

# 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.**

## ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

## SALVATION ARMY

Contact: 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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Taylor

4<sup>th</sup> Matthew McMullen

9<sup>th</sup> Janice Warner

13<sup>th</sup> Mark Haines, Elana Reece

15<sup>th</sup> Mathew Foulks

16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Howard

17<sup>th</sup> Sam Margin

18<sup>th</sup> Isabella Mealing

19<sup>th</sup> Tahlia Bond

21<sup>st</sup> Allie Margin, Angus Terry, Sharon Foulks

22<sup>nd</sup> Marlene Gordon

25<sup>th</sup> Michael Abberton

26<sup>th</sup> Francis Warner

27<sup>th</sup> Izaak Margin

28<sup>th</sup> Geoff Hughes

28<sup>th</sup> Thomas Wulf

29<sup>th</sup> Karen Halfpenny, Francesco Mamone

30<sup>th</sup> Mathew Robertson, Winnie Lau



## HAPPY 64<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

12th Keith & Judith Lynch

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## THE STORE MENANGLE

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Friday, November 29th 2024

Join us on  
**Friday, November 29th, 2024, from 4-8pm**  
for an evening of food, entertainment,  
and Christmas shopping.

Explore handmade gifts, support  
local artisans, and enjoy a festive  
atmosphere for the whole family.  
**Save the date and bring your friends  
for a fun holiday experience!**

Designed by [kimberly@concept2media.com.au](mailto:kimberly@concept2media.com.au)

## THOMO'S CORNER – a bit of wisdom

Life is like a camera.

Focus on what's important.

Capture the good times.

Develop from the negatives,  
and if things don't work out,

take another shot!"

## EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

The Christmas Season has kicked off! Menangle Probus Club held their Christmas Luncheon in the Old Menangle School on Monday. It is a lovely venue and the seven tables of six fitted comfortably with a couple of serving tables for the buffet and another two near the walls for the drinks station, and music station.

The buffet from First Class Catering at Thirlmere was excellent value, delivered on time. We recommend them!

### What does Christmas mean to you?



There are probably as many answers to that as there are people "Christ-Mass" is the Church's celebration of the birth of Jesus, singing beautiful carols, and remembering the gift God gave us. Jesus, who is wholly God came into the world, and became wholly human as well. An old, old story, but a good one! The birth of Jesus

transformed this world forever. Jesus who was without sin, took upon Himself the sin of the whole world, so that we, who are sinners could be transformed into Saints. A transformation that takes a lifetime.

We all make mistakes: we all need mercy.

Hebrews 4:16 tells us that when we trust in Jesus, we can draw near to the very throne of God to receive mercy. God is full of mercy; His mercies are new every morning; his compassions never fail.

But that is only half of God's provision at His throne. We also find God's grace to help us in times of need.

God's mercy takes care of our past, and God's grace empowers us to live lives abounding in love, joy and peace whatever we face today and into the future.

**The Biblical Feast most closely aligned to Christmas is Chanukah** the eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

The Hebrew word "Chanukah" means "dedication," and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in the second century BCE.

Israel was under the rule of Syrian Greeks who tried to impose Greek culture and beliefs on the Jewish people. A small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, driving the Greeks from the land, and reclaiming the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Only a single day's worth of pure olive oil, could be found. They used it to light the Menorah. The light from that one single cruse miraculously continued to burn for eight days, by which time new pure oil could be prepared.

Chanukah 2024 begins at sunset on Christmas Day and ends at sunset on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah Blessings and love Sue



*Sunday December 8  
6.30pm - 9.00pm  
At the Amphitheatre  
alongside the Church.*

*Bring a chair or picnic rug*

## 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 November 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 10.00am at Durham Green

Speaker: David Rosenberg – Pine Gap

If interested, please contact

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520

Or Secretary Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STALLS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23

8.00am -2.00pm

IN THE CLUBHOUSE @ DURHAM GREEN

### ALL HANDMADE GOODS

Crochet T-Towels, Face Washers & Soap, Hand Towels, T-Towels, Cake Stalls, Puddings, Christmas Cards, 2025 Calendars Named Christmas Baubles, Knitted Animals, Earrings. Pre-Loved Stall.

Balloon Animals & Lucky Dips for The Kids.

**Sausage Sizzle and Hot Dogs.**

**The café will be open for coffee**

Bring along family and friends



## ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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



Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts  
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Website: hawkcarts.com.au

## MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

**NOVEMBER MCA MEETING 7.00pm**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> in the Fire Shed.**  
**Zoom option will be available**

**We are looking forward to a 30-minute visit from Aaron Baker from Mirvac who will provide an update on the following topics:**

- footbridge construction and timings
  - roundabout at Menangle/Station St construction and timings
  - timing on next stages of development
  - installation of footpaths
  - community development and broader discussion on a sustainable model.
- Q & A time included

Other projects the MCA can provide an update on include

- School of Arts Hall
- Restoration of the Station Master's Cottage concept
- Community Garden project

WW1 Photo Frames: The MCA is very appreciative that the Men's Shed has restored the frames of the WW1 Honour Boards from the previous School of Arts.

Camden Men's Shed have created new collage mats which are now with a local signwriter who is completing the names and rising sun logos. The photos have also been restored! These will have pride of place in the new Menangle School of Arts!

## 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

## OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL SITE Community Garden Update

A small group of Menangle residents are cooperating with Wollondilly Council to establish a Community Garden. We have plenty of room on our little committee for more members! Our design for the first stage has been approved, so we should see this wonderful community resource flourishing very soon!

Please get in touch if you have a passion for gardening, and a desire to contribute into the Community of Menangle

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### YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

- + **Local Vaccination Provider** (We provide all types of vaccination, either regular vaccines or travel vaccines)
- + **FREE Flu Vaccine** for seniors 65 years and over
- + **FREE Flu Vaccine** for selected groups less than 65 years. (**NO** prescription required **and NO** waiting time)
- + **FREE** Local Delivery (Conditions apply)
- + Webster Packing Service
- + A dedicated pharmacist with **20+ years of experience** is here to answer all your medical inquiries and provide health advice.

### OPENING HOURS

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

**SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED**



**Menangle**



## Menangle Rural Fire Brigade November 2024 Update

Whilst October was a quiet month for the brigade in terms of call-outs the brigade has been busy with training, working bees, a hazard reduction burn and preparations for bush fire season.

Congratulations to Sue Peacock who completed Introduction to Community Engagement, Mark McCormack who completed Bush Firefighter Training and Belinda McDonald who completed Rural Fire Driving.

Menangle RFS volunteers will commence delivering our 2025 calendars in late November/ early December. If you see a fire truck enter your property or firefighter knock on the door, don't be alarmed- we're just there to drop-off a calendar. Any donations made for our calendars are much appreciated.

### 2024 Menangle RFS Santa Run

Preparations have commenced for the Brigade's annual Santa Run. Families are invited to drop wrapped gifts to Menangle Post Office for delivery from Santa on-board the Menangle fire truck.

Santa will be visiting homes in the rural streets of Menangle on Christmas Eve and a number of locations across the Village on Christmas morning. Approximate times for our Santa Runs are:



**10am- 2pm Christmas Eve:** Rural streets including Carolls Road, Quirkies Lane, Cummins Road, Hawkey Road, Burrells Road, Finns Road and Dawson's Road

**8am- 9:20am Christmas Morning:** Durham Green 8am, St James Avenue Reserve 8:20am, Dean McGrath Park (Station Street Menangle) 8:35am; The Village Estate Stage 2 (location TBC) 8:50am and Rotolocator Park (Rotolactor Parade) 9:05am.

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>

### Breathing Apparatus Operator Training

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade has recently begun the process of transitioning to a Village 2 Brigade. The change of classification reflects the significant growth in the population of Menangle and the expected changes to the type of call-outs the brigade will receive in the future. Part of this transition includes carrying Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus on our truck.

In anticipation of this change, October 2024 saw seven of our members successfully complete Breathing Apparatus Operator training. The course put our members to the test- learning how to quickly don and doff Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus, use the equipment safely, move through confined spaces wearing the equipment and practice car fire skills wearing BA.

This was a great course, all our members learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed being put through some challenging practical activities. Congratulations to James McFarlane, Jim Nelson, Andrew Scott, Martin Scott, Natalie McMullen, James Doust and Connor Fownes on obtaining BAO certification.

