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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

ST JAMES MENANGLE INVITES YOU TO

Kids Club

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024 4:30PM

A FREE EVENT FOR KIDS K-6, ALL ARE WELCOME!
FUN, GAMES, CRAFT & A STORY ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH.

- 📍 OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL SITE, 28 STATION ST
- 🕒 4:30PM-6:00PM + FREE BBQ DINNER FOR FAMILIES
- 📄 REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL, SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS



THE STORE MENANGLE



TWILIGHT MARKET

POSTPONED TO Friday
13th December.
From 4pm – 8pm

An evening of food, entertainment and Christmas shopping. Handmade gifts by local artisans.

THOMO'S CORNER

One day you're 21, staying up till 3am, eating pizza and dancing like no one is watching.

Then suddenly you're 65 eating kale, going to bed at 8pm, and you can't dance because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks!

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

A food truck will be at the park for you to purchase food and the outdoor screening of Elf will start at 8:00pm. Bring your picnic rug or bean bags will be available for the first 100 people.

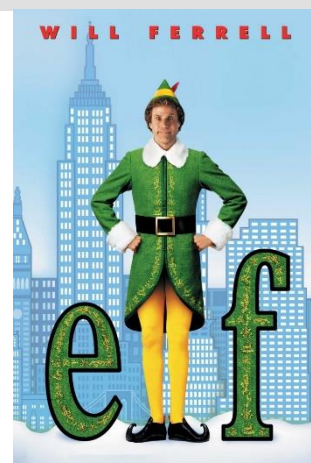
We ask all children to be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Friday December 13, 2024

Time: 6:00pm - food truck will be available

8:00pm - Elf movie begins

Location: Rotolactor Park, 31 Rotolactor Parade, Menangle, 2568



ST JAMES MENANGLE INVITES YOU TO

Carols on the Hill

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024 6:30PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND FESTIVITIES
AS WE SING AND REFLECT ON THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH!

- 📍 ST JAMES ANGLICAN, 131 MENANGLE ROAD
- 🕒 6:30PM FREE FOOD & ACTIVITIES | 7:45PM CAROLS



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5pm
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9am

Enquiries: office@menangleanglican.com.au

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 5.00pm

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Bradley Warner, Simone Collison
- 2nd Charlie Culpan, Ethan Green
- 3rd Laura Howard, Evie Townsing
- 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, Luke Campbell
- 23rd Elsie Luke
- 27th Fionna Johnson

HAPPY 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations Glenn and Pauline Perentin November 3rd

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



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

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

I hope you are engaging with activities that delight you and finding some time to relax. Remember to stay well hydrated in the warmer weather!

God's Upside-Down Kingdom

"The kingdom of God is an upside-down kingdom. It beckons us to gamble all, to trust radically, to come and die so that we might live – to give our lives away. Giving life away is a paradox. It's losing so we can win. It's giving so we can receive. It's risking for security. It's faith. The kingdom of God means living that tension." — [Ken Wytsma](#)

Recently I heard Pastor Bill Johnson say, "God gets your attention through your circumstances, but he shapes your life through His Word."

He was referring to the words of Jesus in John 15: 1-2

"I am the true Vine and My Father is the Gardener. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes so that it may bear more fruit."

Pruning is a painful reward for producing the right kind of "fruit". The fruit the Spirit produces in us is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control which all help us to accept and care for one another.

During difficult circumstances, pride can raise its ugly head and other "fruit" can appear in our lives: complaining; taking offence; finding fault; feelings of injustice; hurt; betrayal; hopelessness and despair. All these lead to division and isolation, and more hurt.

God's purpose in this pain is to bring our attention back to Him. When we are willing to humble ourselves by acknowledging that God is the Creator and we are created beings with very limited understanding, all the ugly fruit can gradually be transformed into acceptance, forgiveness, and contentment.

We do this in our thoughts and in words such as these: 'God, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You' (2 Chronicles 20:12b); "We thank You Father that You make all things in this situation work together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose." (Romans 8:28).

As the time for His death drew near, Jesus was in extremely difficult circumstances – everything He had brought from heaven and imparted was in the hands of very fallible humans. All He had worked for could easily crash and burn!



As always Jesus models humility towards God and meekness (strength, controlled by love) towards people.

Ponder this passage from John 13:3-5 "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel

and girded Himself. After that He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." Jesus was entitled to the highest human honour, and yet He chose the role of the lowest servant, the one assigned to wash the feet of the guests.

This is consistent with so much of His teaching: "The greatest among you is the one who is the servant." (Matthew 23:11)

When He said to his disciples in John 13 "Love one another as I have loved you" they had a very real example to follow!

Bless all those who serve in whatever capacity. You are a blessing!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holiday Blessings and love, Sue

Community Spirit

During a particularly wet time in early 2022 a local resident had a lot of trouble with her house gutters overflowing water into her house.

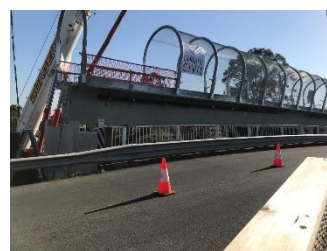
The **Menangle RFS** and **Salvos** arranged a working bee to clear the leaves from her gutters, but it was glaringly obvious that a massive gum tree needed to be taken down for the problem to be solved.

Big shout out to **Mirvac** who very generously paid for the removal of the tree on Thursday 14th November, requiring an arborist with a large crane.



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE RAILWAY CROSSING

On Saturday 23rd November a crowd of Menangleites watched in fascination as a huge crane was positioned,

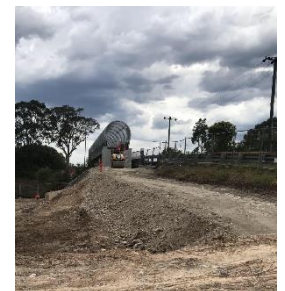


assembled, and then used to haul a massive girder across the railway line to become the Station Street Pedestrian Bridge.

Ongoing work will complete the construction of ramps on either end.

This was also a **Mirvac** operation, carried out by

Christie Civil. Congratulations on a very successful operation!



ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm
TUESDAY 10th December

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



Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts
Phone: 02 4632 7233 Mobile: 0431 674 890
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MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

NOVEMBER MCA MEETING Report

Pedestrian Bridge Over the Train Line

Transport NSW only have railway line outages every three months, and no work can be done in the rail corridor at any other time. The project to install the girder was precisely managed, and very successfully carried out. Further earth work and steel ramp and stair construction are underway and due to be finished March/April 2025. Once completed the bridge will be handed over to Transport NSW.

Station St, Menangle Rd Roundabout.

D.A. was lodged in July and is on exhibition with the Council. It will be presented to the December Planning Panel.

The Menangle Store curb will be untouched, curbs on the other three corners will all be changed.

Stage 4 of Mirvac Development

Civil works underway, extending development northwards alongside the Hume Motorway - completion expected mid next year. The DA is with Council, Mirvac are hoping it will be out before Christmas.

A second park is planned for this stage.

Current septic can support all stages of the new development.

This will make a total of approximately 280 lots on the Eastern side of the railway line.

The land around Menangle Train Station is zoned as a neighbourhood centre area. Development either side of this has no height limit and will be medium density. (Min 250sqm blocks) (Thanks Aaron Baker for this info)

School of Arts Building Update

Because there is no spare room on the block, everything has to happen in order. Issues with acoustics now resolved, gyprocking can begin and be completed by 17/12/2024.

The outdoor wheelchair ramp has been installed.

Septic tanks are being installed on Monday.

Water main has been installed, with back flow valves to be come. Cost estimated to be \$5,000+ \$3,000 copper pipe.

Half of the fence has been built. Remainder after the Septic tanks are installed.

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

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

OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL SITE Community Garden Update



Things are happening! Guttering on the storage sheds and the water tank at the southern end of them have been installed and connected. The boundary fence and gates are partially

constructed. The next thing will be removal of some of the grass to make room for 6 garden beds – each one 3000mm W x 1200mm D x 800mm H (4 boards high) - which will be delivered as flat-packs and assembled by our Menangle Volunteers. When these are in position the landscaper will compact gravel around them to make accessible pathways, an fill them with soil.
Thanks Lauren, Chad and all the team from Wollondilly Council! Enquiries: susan.peacock2@gmail.com



YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED



Menangle RFS November/ December 2024 Update

In November 2024 the brigade received four emergency callouts including two pile-burns where no permit was in place, a motor vehicle accident and one rubbish fire.

The brigade was honoured to receive a Highly Commended at the Wollondilly Spring Garden Competition for the beautiful Memorial Garden constructed by our members Martin, Colleen and their sons.

Six members attended a Leadership presentation given by former RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons. This was a great opportunity to learn about leading through adversity, creating positive team culture, building resilience in our people, making difficult decisions and bringing out the best in people.

2025 Menangle RFS Calendars

2025 Calendars will be available from the beginning of December 2024. Brigade members will be door knocking and delivering calendars to all households in the village. Any donations received for calendars are greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase marquees and additional fireground radios.

2024 Santa Run

Preparations for the annual Santa Run are in full swing. Families and friends are invited to drop wrapped gifts to Menangle Post Office for delivery from Santa on-board the Menangle fire truck.

Label with the recipient's name and drop off point please.



Approximate times for our Santa Runs are:

- **10am- 2pm Tuesday 24th December:** Rural streets including Carolls Road, Quirkies Lane, Cummins Road, Hawkey Road, Burrells Road, Finns Road and Dawson's Road
- **Wednesday 25th December:** Durham Green- 8am, St James Avenue Reserve- 8:20am, Dean McGrath Park (Station Street Menangle)- 8:35am; The Village Stage 2- 8:50am and Rotalocator 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>

Ladies' Training Nights

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade held the first all-female training night in November. The theme of the night was 'Back to Basics'- radio protocols, familiarisation of what's where on each truck, bowling and rolling hoses, pump operation and quick mobilisation of resources when arriving on scene. This was a great refresher for our long-term members and great practice for our newer members.

As the crew arrived back at station to refill the tank, a fire call was received. One of the responding crews was Menangle 1 who responded with a crew of 5- Deputy Captain Connor and 4 of our female firefighters, including a female truck driver. The big success of the night was one of our female members attending her first emergency call-out due to the increased confidence she took away from our training session earlier in the evening.

The all-female training nights are no reflection on the fantastic men in our brigade- all of whom are welcoming and inclusive of all members male or female. They are simply taking place to provide training in a smaller setting and increase the confidence of members who may feel less comfortable asking questions or trying new things in larger, all-brigade training workshops. They also aim to build camaraderie between female members of the brigade.

Our all-female training sessions will be taking place on a regular basis. We have several female members currently training to complete their Bush Firefighter qualification in 2025. Any females in the area who are considering joining message our Facebook page or drop down to a training session for more information.