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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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EASTER SERVICES: Good Friday 9.00am

Easter Sunday: 8.30 am and 10.00 am.

10.00 am service is live streamed at

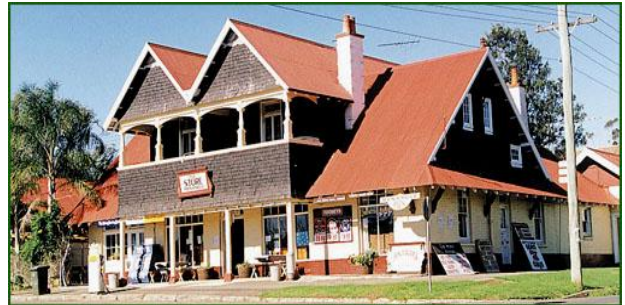
www.menangleanglican.com.au

**Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store
1st Friday each month.**

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

THE STORE MENANGLE



OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 6.30am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus.

POST OFFICE

open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday Phone: 46338101



Invitation

The Mayor of
Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Matt Gould
Is pleased to invite you to
attend the official opening of
Menangle Community Garden
To be held at
Menangle Old School Site
28 Station St, Menangle
Commencing 9.00am until 11am
Saturday 3 May 2025
Light refreshments will be served.

Wollondilly Shire Council
62-64 Menangle St PICTON NSW 2571 – Telephone 02
46771100
www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Thank you, Mirvac, for
sponsoring the printing of this
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st Maddie Clifton
4th Clayton Butler, Micah Lau
5th Andrew Black , Michelle Campbell
6th Carol Redmond, Yasmin Luke
11th Nancy Caffyn
12th Margaret Ritchie
14th Christine Hughes, Jenni McGrath
19th Vicki Blight
21st Brittanie McFarlane
23rd Emily McFarlane,
23rd Monica Symons (nee Charles)
24th Nikita Reece
27th Paul Shipley
29th Katie Mealing
30th Peter Gordon



Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to:
susan.peacock2@gmail.com

THOMMO'S CORNER

A male driver is pulled over by a cop, this conversation takes place:

Man: What's the problem officer?

Cop: You were going at least 75 in a 55 zone.

Man: No sir, I was going 65.

Wife: O Harry, you were going 80. (Man gives her a dirty look)

Cop: I'm going to give you a ticket for your broken taillight.

Man: Broken taillight? I don't know about a broken taillight.

Wife: Oh Harry, you've known about that taillight for weeks! (Man gives her a dirty look)

Cop: I'm also giving you a citation for not wearing your seatbelt.

Man: Oh, I just took it off when you walked up to my car.

Wife: Oh Harry, you never wear your seatbelt!

Man: Shut your mouth woman!

Cop: Ma'am does your husband always talk to you this way?

Wife: No sir, only when he's drunk!

Menangle Community Association

Our next meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday of April 24th
at 7.00pm in the Fire Shed. Updates on the School of Arts
NEW HALL, the Old Menangle Train Station, Sewage
Connections etc!



Tel.: 02 4632 8554

YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

EDITORIAL - THE FAITH JOURNEY

I hope you are finding the cooler nights, and mornings refreshing, as we enjoy this beautiful Autumn season in Menangle.

In my retirement I am busy most days but have the enormous privilege of no longer needing to rush, (although sometimes I forget...) One of my indulgences is lingering over breakfast with an inspiring book. It is quite amazing how much of a book I can consume at just 20 minutes a day!

My latest inspiration comes from "Radically Restored to Oneness With One Another" by Peter McHugh.

His foundational premise is that "righteousness" or being right with God has much more to do with encountering God's love in relationship with Him, than with what we believe about Him or the way we behave. Similarly, being righteous includes encountering God's love in our relationships with one another.

This is a radical thought for me!

Most of the Bible teaching and preaching I have heard emphasised only that "Righteousness" was "right standing before God" and was very much based on believing and behaving. There is truth in that of course – Christians believe that Jesus, the Son of God came to earth to be God's sacrifice for the sins of His Jewish people, and indeed people of all nations. This is the central message of the cross at Easter.

But Peter McHugh believes it is only part of the truth, because we can hold it personally and individually, and remain isolated from the rest of humanity. Only when we understand the Oneness of God – the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons, one Godhead, continually pouring out love to one another, can we understand how God wants us to be One with Him and each other in receiving and pouring out His gift of holy love.

God makes covenants, not contracts, and He desires that we would be covenant people. Covenants, like ideal marriages, create oneness. Two individuals join their lives together to move forward as a family.

Sadly, many of our relationships degenerate into contractual experiences where we judge one another rather than loving one another.

One way to slowly establish a good Kingdom attitude is to "focus on the PRIZE of who you can become and who Jesus can be for you."

Don't dwell on the PRICE you are paying." (p115)

I am applying this to the "emotional/relational exhaustion" from my late husband Brian's palliative year at home (2021 – a long-term spinal disability compounded by MND culminating in his death on December 6th) that still niggles from time to time. The price was quite high. But the prize – "greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friend." (John 15:13) Love is sacrifice. Jesus showed us that we will only find great love in two ways: when we know we are forgiven much; (Luke 7:47) and when we lay down our lives for our friends as He did.

Blessings and love, Sue

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday each month

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 8th April, 13th May

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**

PASSOVER SEDER FOR Christians

On Saturday 19th April

5.30pm – 8.00pm

**At the Old Menangle
School.**

RSVP Saturday 12th April.

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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.

MUSIC TIME 2025

The Music Time Team are excited to announce that Music Time will be commencing for 2025 on

TUESDAYS during School Terms

9.30am – 11.30am

**In the Rectory,
5 Sulman Place –
LOWER ROOM**

Music Time is for Preschoolers and their Parents or Carers, and costs \$1 per family.



All welcome!

**MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB is now
Menangle Friendship Group**

Our regular 1st Monday morning tea gathering at 10.00am at the Old Menangle School Site will continue. BYO



Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

Phone: 02 4632 7233 Mobile: 0431 674 890

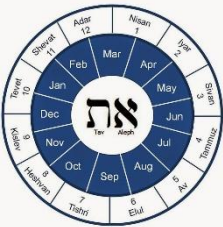
Website: hawkcarts.com.au

The Big Picture – three different calendars. New Year now?

The Lunar Calendar, adopted by Islam is based solely upon the phases of the moon. The date of Ramadan varies a great deal each year.

The Gregorian Calendar – based on the earth rotation around the sun – The date of Good Friday and Easter Sunday vary a great deal.

The Biblical Calendar is based on the “lights in the sky” (Genesis 1:14-19) i.e. the sun, moon and stars.



The first day of each month is the New Moon, the middle of each month is the Full Moon. The special Feasts that God appointed for the Jewish people are held during the

middle on the month, so they have the light from the full moon for the party!

The month of Nissan, (which began in 2025 on March 30 on the Gregorian Calendar), **is the actual Biblical New Year, and Passover is always held on Nissan 14 (April 12 this year)**

The 12 Jewish months are lunar - 29 or 30 days each. This leaves about 11 days over, and these are accounted for by inserting an extra month seven times in a 19-year cycle (quite a complex system!) making a leap year. A normal Jewish year consists of 353 to 355 days, while a leap year varies between 383 and 385 days.

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



Introducing Jim's Healthcare - Campbelltown

Are you looking for experienced local nurses to care for your loved ones?

We are Registered Nurses who have lived and worked in the Macarthur area for more than 20 years.

Our goal is to provide meaningful, personalised care, and social support services to those in need.

Whether you require some support for just a few hours per week or have more complex requirements, phone Jim's Group today and ask for **Nandhani & Win** from Campbelltown Jim's Health Care.



OUR SERVICES



DIABETES MANAGEMENT
clinical monitoring and management



MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
administering injections, tablets, creams



ACUTE AND CHRONIC WOUND CARE
incisions, tears, ulcers, infections



CONTINENCE AND STOMA CARE
personalised plans

Assistance with daily tasks such as showering, dressing, housekeeping, transport, companionship



Federal Elections Saturday May 3rd Voting at Douglas Park School 8.00am – 6.00pm

Statement on Christian Values from Honourable Angus Taylor, Liberal Member for Hume

There are many values we hold dear in Australia which we derive from Christianity given the role it has played in shaping the foundations of our democracy, our institutions, and this country's national character.

It follows, that the influence of Christianity is reflected in the core values of the Liberal and National parties, like personal responsibility, individual liberty, freedom of belief and speech, the paramount importance of the family, and the need for law and justice.

The Coalition is committed to protecting freedom of religious faith and belief. We have exemplified this by being the only political parties which have continued to unequivocally condemn the unprecedented rise of antisemitism on our shores.

We place heavy importance on parental choice when it comes to children's education, and we are strongly committed to protecting faith-based schools.

We affirm the biological fact that there are two sexes, and a small group who are intersex or indeterminate.

We want women's spaces to be protected – particularly women's sport – consistent with the principles of fairness and safety.

Similarly, we believe in protecting the innocence and sanctity of childhood.

[Candidates - ACL Election Site 2025](#)





Menangle Brigade



Menangle RFS April Update

March was a busy month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with eleven call-outs to a range of incidents including bush fires, vehicle fires, rubbish fires, motor vehicle accidents and an oil spill. Thank you to all our members who continue to make themselves available for these call-outs.

Menangle's Transition to Village 2 Brigade

In March 2025 Menangle Rural Fire Brigade officially transitioned to a NSW RFS Village 2 Brigade. This change reflects the growth in the population of Menangle and the changing needs of our developing community.

Our Category 1 Fire Tanker is now fitted with Compressed-Air Breathing Apparatus. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus provides maximum protection for firefighters in contaminated atmospheres- keeping our firefighters safe, and allowing us to assist our community in their times of need. This equipment will be used by BAO qualified members when attending incidents such vehicle fires and structure fires.



End of the Statutory Bush Fire Danger Period

March 31, 2025, saw the official end of the Statutory Bush Fire Danger Period for Wollondilly Shire. As the bush fire Danger Period has ended the process around permits has changed.

Step 1: Obtain a Council General Approval to Burn Permit. by either calling (02) 4677 1100 or via the Customer Portal <https://portal.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/s/> (you will need to login or create an account). This will list the conditions of the burn.

In order to obtain a General Approval to Burn permit, you must meet ALL of the following criteria:

👉 Your land zoning must be one of the following:

- RU1 - Primary Production
- RU2 - Rural Landscape
- RU4 - Primary Production Small Lots
- C3 - Environmental Management
- C4 - Environmental Living

👉 Your land size must be equal to or greater than 4,000sqm

- 👉 There must be no more than one dwelling per 4,000sqm

🔥 You must have a copy of your General Approval to Burn Permit on you when you commence your burn.

Step 2: Notify the Rural Fire Service (RFS) of your intention to burn via this website, 24 hours before you plan to burn <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire.../BFDP/burn-notifications>

Step 3: Notify your neighbours 24 hours before burning (this save unnecessary callouts). Before lighting up, make sure you have sufficient equipment on hand to control and contain the fire on your property. There are significant penalties for allowing fire to escape your property, damaging property of another and lighting fires without the approval and required notices.