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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 8.30 am and 10.00 am

10.00 am service is live-streamed at

www.menangleanglican.org.au

Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store

1st Friday each month.



BELLRINGING AT ST JAMES

If you would like to be part of this team please contact: Ron

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ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

SALVATION ARMY

We share the love of Jesus by:

Caring for people, 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 Church on Menangle Rd

THOMO'S CORNER: LIFE AS IT WAS

We met and we married a long time ago,
We worked long hours when wages were low.

No telly, no bath for times were hard,
Just a cold-water tap, and a walk in the yard.

No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors,
We'd coal on the fire, and we didn't lock doors.

Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
We brought them up without any state aid.

They were safe going out to play in the park,
And old folk could go for a walk in the dark.

No Valium, drugs and no LSD,

We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea.

No vandals, no muggings (not much to rob),

We felt we were rich with a couple of bob.

People seemed happier in those far off days,

Kinder and caring in so many ways.

Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing,

A night at the pictures was quite a mad fling.

We got our share of troubles and strife

But we had to face it – the Pattern of Life!



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

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus now available!

NEW: Every Saturday & Sunday 8:30-2

Fresh Flowers, plants, gifts & collectables.

SAVE THE DATE: We are planning a

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

in the grounds of The Store on

Friday 29/11/24 4:30pm -8.00pm

POST OFFICE

open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jessica Foulks

5th Jonathon Koeford

6th Shirley Maher, Pauline Peretin

13th Kim Koeford

15th John Redmond

16th Conner McFarlane

17th Peter Foulks

18th Laura Taylor, Indyana Worthington

23rd Gary Luke

24th Maree Holz

25th James Collison,

26th Melissa Lamrock, Frances Warner

30th Jacqueline Bell, Jessica McNevin



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1st Josh and Maddie Clifton

9th Meredith and Stephen Cross

11th Phillip and Narelle Dark

12th Natalie and Sean McMullen

24th Peter and Sharon Foulks

Contact susan.peacock2@gmail.com to have names added, or to make corrections!

EDITORIAL: Never Again is Now!

Dear Reader,

Last Monday marked the one-year anniversary of the Hamas Terrorist invasion of Israel from Gaza. The worst massacre of Jewish people since the Nazi holocaust.



Over one hundred hostages taken that day are still missing.

Estimates range between 70,000 and 200,000 Israelis have been evacuated from their homes because of the danger

from rocket fire from the Hezbollah Terrorists in Lebanon. The world acknowledged that the atrocities of Nazi Germany against the Jewish people gave them the undeniable right to a land in which they could be safe. This land was first promised in the Balfour declaration signed in 1917 – on October 31st – the same day, in fact, that the Australian Light Horsemen charged and changed the outcome of WW1.

Not until May 1948 (over 30 years later!) was the Jewish ownership of this little piece of mostly desert land acknowledged. With the legal right to their land, and the building of the Holocaust Museum the Israelis vowed: “NEVER AGAIN”. Never again would they be the helpless victims of terrorism. They would fight back, and they would win.

Since October 7 Israel has been subject to continual barrages of airborne assault from Iranian Terrorist proxies and Iran itself. Waves of rocket and missile assaults have rained down on this peace-loving people.

I stand with Israel. I have joined the NAIN (Never Again is Now) movement to stand with Israel against terrorism. Perhaps you might like to join as well! Link below.

[Never Again Is Now](#)

BEERSHEBA DAY BREAKFAST



At **Club Menangle** on Thursday 31 October 2024, commemorating the historic Australian Light Horse charge of 1917.

Menangle Park once served as a training ground for the Australian Light Horse, where many brave

young riders and their loyal Waters set off for battle, unaware of the remarkable destiny awaiting them. The commemorative service will reflect on the pivotal **Battle of Beersheba**, emphasising the importance of preserving the history, traditions, and customs of the Light Horse Regiments for future generations.

We are honoured to have **Damien Thomlinson** as our guest speaker. A former Australian Commando, Paralympian, and inspiring survivor, Damien's story of resilience and overcoming adversity is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Club Menangle proudly supports the **7th Light Horse Regiment Menangle Historical Troop**.

- **Dress Code:** Business attire with medals
- **Tickets:** \$50 per person, including a plated breakfast.

Please arrive by 6:45am for a 7am start.

Below is the link to book!

[Beersheba Day Breakfast \(ivvy.com.au\)](#)



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SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

Phone: 02 4632 7233 Mobile: 0431 674 890

Website: [hawkcarts.com.au](#)

MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB PROBUS MONTH MEETING

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 October 21st

at 10.00am at Durham Green

August Speaker: Kristy Hatcher – **talking about wills and estates.**

If interested, please contact

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520

Or Secretary Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday each month

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 12th November

We will be reading a chapter each month of this wonderful book written by Asher Intrater, a Messianic Jew living in Jerusalem.

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



Thank You, Menangle!

I am incredibly honoured to announce that I have been reelected to represent East Ward in Wollondilly. This achievement would not have been possible without

the unwavering support of our wonderful community—especially those in Menangle who volunteered their time to help with putting up signs, handing out materials at polling booths, and assisting with so many other tasks.

I couldn't have done it without your backing. On election day, every single polling booth had Menangle residents standing by, helping to distribute flyers throughout the long day. This incredible sense of community is what I love most about our village. It's what inspires me to represent Menangle, and the other villages in Wollondilly, to the best of my ability. From my perspective, this resounding win doesn't belong to me, but it belongs to all of us. The shared commitment and collective spirit we have here in Menangle to make a positive impact on our home is something I am truly proud of.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to Sue Peacock, who was instrumental in organizing volunteers and offering wisdom and support when it was most needed. I also extend my deep gratitude to the Menangle Community Association for your invaluable support. As we move forward, I'm reminded of the power of community:

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." – Helen Keller

Let's continue working together to make Wollondilly the best it can be!

P.S. Congratulations Matt on being elected Deputy Mayor again!!!

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LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

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

OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL SITE Community Garden Update



A small group of Menangle residents are cooperating with Wollondilly Council to establish a Community Garden. The major issue in our minds was a reliable water supply. Council has agreed to provide a 5,000L water tank with a pump, and also

connect town water to the site, which is marvellous! A fence and garden beds, will also be installed by Council, filled with soil and mulch, and some tools will be provided to fully expend the grant money.

Our next meeting with Council will be held at the Community Nursery (Wonga Rd, Picton – just past Picton High School)

on Monday 21st October at 3:45pm

Let me know if you would like to come!

All of us on this Committee (a sub-committee of the Menangle Community Association) see ourselves as working with Council over the next few months to **establish** this wonderful Community Asset.

We are looking for **two volunteers** who have a passion to be the Care-Takers to manage it and see it flourish once it is established.

Please get in touch if that is you!

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Warm Regards, Sue Peacock



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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade October 2024 Update

The 1st of October marked the official start of the bush fire season, with the Bush Fire Danger Period beginning in most NSW Local Government Areas including Wollondilly. If you're planning on conducting a burn, you'll require a fire permit. Fire permits help ensure fire is used safely and reduces the danger to you, your property and the community. To apply for a permit online, visit https://nswrfsprod.service-now.com/guardian_csp

Residents and land holders must know the rules when it comes to the use of fire. Along with having the required fire permits, you need to notify your local fire authority and neighbours of your intent to burn at least 24 hours in advance. You will also need to comply with Wollondilly Shire council requirements.

For more information on the Bush Fire Danger Period and requirements around safe burning, visit our website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/BFDP

Get Ready Weekend 2024

This year we moved our Get Ready Weekend event to the rural part of Menangle. This is where most of our call-outs are and the area most likely to be impacted by bush fire. We got **Precision Fire Protection Services** and **Southwells Irrigation** on board as partners and booked some of the coolest community engagement resources available in the District including Bernie the kids firetruck.

We were very excited to have over 100 people and 33 households attend. We saw lots of familiar faces as well as new faces- including lots of residents from The Village and Menangle Park housing estates. We had a brilliant day, and hopefully got the right information to the right people. Thank you to everyone who attended! Check out our Facebook page for lots of great photos taken on the day.

New Firefighting Equipment

September 2024 saw the arrival of an exciting new piece of firefighting equipment at the brigade- a freestanding ground monitor. This equipment can be used for firefighting, cooling or as a water shield, among other uses. It can be used manned or unmanned, as required.

The ground monitor was used at its first incident on Monday the 7th of October, when a fire started in a hayshed on a rural property in Cawdor. With over 300 bales of hay alight in the shed, a significant response was required from NSW RFS and Fire and Rescue NSW. Approximately 14 vehicles were dispatched to the incident including fire trucks, bulk water carriers and heavy plant machinery. The freestanding monitor was used to protect heavy plant removing smouldering hay from the shed whilst also cooling the hay to prevent further ignition. The monitor has 2000L/min capacity. This is equivalent to 4 standard hand-held nozzles. The monitor proved to be a valuable asset during this incident.

The ground monitor was purchased with funds donated to the brigade by the Macarthur Branch of the Retired and Former Police Association of NSW following their 2024 Golf Day fundraiser. Thank you again to the MRFPA and everyone who supported this fundraiser.

