

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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New service time starts Sunday, 8th June 25 Combined

Service at 9am + Kids Church

All Welcome!

Praying for all Menangle and their families weekly.

Happy for prayer requests.....

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

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm on 1st Sunday each month

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

I apologise for the misinformation about polling places printed in the April Menangle News.

Congratulations Angus Taylor on retaining your seat.

MENANGLE SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL

Exciting Upgrades at the Menangle School of Arts Hall Boost Sustainability and Community Resilience

The Menangle community has much to celebrate with the Menangle School of Arts Hall nearing completion. Thanks to support from Sydney Water's Community Grant and local contractors like GLC Building Pty Ltd, the Hall will be a modern, sustainable facility that will benefit residents for generations to come.

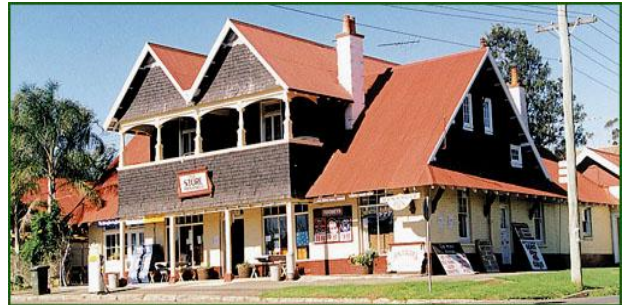
The project included the construction of a new stage, installation of acoustic insulation, upgraded ducting for future air-conditioning, professional audio-visual cabling, and a complete lighting and electrical fit-out. Alongside these works, the Hall is also being equipped with advanced water-saving technologies such as smart toilets, waterless urinals, user-sensing taps, making it one of the most water-efficient community facilities in the region.

This project not only enhances the Hall's ability to host a wide range of cultural, social, and educational events but also builds resilience in times of disaster, particularly during floods when town water supply could be compromised. The new sustainable features will drastically cut water usage and reduce running costs, allowing the Menangle Community Association to invest more into future programs and community activities. Informative signage and newsletters will accompany these upgrades, helping to educate residents on water conservation and inspiring behaviour change across the broader community.

The Menangle Hall is now a true symbol of community spirit, innovation, and care for the environment. The MCA thanks Sydney Water and all project partners for their support in delivering such an important initiative.

We look forward to seeing the Hall in action, serving as a hub where our community can come together, learn, celebrate, and thrive for many years to come!

THE STORE MENANGLE



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SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to:

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1st Steve Charles
2nd Troy Mealing
4th Lauren Bell, Stuart Leigh Baxter
5th Siobhan Burt, Bill Irving
7th Ernie
8th Lily Margin, Kate Porteous
10th Tiarne Holz
12th Rowan Shiner, Nicholas Lamrock-George
16th Christine, Cameron Halfpenny, Sky Samantha Kyle
17th Edward McDonald
21st Abe Peacock
25th Unchalee Thompson
27th Ethan Campbell
29th Kerry Charles
30th Steve

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

29th Esmond and Winnie Lau



THOMO'S CORNER

The Pastor interrupts his sermon to ask three men in the front row :
"What would you want your loved ones to say as they are looking down at you in your coffin?"

Tom: That I was a good husband and father.

Bill: That I lived a good life of kindness to others

Dan: Look – he's moving!

Menangle Community Association

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

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

THE
VILLAGE
MENANGLE

EDITORIAL - THE ART OF CONVERSATION

"Conversation is civilized speech. It is more purposeful than chatter; more humane than gossip; more intimate than debate. But it is an elusive ideal." (1)

We are conversational creatures – both internally and externally. Often our internal conversations (i.e. trains of thought), spill out into our spoken ones. In fact, hearing our thoughts as we speak them out is a very clear indicator of the condition of our internal world!

When I hear myself express something harsh or bitter about my circumstances I try to identify where I am falling short: have I lost hope in God's goodness? The Bible says, "God makes all things work together for our good when we are called to His purposes." Or have I become discouraged because what I desperately hope for is delayed? Again – Jesus promises that He is WITH us at every moment, He will never leave us or forsake us. He doesn't promise to take us out of the difficulty, but to strengthen us and encourage us each day as we walk through it.

Conversing with others.

Like every skill, the art of conversation requires diligent practice to master. Everyone has a story, and everyone is on a journey through life. It's a long time since I attended school, but I don't recall having any teaching about conversation. In my home it was "children should be seen and not heard" – how about you?

Learn how to listen.

It was only when I had the opportunity to learn about "active listening" in my 30's did I begin to learn about civilised conversation. I am so glad that this is taught in schools now. My grandchildren model this to me, so there is hope for the future! I love them and I want to know their sacred stories. It takes courage to share our stories with one another, and it takes generosity of heart and humility and invitation to really listen to the stories of others.

Chatter

Some people chatter, which can be a sign of loneliness, or social anxiety, or just self-absorption. (All of which we have a measure of, I believe)

Interrupting a chatterer can change things, if you have the courage to try! e.g. Catch their attention by saying their name and then say "I need to interrupt you. Thank you for sharing your news, I can see it is important to you. It is also important that we take turns talking."

Gossip

Talking about others negatively, in their absence is judgemental and unkind. We all need to avoid this!

Debate

Civilised debate belongs in Parliament, and at all kinds of board meetings, and occasionally around the meal table. Where people who respect one another hold different opinions, these can be shared respectfully. Like pieces of a puzzle, these different perspectives can add clarity to the whole issue.

With all the words spoken in the world as chatter, gossip and debate, let's be those who continually **practice** the beautiful art of conversation and contribute to making our nation civilised!!!!

(1) [John Armstrong](#) Philosopher, The University of Melbourne [The art of conversation](#)

Blessings and love, Sue

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday each month

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 13th May, 10th June

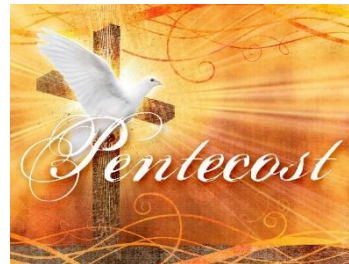
We are reading a chapter each month of this wonderful book written by Asher Intrater, a Messianic Jew living in Jerusalem.

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**



**Pentecost
worship and
prayer
meeting.**

On Saturday 31st May 2.30 – 5.30pm

At the Old Menangle School.

On the Day of Pentecost all the Believers were meeting together with one accord in one place. The place was Jerusalem, the one accord was to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the nation of Israel to awaken to their Messiah, and for those present to be empowered to be His witnesses even to the ends of the earth. Let's join with God's timetable and believe for a great outpouring and revival in Australia such as the world has never seen!

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Why is Pentecost significant?

"Shavuot, the Jewish Pentecost, is a holiday that commemorates the single most important event in Israel's history: the giving of the *Torah* (the first five books in the Hebrew Bible) to [Moses](#) at Mount Sinai."(1)

From Passover to Pentecost in a seven-week festival known by several different names: the Festival of Weeks; the Festival of Ingathering; and Firstfruits which is also a Day – three days after Passover. (The Day of the resurrection of Jesus)

It was during this time that Jesus "presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father "which" He said "You have heard from Me; for truly John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Acts 1:3-5)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be witnesses to Me (Jesus) in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

(1) [What is Shavuot?](#) | [Jewish Holiday Meaning](#) | [The Jewish Pentecost](#)

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

MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN



OPENING

Thanks to everyone who attended the opening of the Menangle Community Garden on Saturday 3rd May at the Old Menangle School site.

Right Photo: Damion running the plant workshop for keen Menangle Community members.

Left photo: L to R Sue Peacock, Cr Jacque Jenson, Peter Buckley (WSC) Mayor Cr Matt Gould, Cr Suzy Brandstater, Ibrahim Muharrem (WSC), Rob Moran (WSC) and kneeling Damion Stirling (WSC)

The workshop to plant our first winter crops (cauliflower, artichoke, garlic, chives, onions, celery, peas, kale, silverbeet, lettuce, cress, spring onions, lemongrass, chamomile) as well as viola, calendula, and marigold flowers, (all generously donated from the Council Nursery) was thoroughly enjoyed, and Council are keen to come out again when we are ready for our summer planting.

Joining the Menangle Community Garden for \$12 per annum per family , gives you access to a share in all these! Please email susan.peacock2@gmail.com for the paperwork.

The opening of both the Community Garden, and the car park on St James Ave, completes the Old Menangle School site project.

Requests for both a Tennis court and Pickleball Court have already been made to the MCA – why not add your ideas too!



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YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

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 (now Menangle Friendship Group)

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

BYO morning tea and enjoy sharing stories (and delicious home-made treats sometimes! Thanks Gina!)

COUNCIL CLEANUP The week of May 26

[Twice Yearly Clean Up » Wollondilly Shire Council](#)

LEAVE ON KERB THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

Household Furniture: Broken or unwanted couches, chairs, rugs, carpet, linoleum, cabinets, drawers, tables, desks, mattresses

**Items must be less than 1.8m in length and in rolls.*

Household Goods/ Loose Items: Toys, prams, clothing, linen, crockery, boxes, bicycles, sporting equipment

**Loose items must be in boxes or bags*

Metal Appliances/ White Goods: Stove, washers, dryers, air conditioners, toasters, hot water systems and refrigerators

**Remove doors or locks from fridges and freezers*

Electronics: Televisions, Computers, Kettles, Heaters, Lamps, Fans

Scrap Metal **Metal items must be less than 1.8m*



Menangle Brigade



Menangle RFS May Update

It has been a busy month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with a large number of call-outs for incidents including motor vehicle accidents, grass fires, automated fire alarms and a gas bottle fire.

Our members have also been busy at the station- conducting working bees to contribute to station upgrades funded by the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant and donations from the Macarthur Retired and Former Police Association. The station is looking fantastic and will be a much more functional space for the brigade and community.

Menangle Brigade was honoured to be a part of the Anzac Day Hostile Heavy Vehicle Mitigation Assistance in Sydney. Thank you to our members who attended the parade.

Farwell to Former Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Volunteer

On a sad note, the Menangle Rural Fire Brigade said goodbye to a former member in April 2025. Our thoughts are with the family and loved ones of Graham Noyes who was a much loved and valued past member of our brigade.

Welcome Menangle's Five Newest Firefighters

Congratulations to Menangle's five newest firefighters Jessica, Ethan, Jasmine, Thomas and Hasan who successfully completed their Bush Firefighter course today.

It's great to watch our brigade continue to grow. See you all on the fireground 🚒👥🔥



Did you know that the NSW Rural Fire Service has a large range of translated resources to help you prepare for fire? Scan the QR code below to take you to the NSW Rural Fire Service Translated Facts website.



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Fact Sheet	तथ्य पत्रक
Fire Danger Rating	आग के खतरे की रेटिंग (फायर डेंजर रेटिंग) बदल गई है
Emergency Information Fact Sheet	दुर्घटना फ़ायर (ख़तरा की आग) संबंधी आपातकाल के बारे में जानकारी
Four Simple Steps	4 सरल चरण
Leaving Early	समय से पहले निकलना, आपका सबसे सुरक्षित विकल्प
No Plan	मैंने प्लान अभी कोई योजना नहीं है...
Prepare Your Home	अपना घर तैयार करें
Prepare Your Pets	अपने जानवरों को तैयार करें
Total Fire Ban	आग जलाने पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध (टोटल फायर बैन)
Travellers 4WD	यात्रियों के लिए जानकारी