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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Combined Service at 9am + Kids Church

All Welcome!

Community Prayer Meeting at 11am on Sundays

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

A very limited number of these books on the Church Furnishings was published. If anyone in Menangle has a copy, please could you let us know.



ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH



5.00pm Mass
on 1st Sunday
each month

MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

SEPTEMBER Working Bee:

SATURDAY 6th from 10.00am – 12.00pm



Joining the Menangle Community Garden for \$12 per annum per family, gives you access to a share in all this fresh produce. I garden by myself through necessity, but gardening with friends is fun! I've joined!

We had a wonderful time at our first working bee: harvesting our produce, weeding, trimming, watering and tidying up after the COCKATOOS!!!!

Enjoying a cuppa with Kerry's chocolate cake when we finished was delightful!

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork.

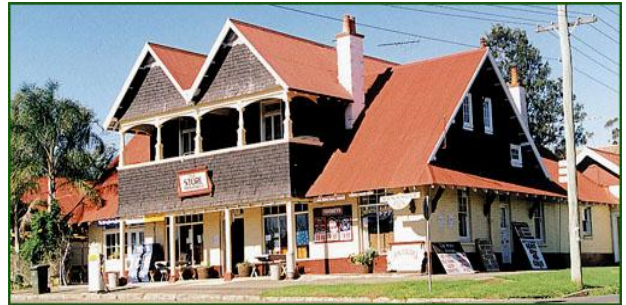
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THOMO'S CORNER

This getting old is a terrible thing. I blacked out for 20 minutes this morning. Then I realised I had put my hoodie on backwards.

I'm still tired from yesterday's tired. Today isn't looking so good, and I've already used up tomorrow's tired.

THE STORE MENANGLE



OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 6.30am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

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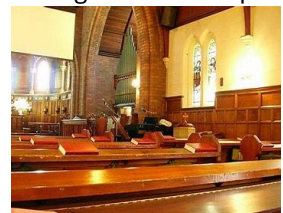
Save the Date!

Wander through a vibrant collection of stalls featuring handmade goods, creative crafts, and unique treasures from talented local artisans.

Don't miss the delicious takeaway dinner options from the team at The Store Menangle.



AND ST JAMES CHURCH AND BELLTOWER WILL BE OPEN FOR VISITORS on Friday 29th August from 4.30pm



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd Coopa, David Bales

4th Samuel Black, Ella McGrath

5th Adeline Betty Howard

8th Mitchell Holz, Josh Erskine

10th Doug Worthington

11th Taylor Haines

12th Sue Peacock

17th Yvonne Anderson

18th Steve McGrath

23rd Meredith Cross

24th Megan Ashton

25th John Rowells

26th Karen McFarlane, Lilian Borg, Jasmine Haines

31st Florence Dowse



EDITORIAL – the Big Picture

Dear Reader,

We are living in accelerated times: access to knowledge; technological advances; and military weapons both of attack and defence are becoming rapidly more sophisticated and accessible.

This phenomenon of acceleration is happening in two other crucial areas: World Mission; and the Restoration of the Jewish Remnant of Believers to their homeland. The return of Jesus hinges on both these areas which are explained in Matthew chapters 23 and 24.

1. WORLD MISSION "This gospel of the Kingdom must be preached in all the world and then the end will come."

God requires that those who inhabit His earth do so with respect for Him, and all His creation. Only one man has ever done this perfectly – Jesus! The rest of us have fallen short. We can obtain personal salvation by taking four very simple steps when we admit to ourselves that we have chosen to live independently of God;

a. Turn to God and ask His forgiveness for going your own way; b. Thank God that Jesus has paid the penalty for your sins through His death on the cross; c. Ask Jesus to come into your life and be in charge; d. Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and transform you into the likeness of Jesus.

This is the Gospel of **Salvation** and is the first step into **God's Kingdom**.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is about the subsequent journey that includes transformation of our lives through belonging to a local congregation and by reading and applying the whole Bible. Translations of the bible are essential for the Kingdom of God to be established on the earth. (Acceleration of Bible translation work using AI is now to the point of a new translation being started every 17 minutes, compared to the years of labour required in the previous two centuries!) Additionally, we need an understanding of how we fit into God's plans and purposes for Israel and all the nations of the world, and of the times in which we live.

2. THE RESTORATION OF A REMNANT OF JEWISH BELIEVERS in a JEWISH HOMELAND Matthew 23:39 Jesus is speaking "For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord'"

Some interesting parallels between Israel and the Church.

In the 1880s Modern Hebrew was restored by Ben Yehuda and became the language of Israel, and a Russian Rabbi came to Jerusalem and became one of the first Messianic Jews.

In 1904 the New Testament gift of speaking in tongues was restored to the Church at the Azusa St Revival, and Pentecostalism began.

From 1948 to today the population of Israel has had a 12-fold increase and is now 10.1 million.

In 1967 many Jewish people came to faith in Jesus in all nations, and the Messianic Movement was begun.

In the 1960s The Charismatic Movement began in the Church, emphasising that God the Father, Jesus the Saviour and The Holy Spirit who indwells Believers are all essential for the transformation of lives, and for God's Kingdom to come to the earth.

By the 2020s there were multiple Messianic Congregations in Israel and a Council of Elders was established in the same way that was experienced by the First Century Church. The Messianics, Arab-born Believers and International Christians work together in cooperation as one body. This is the epicentre of Peace in the Middle East!!!!

By 2025 31% of the world's population identifies as Christian.

Menangle Community Association

Meeting Thursday August 28th

NB the next public meeting will be the 4th Thursday in August – 28th at 7.00pm. at the Menangle RFS.



The MCA Executive is meeting weekly to coordinate the completion of all the requirements of the Occupational Certificate for the New School of Arts Community Hall. The Disability Access

Report highlighted several issues which we are addressing. The Fire Engineers report is booked for Wednesday this week, and the Site Survey of stormwater etc. is still to be done. But we are making progress!!!

RESIDENTS IN STATION STREET.

A proposal is before Council that a 51 place Child Care Centre be constructed at 5 Station St. You can find the details of the proposal

here <https://tracking.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/detail/010.2025.00000489.001>

The MCA has made a submission to Council against this, and we strongly encourage residents who have concerns do the same. Please email Sue if you would like some help with your submission. (susan.peacock2@gmail.com)

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 9th September

There really are people in the world who understand God's plan for the world: past; present; and future. Asher Intrater the author of this book is one of them.

The more we study, the more peace of mind and heart we have! Please let me know if you would like to join our merry little band!

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MACARTHUR AGLOW

Saturday September 6th

3.30 – 5.30pm

At 10 Station St, Menangle

Aglow is an international, interdenominational Christian movement in 170 nations. Branch Meetings include afternoon tea, praise and worship, prayer and Bible Teaching. Please contact **Sue Peacock 0425 203 429** if you would like to attend.

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MENANGLE MEN'S SHED

1 Stevens Rd, Menangle

Monday and Friday

8.30am till 12.00 noon

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

Acceptance and Forgiveness

Dear Reader,

After just a few days of rain it feels like our best friend is back with the sun shining today. So thankful that my forbears emigrated from Britain, although their transition to our climate would not have been easy back in those days!

I was intrigued when an addiction coach, Conrad Tracey, described an addiction as "Believing I need this substance to deal with the weight of what I carry."

He then explained that the "weight" is unresolved trauma, and is often felt as anger.

Anger is an important emotion that alerts us that something or someone is threatening us in some way. Learning how to feel (not repress) and express anger in a helpful way is also very important.

The solution to addiction is twofold: recovery from the substance addiction; and the hard work of resolving the trauma.

If the trauma is left unresolved then inevitably all the old patterns reemerge, and the consumption of the substance is resumed, because the weight of the trauma is too heavy to carry.

My story has been "I need this cup of tea to get me through" fill in the blanks!

So as well as tapering off (yes dear readers if you were here in January 2023, you will be hearing an echo!!!) I am being quite intentional about accepting and forgiving both others and myself, when big memories or just little niggles occur.

Each person is unique in the way they have been created and shaped by the family in which they have grown up. Each one responds uniquely in every situation, and we only see the tip of the iceberg.

Deciding to believe that other people do the best they can in any given situation is both kind and merciful, and healing. Sometimes what has been done was really bad and has left deep wounds.

Accepting that their behaviour was about what was happening inside them, and not about anything I did or said can be a good place to start.

Accepting our own shortfall happens when we acknowledge that even though we are disappointed in ourselves, it really was the best we could do at the time. Forgiveness is a good next step. The prayer Jesus prayed on the cross "Father forgive them, they don't **know** what they are doing." applies in almost every situation. The exceptions being covered by "Father forgive me, I did not **know** what I was doing."

Blessings and love, Sue



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Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

Phone: 02 4632 7233 Mobile: 0431 674 890

Website: hawkcarts.com.au

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!)

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden Ph. 4655 7735

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Menangle Brigade



Menangle RFS August 2025 Update

Menangle Rural Brigade attended thirteen emergency call-outs in July 2025 including a smoke sighting, motor vehicle accident, grass fires, automated fire alarms, a structure fire and two calls to assist other emergency services. The brigade also assisted with a pile burn on a private property.

It was a busy month of training for the brigade:

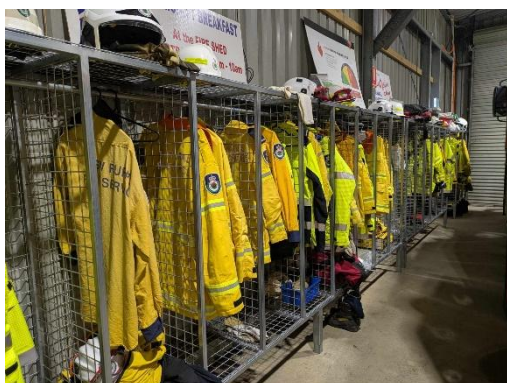
- James, Connor and Dylan completed their Structural Firefighting qualification.
- Cameron completed Breathing Apparatus Operator qualification.
- Hasan completed Introduction to Community Engagement training.
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NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant

In 2024 Menangle Rural Fire Brigade was very fortunate to receive a Community Building Partnership Grant from the NSW State Government. The \$72,000 grant allowed us to carry out much needed upgrades to the station including:

- The installation of lockers allowing members to store personal protective clothing at the station
- Improved accessibility with the installation of a ramp and widening the entry door
- Increased storage in the station and on station grounds- replacing our old, rusted storage container
- New carpet (replacing our old, loose carpet tiles) and sealing the concrete bathroom floor
- Painting
- Construction of a workstation
- Construction of an outdoor training area for our junior members program.

These upgrades will significantly improve the functionality and accessibility of the station for our members and the community. Thank you to the NSW Government for the opportunity to complete these works.



Save the Date! Get Ready Weekend 2025
Sunday 21st September, 2025
9.30am-3pm
Menangle Rural Fire Station
Menangle Rd Menangle.

Drop down to our Get Ready Weekend on Sunday 21st September to talk to our volunteers about how to prepare your home and property for bush fire season, the location of bush fire and grass fire prone land in Menangle and how our volunteers can support you to prepare your bush fire survival plan.

There will be lots of fun activities including the chance to try out the fire hoses, a sausage sizzle, a colouring competition and big maps. WE hope to see you all there!

