

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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.



ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH



**5.00pm Mass
on 1st Sunday
each month**

MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

OCTOBER Working Bee:

SATURDAY 4th from 10.00am – 12.00pm

Joining the Menangle Community Garden for \$12 per
Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork.
charlesksmj@bigpond.com.au

We harvested cauliflowers, broccoli, kale, beetroots, parsley, carrots, and rocket at our September Working Bee. We filled one of our new compost bins with all the leaves and roots and then had the fun of planting lots of seeds!



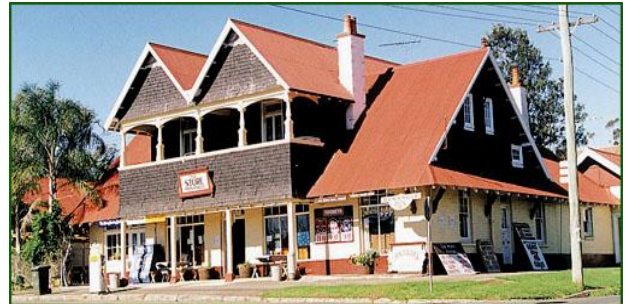
If you have spare egg cartons, they will be useful for layering in our compost bins, and can be left on my verandah at 10 Station St.

We are very grateful for the wonderful support from Ibrahim Muharrem the Wollondilly Shire Council's Sustainability Coordinator. He is a wealth of knowledge and explains about companion planting, (e.g. cress planted near the cauliflowers and broccoli will act as a decoy and kill the pests), which crops work together, and which ones not to share beds with, (e.g. potatoes need their own bed), how corn can become a trellis for dwarf beans to climb.

THOMO'S CORNER

Had a terrifying experience last night. I was alone in the house having a bath...when all of a sudden...I felt a tap on my shoulder.

THE STORE MENANGLE



OPENING HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 6.00am – 2.30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.00am – 2.00pm

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POST OFFICE

open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday Phone: 46338101

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Wayne Holz,
1st Anthony Simonetta
3rd John Maher
6th Mick Starr,
6th Evelyn Terry,
6th Genevieve Marden
9th Sue Black, Joanna
11th Phillip Dark
13th Rebecca Perentin
14th Shardanne Jasmine
15th Jake Peacock
16th Christine
17th Joshua Charles
18th Amy Warner,
18th Adam Taylor
19th Daniel Webster
21st Neroli Keegan
22nd Alan Robertson,
22nd Celtie Williams
23rd Rhiannan Perentin,
24th Grace Culpan
25th David Gilyeat,
25th Garry Butler,
25th Paige Radocaj
26th Meredith Wilson
28th Ray Jeffrey
30th Stephen Rochaix,
30th Lyn Sligar,
30th Bianca Commisso



Please email Sue to have your special dates included.

Fun Fact – at Campbelltown Maternity the most popular date for babies to be born is September 17th. And the winner is: Josh Charles!!!!

EDITORIAL – the Big Picture

Dear Reader,

The blossoms are bursting; the bulbs are flowering – what a pretty time of year it is!

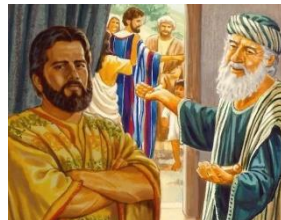
In honour of Fathers' Day last Sunday our church (Hillsong) had a message about the story Jesus told in Luke 15. A father had two sons – one who rebelled and wasted his life (and his father's money!) in wild living. The other one who stayed home and wasted his life slaving for his father. Neither son really knew his father. The wild one came to his senses and came back, knowing he had disgraced his father, and had forfeited his family rights, but hoping for a place to live and work as a hired servant.



The welcome he received from his father was overwhelmingly generous and restorative. The best robe to cover the filth of

the pigpen, new sandals to declare his freedom, the family cygnet ring to restore his inheritance and a feast to celebrate his homecoming.

The other son, the older brother, preferred to be outraged and remain separated in hostile indignation, making his father wrong for forgiving his wild but repentant son.



These three characters in the story display three human expressions:

Self-indulgence – displayed by the wild son.

Self-righteousness – displayed by the older brother.

and Self-sacrifice – displayed by the father.

Jesus was describing His Father – our Father in Heaven. He was making it clear that slaving away out in the fields was no more likely to gain God's pleasure than was wild living.

The only thing that pleases God is knowing Him as our good, loving, generous Heavenly Father. Not knowing about Him, not doing our best to work hard and live a good life for Him, but to live life WITH Him. To choose to include Him in our decision making. To pray to Him about everything that concerns us. To read the bible as a personal love letter from Him, that helps us learn to love what He loves and hate what He hates.

And the only way to know Him as our Heavenly Father is to turn away from living for ourselves and turn towards God, to live His way. We come to God the Father through Jesus His Son. Jesus is the only human being who has ever lived His whole life God's way, the way of self-sacrifice. Jesus gave His innocent life as a sacrifice for the sin of every human being. He died **once for all** and was raised on the third day to the glory of God our Father.

You, dear reader, are part of the "all" that Jesus died for. You can pray a simple prayer:

"God, please forgive me for living my life my own way and ignoring You. I turn towards You now and choose to live life Your way. Thank You that Jesus has paid the penalty for all my sin. I receive Your forgiveness in His name. I put my trust in You.

Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can live my life with You. Teach me how to follow You and become more like Jesus every day. Amen "

Blessings and love, Sue

Menangle Community Association Meeting MONDAY 22nd September

Our next public meeting will be the **AGM** on MONDAY 22nd September at 7.00pm. at the Menangle RFS.

The Executive Committee of Sue Peacock:

Chairwoman; James

McFarlane: Deputy

Chairman; Natalie McMullen: Secretary; and Kate Terry:

Treasurer; has worked together unbelievably well, accomplished so much, and learnt a great deal!

If you have time availability to step up into one of these roles we would love to hear from you and of course support you in the role.



MENANGLE COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 14th October

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

Chapter 21 "Turning the Hearts of the Fathers"

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Next Meeting: Friday 31st October:

Beersheba Day

We will watch "The Lighthorsemen" movie and share dinner together after, 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. For catering purposes please contact **Sue**

Peacock 0425 203 429 if you would like to attend.

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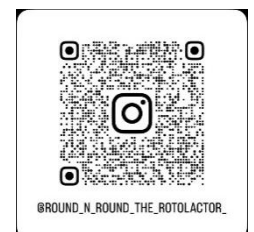


Come and join us every second Sunday, each month, at RotoLactor Park for our Play N Meet session. Each month, we explore a different theme, we offer children and families an opportunity to play and interact, explore and discover. The Play N Meet started from an idea I had as a

previous Early Childhood Teacher, to give back to the community through the knowledge and resources I had in order to further build a sense of community togetherness and connect local families with one another to build a support system but also allow families to engage children in hands-on experiences where they are able to realise the benefits of play-based learning.

You can find information about our upcoming session dates and times on our Instagram

@round_n_round_the_rotolactor_ and on the 'Menangle and Menangle Park Community' page on Facebook.



TFBM is Expanding!

Menangle / Wollondilly locals – we're bringing health, fitness & community to YOU!

TFBM (Tailored Fitness by Mel) has been part of the Camden community for nearly 9 years, running fun, supportive group training sessions that focus on health, fitness, and connection. Now, we're excited to expand into **Menangle / Wollondilly Shire** and bring that same energy to you!



🌟 FREE Open Week 🌟

 **Tuesday Sept 30 & Friday Oct 31**
9:30am

 **28 Station St, Menangle (Old Menangle School Site)**

What we offer: Small group training in a fun and supportive environment; A chance to move your body, meet new people, and feel great; Kids welcome!

- Free sessions to come and try before committing.



➡ Reserve your spot here –

<https://app.xoda.com/auth/register-member/cf338bbe3505df30bea78b74455f2bb8/c87410af41df676310ae647e99ee1956>

Any questions please feel free to contact Mel at – mel@tfbm.au

Limited spaces available, Free trial for new members only
I look forward to meeting you! Mel Taylor

OZHARVEST



JOIN OUR FREE NEST PROGRAM
sponsored by
The Village
Menangle and the
Menangle
Community Garden

Starting: 19 September 2025

When: Fridays Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: Old Menangle School Hall Cost: Free!

28 Station Street Menangle, NSW 2568

Register Here!

At the end of the 5-week program you'll receive a certificate, take home resources, and your own copy of the OzHarvest Everyday Cookbook packed full of simple, healthy, and delicious recipes.

Due to limited availability, we kindly request that you cancel your order if you are unable to attend, so the spot may be offered to the next individual on the waitlist.



MENANGLE MEN'S SHED



1 Stevens Rd, Menangle
Monday and Friday
8.30am till 12.00 noon

Come along and enjoy some
woodwork or just have a cuppa and
chat.

Contact Jim 0490 551 789



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SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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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 September 2025 Update

Menangle Rural Brigade attended nine emergency call-outs in August 2025 including grass fires, rubbish fires, a spillage, a motor vehicle accident and requests to assist other emergency services.

We had three members complete new qualifications including Nathan who completed Rural Fire Driving and Connor and Natalie who completed Structural firefighting.

Natalie- the brigade's Community Engagement Officer travelled to Perth to attend the Women and Firefighting Australasia/ AFAC conference as part of a 51 person RFS contingent. This was a great opportunity to learn about new firefighting techniques, volunteer engagement and retention, disaster risk management and community resilience.

Get Ready Weekend Open Day

Sunday 21st September, 2025

9:30am- 3pm

**Menangle Rural Fire Station
Menangle Road Menangle**

The Community is invited to our annual Get Ready Weekend event. This will be a great opportunity to get all the information you need to prepare for the upcoming fire season as well as join in some fun activities.

Join us at 10:30am when State Member for Wollondilly Judith Hannan officially opens the upgraded facilities of the Menangle Fire Station following the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant.

- Free sausage sizzle
 - Jumping castle
- Test your skills using a real-life fire hose
 - Hose bowling challenge
 - Portable pump demonstrations
 - Kids story time
 - Colouring-in competition
- Get your free NRMA gardening gloves to prepare your home and garden for fire season

