

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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.com.au

Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store

1st Friday each month.

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

6.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2025

Big shoutout to the Menangle RFS – as always exceeding expectations for our very own Menangle-style Australia Day Celebration. Thank you, James, Michael and crew, for the catering, set-up, cooking and clean-up.

During the program we had a look at some of the interesting historical features of Menangle: The Cowpastures. The two bulls and four cows that had escaped from the First Fleet in 1788 and were discovered as a herd of cattle of about 40 cows and two bulls some seven years later.

Wool production; Cottages in the Village; Menangle Public School; the Menangle Store, and the School of Arts.

Marcel at The Store has let me know that their plans for renovations are almost ready to go! We will see some changes this year but we are confident that the excellent service we always receive will continue throughout.

The School of Arts is approaching completion in the next few months after a massive effort from Jim Nelson and all his team.

MIRVAC NATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY

On Wednesday March 26th Mirvac will be holding their National Community Day where they mobilise their workforce to volunteer

on the one day to help out the community.

Last year marked the 10th year of the event.

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

THE
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MENANGLE

THE STORE MENANGLE



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd James McFarlane, Dorothy Noyes, Emelise Bond

4th Natalie Worthington

7th Lisa Redmond, Maxlyn Luke

13th Graham Bell

15th Emily Rose

17th Tanida Johnson

19th Jake Kent

21st Judy Lynch, Sean McMullen

22nd Glen Peretin, Glynnis Bell

22nd Mark Campbell, Cathy Bulger

28th Elizabeth Dowse

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

5th Steve & Kerri Rochaix

16th Gary & Yasmin Luke

27th Jason and Laura Burt

28th Graham and Dorothy Noyes

Happy Birthday and Congratulations!

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email

to: susan.peacock2@gmail.com



Menangle Community Association

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday February 28th at 7.00pm in the Fire Shed.

Updates on the School of Arts, the Community Garden, The Old Menangle Train Station, Sewage Connections etc!

THOMMO'S CORNER

I just had a physical.

The doctor said, "Don't eat anything fatty."

I said, "Like bacon and burgers?"

He said, "No Fatty, don't eat anything!"

EDITORIAL

THE FAITH JOURNEY

Dear Reader,
My lawn, and I'm sure yours too, is experiencing rapid growth this season. At least 2cm per day. "It's good for the farmers!"

The weeds are also thriving – oxalis especially. The more I try to dig it out of my garden the more it seems to multiply. Apparently drastic measures are required- removing the plants and putting down layers of cardboard and newspaper to block all light from the bulbs, then starting again. Big job!

The bible talks about our lives being like a garden, and words we speak being like seeds, some of which grow into weeds. Complaining, fault-finding, pessimism, and cynicism, to name just a few.



The things God wants to see growing in our lives are in alignment with the Fruit of His Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The more we bring our words into alignment with God's words, the healthier

and more productive our lives will be. Because we live in a fallen world, the temptation is powerful to join with voices other than God's voice. God's voice speaks through the beauty and power of nature, the faithfulness, new hope and mercy of the sun appearing every morning, and through the Story of His love for humanity recorded in the Bible. Every choice we make and all the words we speak either build up or tear down. Jesus chose to carry His cross to redeem us from death. The decision was so difficult the bible says He sweated blood. He chose God's will and God's way. My cross is the place where what I want, think or feel **intersects** with what God wants, thinks and feels. My choice is either to take up my cross and follow Jesus or turn away and go my own (easier) way. The cross we are invited to take up every day has a vertical component – surrender (with thanksgiving) to God's will and God's ways; trusting in Him with all our hearts and leaning not on our own understanding; and then a horizontal component - serving those around us, as though we are serving the Lord. An impossible task apart from our Helper – The Holy Spirit – who takes everything of Jesus and makes Him known to us. His faith, His obedience, His grace, His goodness are all gifts from God to help us choose Life in His name. Blessings and love, Sue

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday each month
At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm
TUESDAY 11th March

We are 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

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Camden Aglow operated for almost 21 years, closing a bit over a year ago having reached the end of its season.

But seasons change, and I am very excited to be launching Macarthur Aglow on April 19th - Easter Saturday, which is also the 8th day of Passover.

Because Aglow is very closely Aligned with the Biblical Calendar we will celebrate a Passover Supper in the Old Menangle School.

Understanding the context of the Last Supper within the Passover Celebration that Jesus had with His disciples adds so many layers of richness.

Bookings will be essential – more details in the March Menangle News.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Tuesday between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.
Outside St Patrick's Church Menangle Rd.

MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

NEXT MEETING Monday February 17th at 10.00am
Our Speaker February 17th - Geoff Hallam. Geoff will be speaking about Lancaster bombers, what the Canadian Government has done to allow cruise ships into Inside Passage and bears in Canada during a salmon run

If interested, please contact:

President David Llewellyn 0407 105 520
Or Secretary Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

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Guest Homes

Our supported temporary accommodation provides a home and haven, not just shelter

Food Relief

Our volunteers prepare home-cooked meals for our guest homes and the community

New Clothing

Partnering with [Thread Together](#), our guests receive brand new clothing

Support

Guests are triaged by our onsite support team and provided person-centred support

Changing Attitudes

Raising awareness to dispel the myths and stigmas around homelessness

Education

Offering life skills programs for our residents and the community

To find out more and to volunteer

[Our Why - Dignity](#) Phone 1300 332 334

admin@dignity.org.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
Phone: 0417 230 418

MENANGLE MEN'S SHED

1 Stevens Rd, Menangle
Monday and Friday 8.30am till 12.00 noon
New members welcome.

Retired or finished work and in need of something to do? Don't just sit there bored, fed up and stressed.....

Why not join a Men's Shed. Make new friends. Make things from timber, join in community projects, learn new skills. Use your skills to help others.



If any of the above is not for you, just come along and have a cuppa and chat.

Contact Jim 0490 551 789



Tel.: 02 4632 8554

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Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

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DOG OWNERS – Please act responsibly.

Dogs are a delight and joy and very welcome in Menangle.

Thank you everyone who already does the right thing.

By law and for the safety and hygiene of our community, dog owners **MUST** scoop up their dog's poop in public Places (and other people's yards!!!)





Menangle Brigade



Menangle RFS February 2025 Update

January was a relatively busy month for the brigade with eight call-outs to a range of incidents including grass fires, rubbish fires, pile-burns with no permit, motor vehicle accidents, downed powerlines and automated fire alarms.

The brigade also assisted with the Menangle Community Association Australia Day breakfast. Thank you to all the vintage car and boat owners who came along, to the MCA for organising and our brigade members for cooking the BBQ.

Twelve members of the brigade participated in a targeted workshop about grass fires. This was a great opportunity to learn about new strategies used to fight grass fires, while working alongside other brigades and brushing up on old skills.

With an increased risk of grass fire this bush fire season and a large number of rural blocks in Menangle this was a great opportunity for our brigade.

Have you heard of the NSW Rural Fire Service AIDER Program?

The AIDER (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) program is a free, one-off service which supports some of our most at-risk community members.

The program helps people live more safely and confidently in their home in areas where bush fires may start.

The AIDER program is designed for people who have limited domestic support available from family, relatives, friends or other services. This could include older people, people living with a disability, and people who are already receiving community assistance and services. Their property must also be on bush fire prone land (land that can support a bush fire or be subject to bush fire attack).

AIDER services can include:

- clearing gutters
- thinning vegetation around the home
- removing leaf and tree debris
- trimming branches from close to the home
- mowing or slashing long grass.

If you would like to know more about the free, one-off AIDER service, call 1300 011 737 or email aider@rfs.nsw.gov.au

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