

# 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

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



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## MUSIC TIME for Preschoolers

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**Sue Peacock 0425 203 429**



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### Current Promotion

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Steve Charles

2<sup>nd</sup> Troy Mealing

4<sup>th</sup> Lauren Bell, Stuart Leigh Baxter

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7<sup>th</sup> Ernie

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10<sup>th</sup> Tiarne Holz

12<sup>th</sup> Rowan Shiner, Nicholas Lamrock-George

16<sup>th</sup> Christine, Cameron Halfpenny

16<sup>th</sup> Sky Samantha Kyle

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21<sup>st</sup> Abe Peacock

25<sup>th</sup> Unchalee Thompson

27<sup>th</sup> Ethan Campbell

29<sup>th</sup> Kerry Charles

30<sup>th</sup> Steve



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

29<sup>th</sup> Esmond and Winnie Lau

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

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## THOMMO'S CORNER

If you get lost in the bush, find a kangaroo, and follow it... You'll be in the middle of the road in no time!

## EDITORIAL: The Big Picture!

Dear Reader,

Lots of people are nervous about spiritual things but some things can only be explained spiritually.

Forces of good, and forces of evil exist and interact in our own lives and in the world. Depending on which forces we are influenced by, determines the way we think, behave, and relate to others and God.

Understanding the interplay helps us understand what is happening around us.

Israel has always been centre-stage for God's interaction with people.

The Garden of Eden at the very beginning of the Bible, and the New Jerusalem at the very end of the Bible become one and the same in the fulness of God's timing.

**But what about now?** Let's look at God's centre-stage.

Israel is engaged in a war it did not start, defending its right to exist, and absolutely committed to rescuing Israeli hostages that are being used as both human shields, and as a bargaining chip by Hamas, (one of many terrorist organisations based in Iran) to prolong its existence.

Like Hamas, the devil – the one who is evil in every way, holds humanity hostage – in this case to sin\*.

There is only one way to get free - those whose sins are forgiven by the sacrifice of Jesus are no longer held hostage by the devil, and no longer a bargaining chip in his hand to prolong his existence.

\*sin can simply be understood as "self-government", i.e. living one's life disregarding God who created and sustains all things.

As Israel understands, the utter destruction of Hamas is the only option for their survival as a nation, so we understand that the utter destruction of the devil is the only option for the world.

Just as Israel delays the final assault on Gaza, and explores every option for the release of their hostages, so Jesus delays His return and seeks every means to release people from the power of sin.

Those who refuse God's mercy will have the same eternal destiny as the devil and all the fallen angels – hell. It was not a place created for mankind but is the punishment for all those who continue in rebellion against God's right to rule His world.

I have never regretted choosing God's mercy in 1980. Through every season, every challenge and every joy life is richer and better when it is lived in cooperation with God and the way He designed us!

Blessings and love, Sue



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**SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED**



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## MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC. Update

The construction of the Menangle School of Arts Community Hall is progressing well. Thank you, Jim Nelson and your team! And the Old Menangle School Site is rapidly and beautifully being transformed!

The other item of great interest and generating much discussion at our last meeting was **connection of Menangle to the Sewer System.**

At present Durham Green and the New Mirvac Estate Village have piped sewer collection and the effluent is trucked out for treatment either at West Camden or Glenfield Water Recycling Plants. The residents of the older parts of Menangle have been promised Sewage Collection by Sydney Water with each little housing development and then the promise has been broken.

The need for a Water Recycling Plant for the Wollondilly is extreme, and a high priority for us as a Community Association.

**Our next MCA meeting is scheduled for May 23 at 7.00 pm at the Fire Shed.**

**We are setting up a Community Forum with SYDNEY WATER for 6.30pm** for those interested in learning more.

## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

American activist Anna Jarvis created the holiday in honor of her own mother, who had organized women's groups to promote health and friendship in the West Virginia community in the USA.

Jarvis's mother had dreamed of a Memorial Day honoring all mothers' work. Jarvis promised to fulfill those wishes after her mother's death in 1905 to honor her memory.

On May 10, 1908, Jarvis held what is considered by many to be the first Mother's Day celebration.

In addition to conducting a memorial service in Philadelphia to honor all mothers, Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to her late mother's church in West Virginia, a flower that would come to be a symbol of the holiday.



The celebration rapidly caught on, and President Woodrow Wilson officially designated the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day on May 9, 1914.

The holiday's appeal to businesses played a significant role in its success, as florists, card companies, and other industries promoted the day. Jarvis saw this commercialization as a stark departure from her original intent for Mother's Day, and she spent the last years of her life attempting to abolish the holiday.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated around the world, with billions of dollars spent yearly in the U.S. alone on cards, flowers, and gifts to celebrate mothers.

*Who created mother's day? (no date) Encyclopædia Britannica. (Accessed: 02 May 2024).*



### CHRYSANTHEMUMS & MOTHER'S DAY...

The tradition of giving chrysanthemums in Australia probably began as a marketing gimmick: "mums" for "Mums".

Mrs Janet Heyden, a resident of Sydney, began the tradition of annual gifts for mothers in 1924, during a visit to a patient at the Newington State Home for Women. She met many lonely and forgotten mothers there and to cheer them up, she rounded up support from local school children and businesses to donate and bring gifts to the women. Every year thereafter, Mrs Heyden raised increasing support for the project from local businesses and even the local Mayor. The day has since become commercialised.

*Mother's day chrysanthemums (no date) Flowers For Everyone. Available at <https://www.flowersforeveryone.com.au/blog/mothers-day> (Accessed: 02 May 2024).*

## CAMDEN FIT SENIORS



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## ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June

We will be reading a chapter each month of this wonderful book written by Asher Intrater, a Messianic Jew living in Jerusalem. The Jewish approach to the Bible is such a big - picture view of God's Kingdom: God as Creator – the Fall of mankind in the Garden – Redemption through Jesus as Saviour – the Return and Rule of Jesus as King. Asher brings the Old and New Covenant promises into a wonderfully rich, integrated whole that helps us understand these end-times days we are living in.

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 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Near St Patricks on Menangle Road

## MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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

NEXT MEETING Monday May 20 (then June17)  
at 10.00am at Durham Green

May Speaker: Chris D'Arcy Search Dogs Australia

If interested, please contact

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520

Or Secretary Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

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# Menangle Rural Fire Brigade May 2024 Update



**Menangle**



Menangle Fire Brigade has attended six call-outs this month to a range of emergencies including fires, Automated Fire Alarms and Motor Vehicle Accidents. A number of Hazard reduction burns planned for the month were postponed due to wet conditions and now been scheduled for the second half of May, 2024. Be sure to download Hazards Near Me so that you are aware of planned Hazard Reduction activities and periods of poor air quality.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 the Brigade's **Annual General Meeting** will take place. All community members are invited to attend the AGM. The meeting will commence at 7pm at the Menangle Fire Station on Menangle Road, Menangle.

## Winter Fire Safety

With Winter only a few weeks away it is a great time to take some proactive steps to reduce your risk of House Fire. Please read through the following Winter Fire Safety Tips from the NSW RFS and Fire and Rescue NSW:

### **Fireplace and Chimneys:**

- Have your chimney serviced prior to using it by a qualified tradesperson.
- Purchase a fire screen if you do not own one. Fire screens should always be placed in front of fireplaces when in use.
- Choose a safe place to store matches and lighters where children cannot reach and that is at least a metre away from the fireplace.

### **Heaters:**

- Check your electric and gas heaters before you use them. If you suspect a fault have the item checked by a qualified repairer or replaced. Check all cords for fraying and damage. Plug heaters directly into wall sockets only.
- Do not overload powerboards.
- Install any new heaters and use as per manufacturer's instructions.
- Check your portable outdoor heaters before use and have serviced or replaced if required. Ensure that the area where you plan to use them is level, well ventilated and away from awnings and other combustible materials.
- NEVER use any outdoor heating or cooking equipment inside your home including those that use 'heat beads' or LPG as a fuel source. This type of equipment is not suitable for indoor use and can lead to a build up of lethal gases which could be deadly. Check the manufacturer's recommendations before use.

### **Electric Blankets:**

- Test your electric blanket before use by laying it on top of your bed, feeling the internal wires for any abnormalities and inspecting cords/controls for damage. Turn it on for 5 minutes and then feel for any uneven hot spots. If you notice any of the above the electric blanket should be replaced.
- Electric blankets are not designed to be used while sleeping. Consider adding additional bedding to keep warm if needed.

### **Smoke Alarms:**

- Test that your smoke alarm/s are working. If not, change the batteries or replace the alarm.
- Check the smoke alarm is in date. Smoke alarms have a lifespan of ten years.
- Give the smoke alarm a vacuum, if you haven't done so in the last six months, to remove dust and any insects.





## **SUPPORTING MENANGLE RURAL FIRE SERVICE.**

MACARTHUR BRANCH RETIRED & FORMER POLICE  
ASSOCIATION OF NSW.



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:

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