

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Combined Service
at 9am + Kids Church
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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

NOVEMBER Working Bee:

SATURDAY 1st from 9.00am – 11.00pm

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork.
charlesksmj@bigpond.com.au

The October working bee was another successful day with tidying the beds and harvesting more of the crops.

It's not hard work – but it is very disappointing when we notice that beautiful ripe cauliflowers have been stolen. The culture of Menangle is one of generosity and inclusion - \$12 a year is a token payment that entitles MEMBERS to share in the harvest. This small contribution helps us keep the garden flourishing.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE HILL (the amphitheatre)

Another highlight event in Menangle is booked for
Sunday December 14th from 6.30 – 9.30pm



Hosted by St James Anglican Church and supported by St Patrick's, Menangle RFS, and the Salvos, the Carols on the Hill is a

very special gathering.

GM3 and Wollondilly Shire Council provide sponsorship, which allows the Light and Sound, the BBQ, the Coffees and the Jumping Castle to be made available for free.

THE STORE MENANGLE



NEW OPENING HOURS

SUNDAY: 08.00 – 14.00

MONDAY – TUESDAY: 06.00 – 14.30

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY 06.00 – 15.30

SATURDAY 07.00 – 14.00

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus.

POST OFFICE

open 9 – 5 Monday to Friday Phone: 46338101

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jessica Foulks

5th Jonathon Koeford, Jade Richardson

6th Shirley Maher, Pauline Peretin

9th Libby Strassmeir

13th Kim Koeford

15th John Redmond

16th Conner McFarlane

17th Peter Foulks,

17th Annalise Erskine

18th Laura Taylor,

18th Indyana Worthington

23rd Gary Luke

24th Maree Holz

25th James Collison,

26th Melissa Lamrock, Frances Warner

30th Jacqueline Bell, Jessica McNevin



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1st Josh and Maddie Clifton

9th Meredith and Stephen Cross

11th Phillip and Narelle Dark

12th Natalie and Sean McMullen

24th Peter and Sharon Foulks

Please email Sue to have your special dates included.

THOMO'S CORNER



So I was in the shoe shop this morning trying on a shoe. I said to the assistant, "This shoe is too tight."
She said, "Try it with the tongue out."

I said "It'th nho ghoo, it'th thtill thoo tight!"

THE CHARGE THAT BECAME A LEGEND

The Battle of Beersheba during WW1

The LIGHTHORSE soldiers and their horses were very thirsty; they had been on these barren hills a long time. Day after day they had ridden out to fight against the Turkish Troops to break through the heavily guarded line. Each small section of 4 soldiers rode out to the battle line. Then one soldier took all the horses back to safety while the others advanced on foot, shooting their rifles. Many ANZAC and British soldiers had been killed and injured in this type of battle, but the Frontal Attack was the way war was fought in the desert during WW1. Unless water could be found for the huge army of 88,000 British, Australian and New Zealand soldiers they would surely die.

The water supplies had been cut off by the Turkish soldiers, and the nearest water was 5 kilometres across open ground that was guarded by Turkish soldiers in trenches with many machine guns.

On October 31st, 1917, Australian General Harry Chauvel had been ordered **“to capture Beersheba today, in order to secure water and take prisoners.”** Beersheba was protected by 35,000 Turkish Soldiers stretched along a 40-kilometre line.

The need for water was so desperate that General Chauvel gave permission for Brigadier-General William Grant to mount a charge with the Mounted Desert Troops he commanded.

“Put Grant straight at it” he was directed.

The sun was just sinking on the horizon, and dusk had arrived. The 800 soldiers of the 4th (from Victoria) the 12th (from NSW) Light Horse Regiments formed into long lines across the plain of Beersheba.

They moved in formation: firstly walking, then a slow trot, then at the General’s signal they leapt together into full charge galloping wildly towards the blasting machine guns. They charged so quickly that the Turkish machine gunners could not change the aim of the guns quickly enough to hit them – they galloped under the sights of the guns!



When they came to the trenches the Light horsemen leapt over the Turkish gunners taking many captives. Even though the Turkish soldiers had laid explosives into the wells ready to blow them up, the Light horsemen were so fast that the Turks had no time to detonate them. Once the Light Horse Regiments had captured the wells of Beesheba, all the British soldiers and the rest of the ANZAC troops were able to drink as much water as they wanted and water their horses.

It was an amazing, unexpected, unlikely victory, taking less than one hour, won by brave mounted soldiers on their courageous war horses. 800 men took part in the charge and 30 soldiers died as heroes that day. It is sad that lives were lost but truly miraculous that 770 soldiers survived that headlong plunge into and over the machine guns of the Turkish Army.

Happy Beersheba Day! From Sue Peacock

BEERSHEBA DAY BREAKFAST

Friday October 31st

AT CLUB MENANGLE

6.45am Ceremony, Breakfast to follow.

Since 2014 Club Menangle has been hosting the annual Beersheba Day Breakfast to honour their courage and the significance of the role played by the Australian Light Horsemen in the successful Middle East Campaign during WW1.

The site of Club Menangle was a training ground for the NSW Dessert Corps and included camels and horses. The soldiers on horses were called “light horse troops” because their saddles were constructed of a wooden frame with a light piece of leather attached. Cheap and expendable, as were the lives of Aussies perceived through the short-sighted British Generals.

Given the right opportunity the Lighthorsemen were able to display the outstanding horsemanship of which they were capable, in which I take great pride.

BOOKINGS Link

[2025 Beersheba Day Breakfast](#)

Or visit Club Menangle Website

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Venue to be announced (MAYBE the Menangle School of Arts!!!!) The Executive Committee is continuing to meet regularly with Jim our Builder as we navigate through the final requirements for our Occupation Certificate. Thank you for your patience!!!



MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 11th November

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

Chapter 22 “The Future Glorification of Jerusalem”

MACARTHUR AGLOW

Next Meeting:

Saturday November 1st at 3.30pm
at 10 Station St, Menangle

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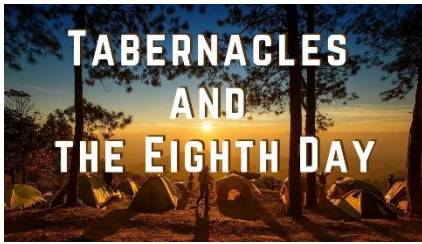
Come and join us every second Sunday, each month, at Rotolector Park for our Play N Meet session.

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.



EDITORIAL – A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE



After two years of hell, the first phase of President Trump's Peace Plan has been implemented,

and the war in Gaza/Israel has ended on the same day as it began – the “8th Day. It is not obvious in our Calendar because the War began on October 7th 2023 and ended on October 13th 2025. In the Jewish Calendar the end of the war happened on the exact same day two years later! The best explanation for so many aspects of life in Israel is that God's hand is upon the Jewish people and the Land.

From Day 1 Israel was prepared to end the war if Hamas disarmed and returned all the hostages. Hamas took two years to finally admit defeat – only when a “stronger horse” the USA came to back up the Israeli Defence Force. Such is the nature of the terrorist! Even today (15th) Hamas is resisting disarming!)

If the pattern of the Bible remains consistent, then after two days of “death” there will be a time of “resurrection” for God's people and God's nation. A time of peace and prosperity. Not because the Jewish people are any better or any different from all the nations in the world, but because God is a faithful God and He does not break His covenants! He promised that Israel is the nation upon which He has put His name. He promised that the Jewish people are His inheritance **forever** in the Land. (Genesis 17:7,8)

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SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

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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 Rural Fire Brigade October Update

In September 2025 Menangle Rural Fire Brigade was called to 12 incidents including a grass fire, a motor vehicle accident, pile burns with no permit and Automated Fire Alarms.

Congratulations to brigade member Connor Fownes who completed the Arduous Pack Test- a 4.83km walk carrying 20.4kg under 45 minutes- meaning he is now available for strenuous and overseas deployments.

Statutory Bush Fire Danger Period

The official Bush Fire Danger Period commenced on October 1, 2025 for the Wollondilly Shire Council area. This means that all residents now require a Fire Permit prior to conducting burning in the open.

Fire Permits are free of charge and can be requested via the NSW RFS website. Please ensure all requests for permits are submitted with as much notice as possible to ensure a Fire Permit Officer can attend and inspect the proposed area to be burnt.

With a return to warm and windy conditions predicted over the coming weeks and months, all residents must ensure that the use of fire in the open is both legal and responsible - Don't be the fire risk to your community!

National Medal Ceremony

In September 2025 six Menangle Rural Fire Brigade members were awarded their National Medal/ Clasps. This was a fantastic recognition of the many years of dedication and sacrifice from several of our volunteers. Congratulations to:

Geoff Hughes: National Medal/ 3rd Clasp for 47 years of service.

James McFarlane: National Medal/ 1st Clasp for 29 years of service.

Michael McGrath: National Medal for 18 years of service.

Brenton Nicholson: National Medal for 17 years of service.

Gary Luke: National Medal for 17 years of service.

Tiffany Hayman: National Medal for 17 years of service.



NSW RFS Assistant Commissioner Leigh Pilkington

In September Menangle Rural Fire Brigade had a surprise visit from new RFS Assistant Commissioner Leigh Pilkington at our Get Ready Weekend Event. Leigh was very impressed with our brigade culture. Sharing some kind words on Facebook page after his visit: "Dropped into [Menangle Rural Fire Brigade](#) for my last Open Day visit for the day 🇦🇺.

Really cool to see the focus the brigade has put into building capacity and capability, while making sure inclusivity is at the heart of everything they do.

It's clear there's a great culture here – one that's growing alongside the expanding interface area they protect. A strong, forward-looking brigade with plenty to be proud of - loved popping in and I'll see you all at the ceremony coming up!"