

# 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)

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

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



## BELLRINGING AT ST JAMES

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5.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

## SALVATION ARMY

We share the love of Jesus by:

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Creating faith pathways,

Building healthy communities,

Working for justice.

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429



## 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 Community Association Inc

### NOTICE OF AGM

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Fire Shed.**

As well as the excellent progress that Jim Nelson and his team are making with the **School of Arts Rebuild**, another very exciting project is underway:

### Menangle Community Garden!

This project is being undertaken at the Old Menangle School Site. Initial planning has begun between WSC and a small team of keen Menangle Gardeners. Hopefully our first planting will be able to happen in November!

See Page 3 for more details.



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

## THE STORE MENANGLE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

### OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 6.30am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

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**Sunday Roasts as well!**

### POST OFFICE

open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Holz, Anthony Simonetta

3<sup>rd</sup> John Maher

6<sup>th</sup> Mick Starr, Evelyn Terry, Genevieve Marden

9<sup>th</sup> Sue Black, Joanna

11<sup>th</sup> Phillip Dark

13<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Perentin

14<sup>th</sup> Shardanne Jasmine

15<sup>th</sup> Jake Peacock

16<sup>th</sup> Christine

17<sup>th</sup> Joshua Charles

18<sup>th</sup> Amy Warner, Adam Taylor

21<sup>st</sup> Neroli Keegan

22<sup>nd</sup> Alan Robertson, Celtie Williams

23<sup>rd</sup> Rhiannan Perentin,

24<sup>th</sup> Grace Culpan

25<sup>th</sup> David Gilyeat, Garry Butler

26<sup>th</sup> Meredith Wilson

28<sup>th</sup> Ray Jeffrey

30<sup>th</sup> Stephen Rochaix, Lyn Sligar, Bianca Comisso

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## THOMO'S CORNER

Eleven people were hanging on a rope, under a helicopter.

Ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They weren't able to choose that person until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said she would voluntarily let go of the rope because as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids and for men in general and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.

## EDITORIAL: The Big Picture!



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first of our Spring editions of the Menangle News. I love living in a place in which the seasons change – the familiarity of the pattern of the seasons is comforting and encouraging, with each season having its challenges of course! And some unexpected weather as well. And of course we all agree that Menangle is the best place to live don't we! If I told you that I grew up in an orphanage, it would be partly true, but not completely true. Neither of my parents knew God as their heavenly Father, so I was a **spiritual** orphan until the age of 25. My lifestyle was consistent with orphans living in an orphanage. I was fiercely competitive, argumentative and inwardly hated sharing anything. Mum taught us good manners, so I had a polite façade covering my otherwise self-centred life, and enjoyed talking to and laughing with people, so life wasn't all bad by any means. Mum was ahead of her time understanding nutrition, loving her vegetable garden, and we ate a lot of home-grown fresh produce, including copious amounts of eggs! Breakfast eggs scrambled, cakes and biscuits for afternoon tea and often dinner deserts like baked custard, rice pudding and queen of puddings were on the menu. In my later years I find that eggs trouble my digestive system so I tend to avoid them - which could be psychological!

So back to the Orphanage lifestyle.

Sadly we are all born into it. The biblical narrative is that Adam and Eve "divorced" their heavenly Father and chose self-government instead. We know now that they were deceived out of their birthright, but they didn't know that then. The trouble with deception is you don't know that you are deceived.

Only God's Word is absolute truth! What a gift to be able to compare my thoughts, words and plans, with God's thoughts words and plans! And to have the privilege to be able to choose God's ways and be adopted into His family. I didn't understand this until I was 25 years old, when the Holy Spirit of God opened my mind to understand.

Father God wants His whole human family restored to Him. This includes you, dear Reader, and me.

The curse of death came upon humanity because Adam and Eve ignored God's warning "If you eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will surely die." They chose to disobey and all of humanity down through the ages was born under the curse. Including you and me. To break the curse, we needed God Himself to become human which He did - you all know the Christmas story! Jesus became the curse of death and died once for all breaking its power forever for those who trust in Him. Until Jesus returns to rule the earth (which is drawing closer every day!) the curse is only broken for those who surrender their lives to God's rule and God's plans now. When we do this we become a "new creation" with the Holy Spirit living inside us. He teaches us how to live our lives in God's Household: sharing, serving, encouraging, praying, becoming familiar with the Bible and all it reveals, meeting with other believers, all the while learning to trust that God is a GOOD Father who loves, provides for and protects His children.

Every Blessing, Sue



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**SATURDAY** 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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## MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

**Menangle District Probus Club especially caters for ALL retirees in our WHOLE community**, (not just residents of Durham Green) and is for friendship, fellowship and fun.

NEXT MEETING Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>

at 10.00am at Durham Green

August Speaker: Judith Dunn "Horrible Histories" outrageous news stories from our colonial days.

If interested, please contact

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520

Or Secretary Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

## ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 8 October

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

The MCA is very appreciative that the Men's Shed have begun work restoring the frames of the WW1 and WW11 Honour Boards from the School of Arts!

## CAMDEN FIT SENIORS



Fun 40-minute outdoor exercise classes designed for Seniors by an experienced qualified teacher.

**Mondays and Wednesdays at 9.30am**

22 Barsden St Camden

\$5 per class attended.

Contact Colleen: 0427 602 338

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Menangle has had outstanding representation in Wollondilly Council over the last three years.

Cr Matthew Deeth has been instrumental in transforming and multiplying our community resources from

one little playground and a derelict School of Arts Hall in Station Street to three outstanding Parks, a beautifully renovated Old Menangle School and an almost completed state-of-the-art Menangle School of Arts.

Matt has worked tirelessly to protect and preserve our heritage here, and those of us who have partnered with him have so much respect and admiration for him. We also appreciate and thank Matt's wife Sarah and children Josiah and Charlotte for the sacrifice of family time they have made.

Matt is willing to serve Wollondilly Council for another term, there are still crucial issues concerning Menangle to be settled, but he needs our help on **Election Day Saturday September 14.**

**Thank you so much those who have volunteered to support Matt's campaign by handing out how to vote cards at Polling Booths.**

There are ten polling booths in East Ward open from 8 am to 6 pm.

Appin Community Hall; Bargo Community Hall; Buxton Public School; Douglas Park Public School; Durham Green; Tahmoor Public School; Thirlmere Public School; Wilton Public School; Yanderra Public School; and Wollondilly Shire Hall.

Please email me ([susan.peacock2@gmail.com](mailto:susan.peacock2@gmail.com)) or text me (0425 203 429) your phone number and email address and Matt will contact you to fill the Roster!



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## LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

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

## OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL SITE

### Homeless Man.

From time to time a homeless man named Graham visits Menangle. He has been camping in the Old Menangle School Site. As far as I know, he is harmless. However, he does live in his own world of delusions, and almost certainly has mental health issues.

Wollondilly Council are not able to do anything and suggested the NSW Police Community non-emergency help line 131 444.

I phoned them yesterday on behalf of us as a community, and the safety of our children and elderly, but also for Graham to receive the help and accommodation he needs. The Narellan Police have picked him up and will arrange temporary housing.

## OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL SITE

### Community Garden

The Old Menangle School project is a wonderful example of preserving history and creating a beautiful, functional community use space. Funding for the project has been provided by the NSW Govt. Public Space Legacy Program, Mirvac, Camden AGL Community Legacy Program and Council's Building Renewal Funds and Contributions.

Wollondilly Shire Council have been successful in receiving a grant for \$30,000 to work with a Menangle Community



Group to set up a Community Garden!  
The initial online Teams meeting which only I (Sue Peacock) attended with Council representatives from six different departments.

A site visit was held by six members of Council six Menangle residents on 2 September.

Discussions were held about how we will operate: our design priorities; the Authority structure we will adopt; how we will recruit and induct volunteers; how produce will be distributed; and how we will future proof our Community Garden.

If this is a burning passion for you, please do contact me!  
Warm Regards, Sue Peacock





**Menangle**



# Menangle Rural Fire Brigade September 2024 Update

The end of Winter has been a busy time for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with a number of call-outs to grass fires and out of control pile burns.

If you are undertaking a pile burn on your property, make sure you have checked the weather conditions, Fire Danger Rating and whether a Total Fire Ban is in place prior to lighting. Ensure you have the required permit and have the necessary equipment on hand to safely undertake the burn. After undertaking a pile burn make sure that there is no smoke or hot and smouldering materials under the surface which could ignite vegetation around the burn. Don't be the fire risk to your community. If you do see smoke from old burns or an unattended pile burn, contact Triple Zero (000) immediately.

In August the brigade held a joint training session with Narellan Rural Fire Brigade to familiarise members with RFS Pumpers- trucks developed for the primary purpose of responding to village and structural incidents such as house fires and motor vehicle accidents.

## Get Ready Weekend 2024

### Menangle RFS Get Ready Event

**When:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

**Time:** 10am- 4pm

**Where:** 125 Carrolls Road, Menangle

**Cost:** FREE



In 2024 Menangle Fire Brigade will be hosting our annual Get Ready event in the rural part of the town- at 125 Carrolls Road Menangle.

Our event this year will be hands-on, giving attendees the opportunity to learn more about using fire extinguishers, portable pumps and generators. Equipment that can help you get prepared and protect your property from bush fires, grass fires and house fires.

Our volunteers can also assist in setting up the Hazards Near Me App with watch zones for our local community and discuss making a plan for your household.

There will still be all of our regular Get Ready activities too - a BBQ, kids activities, the chance to look at the trucks, have a turn on the fire hose, talk to our firefighters and collect some great resources to ensure you, your pets/ livestock and your property are ready for bush fire season.

Bernie the kids fire truck will also be there!

We hope to see you all there!

