claudia on 0430 460 205  
Website [www.dancelatino.com.au](http://www.dancelatino.com.au)

## MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden Ph. 4655 7735

## LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

From 7:30am Saturday at Onslow Park  
Ph.: 0417 230 418

## SINGING LESSONS

Learn how to sing and enjoy every note!  
Contact Jess Pierce for more information  
on 0422 848 966 or [jess.vocalz@gmail.com](mailto:jess.vocalz@gmail.com)  
In person & online lesson slots available.





## Menangle



### Menangle Rural Fire Brigade March 2024 Update

The February/ March period has been a busy period for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade. While we have not seen a large number of bush or grass fires this Summer the brigade has attended a large number of motor vehicle accidents. A reminder to all residents that our rural roads can be dangerous. Take care and drive to the conditions.

AFAC News has released the Bushfire Seasonal Outlook for Autumn. Due to recent rainfall and cooler, more moderate conditions expected over coming months, NSW is predicted to see generally normal fire potential this season. During autumn, fire agencies and land managers will turn their attention towards conducting hazard reduction works, which includes planned burning across many areas of the state, where possible.

### Helitank and Aerial Firefighting Familiarisation Exercise

This Summer Menangle Rural Fire Brigade along with Douglas Park Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade undertook a joint visit to Camden Airport to inspect two water bombing aircraft, FB249 and HT275, and be briefed on their operational abilities and also on safe working around firefighting aircraft.

This was an informative familiarisation exercise that gave members a great insight into aerial firefighting appliances and provided a refresher on how to work safely on the fireground when helitanks are operating. These are important skills for our members, as demonstrated recently when a number of helitanks were operating at the grass fire on Menangle Road in November, 2024.

Thank you to the RFS Crew at Camden airport for having us along.



### Macarthur Branch of Retired & Former Police Association of NSW Fundraiser

A huge thank you to the Macarthur Branch of Retired & Former Police Association of NSW for supporting Menangle Rural Fire Brigade through their upcoming fundraiser. Funds raised will be utilised to install firefighter lockers at Menangle Fire Station. It would be great if the people of Menangle could get behind this golf day taking place .



Following the success of our 2023 golf day we are happy to advise that this year's event will again be held at Lakeside Golf Club. We received a lot positive feedback & I am sure this year's event will be just as enjoyable. *All proceeds will be used to support Menangle Rural Fire Service.* Everyone is welcome!

**DATE:** THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024. **EVENT:** 4 BBB.  
**TIME:** Registration with breakfast from 7am. Shotgun start 8am.  
**VENUE:** LAKESIDE GOLF CLUB, 50 Raby Road, Gledswood Hills.  
**COST:** \$150-00 PER PLAYER.

- ✓ 18 holes of golf on a highly rated course paired in a golf cart.
- ✓ Trophies for the winning team. 2 golf balls for each player.
- ✓ Prizes for NTP 3<sup>rd</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> & Long Drive 2<sup>nd</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **Breakfast:** Bacon & egg roll, tea/coffee. **Lunch:** Bunkers Restaurant.

If you wish to support the day or require further information please contact:

- Steve Reeves. 0423 454 661. s.a.reeves@hotmail.com
- Roger Ford. 0412 409 905. rogerandlorraine.health@gmail.com

### **GOLF DAY**

at Lakeside Golf Club in Gledswood Hills  
on Thursday 30th May, 2024.

### Next Brigade meeting:

7pm- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

New members are welcome.