

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Enquiries: office@menangleanglican.com.au
www.menangleanglican.com.au

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE HILL (the amphitheatre)

Sunday December 14th
Activities from 6.00pm
Carols 7.30pm – 9.00pm

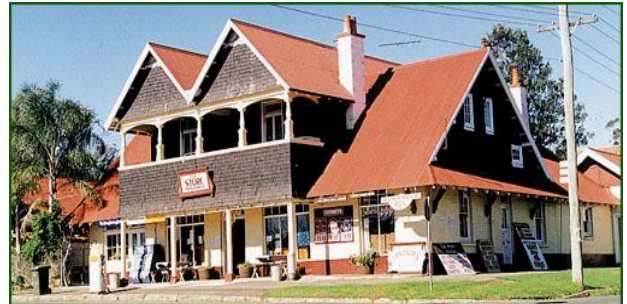


Hosted by St James
Anglican Church and
supported by St
Patricks, Menangle
RFS, and the Salvos,
the Carols on the Hill
is a very special
gathering.

GM3, Wollondilly Shire Council and Mirvac provide
sponsorship, which allows the Light and Sound, the
BBQ, the Coffees the Jumping Castle and the face
painting 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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Kerry Taylor
4th Matthew McMullen
9th Janice Warner
13th Mark Haines, Elana Reece, Jessica McCarthy
15th Mathew Foulks
16th Sarah Howard, Brodie Erskine
17th Sam Margin
18th Isabella Mealing
19th Tahlia Bond
21st Allie Margin, Angus Terry, Sharon Foulks
22nd Marlene Gordon
25th Michael Abberton
26th Francis Warner
27th Izaac Margin, Madeleine Scott
28th Geoff Hughes, Thomas Wulf
29th Karen Halfpenny, Francesco Mamone
30th Mathew Robertson, Winnie Lau



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Congratulations

3rd Glenn & Pauline Perentin

12th Keith & Judith Lynch 65 Years!

Please email Sue to have your special dates included.

THOMO'S CORNER



Through every crook and every cranny
wind blew in on poor old Granny.
Around her knees, into each ear
(And up her nose as well I fear)
All through the night the wind grew worse,
It nearly made the Vicar curse

The top had fallen off the steeple
Just missing him (and other people)
It blew on man, it blew on beast, it blew on nun, it blew on priest
It blew the wig off Auntie Fanny – but most of all it blew on
Granny!

PRODUCTIVE or JUST BUSY?

A BIBLICAL VIEW

Jesus taught this to His disciples at the Last Supper – famous last words that are jam-packed with meaning!



"I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. John 15:1-8

A winegrower – the gardener – looks after his vines! He plants them in exactly the right soil, and distance from the trellis, and in the optimum hours of sunshine each day. He fertilizes the soil and prunes the vines at exactly the right time, leaving the strongest branches that grow in the right direction. He clears the weeds away from the trunk, so the goodness of the soil is fully available to nurture the vine. He builds the support trellis at just the right height. All for the sake of the grapes – the fruit – that they will produce!

Jesus describes Himself as The Vine, and His Father as the Gardener. It was by the word of the angel Gabriel and the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary. God Himself miraculously "planted" Jesus into the "earth" (remembering that the first people were formed from the earth as described in Genesis 2:7). And of course, when Jesus died, He was planted in the earth a second time (in the tomb for three days and three nights). Miraculously rising from death on the third day.

Jesus came to save all of mankind, everyone who calls on His Name will be saved from their sins.

But God the Father will cut out those whose lives do not produce Kingdom Fruit. Wow – that sounds very harsh! Isn't it "once saved, always saved?"

Well, not according to this passage in the bible.

God makes us branches in the Vine for the express purpose of producing fruit. The very life of Jesus (as empowered and expressed by His Holy Spirit remaining or abiding inside Believers) flows firstly into faith (confident trust in God and His Word) and secondly into our actions. This is how we mere mortals can bring glory to God.

What does this fruit look like?

Galatians 5 tells us the Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self-control.

Blessings and love, Sue

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 7.00pm

Not yet in the School of Arts, but at the MenangleRFS!!!!



The Executive Committee is continuing to meet regularly with Jim, our Builder as we navigate through the detailed 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, Chapter 22
9th December, Chapter 23.

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Next Meeting:

Saturday December 6th at 2.00pm
at 10 Station St, Menangle

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

susan.peacock2@gmail.com

round_n_round_the_rotolactor

Come and join us every second Sunday, each month, at RotoLactor 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.

MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sow, Grow & Share

DECEMBER Working Bee:

SATURDAY 6th from 8.00am – 10.00am

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork
kerry.charles@gmail.com

Members of the Menangle Community Garden had another great day tending our gardens, weeding, planting and harvesting spinach, radish, broad beans and those artichokes everyone has been admiring. We welcomed a new family to our community who were a a helpful hand!

We have been tidying up the beds with the fruit trees. These are looking much better.

Our corn, tomatoes, cucumbers and beans are growing well. Please consider joining the community Garden. The \$12 annual fee allows you to share the produce we grow. The Garden helps foster community spirit and social connection among residents. We promote sustainable garden practices and healthy living.



We recently had a delightful lunch at Refettorio to celebrate the 5 week Oz Harvest NEST program we recently completed. This was a wonderful partnership and our thanks to Cynthia Death from Mirvac for making this available!

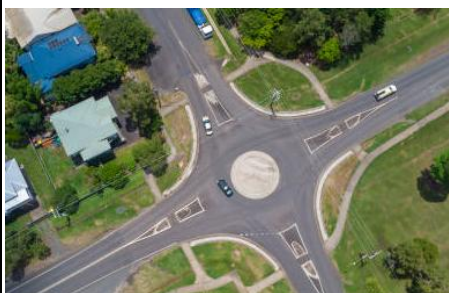
Christmas Shopping Stalls Saturday 15/11/2025 from 8.30am-2.30. in the Clubhouse at Durham Green.



All hand-made goods.
Crochet T-towels, Hand towels,
named Christmas baubles
Face washers & Soap,
Christmas Cards, Calendars.
Order Christmas puddings,
Cake stall, lucky dip for the kids.
Sausage sangers for sale. Coffee shop open.
If anyone would like to run a stall on the day just
contact Pam on 0417227715 to book.

THE ROUNDABOUT

Christie Civil will be widening the existing roadway
intersection of Menangle Rd, Station St and Woodbridge
Rds. and constructing a new roundabout.



After the initial 3
weeks of
preparation work,
Station St will be
closed for about 4
months. There will
be "no parking"
signs on both
sides of the

Station St near the Store to create a temporary cul-de-sac.



Access to Station St will be via Rotolactor
Parade where the "no right turn" sign will be
removed and the cement island modified.
Temporary traffic signals will manage traffic

flow through the intersection.

Total time expected 5-6 months.

Contact menangleRAB@christiecivil.com.au



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Do you enjoy
painting & drawing ?

Commencing

October 7th
10am - 1pm

MacART will be providing
an open, informal &
welcoming drop-in monthly
session for artists to
come together to paint
and connect with other
local artists.

Just for the month of November
POSTPONED
to November 11th

10am - 1pm
in The Barn,

The Store, Menangle

So, if this is for you, bring
your art materials and
your creativity to make
your art among other
like-minded artists.

MacARTHUR
Macarthur Art Group Inc.
(Est. 2008)
ABN 16 907 212 933

In between your creativity
enjoy a coffee or lunch
from
The Store's delicious menu.

Thank you to
The Store Menangle for your
generosity in providing The Barn
space for this project



YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

- + **Local Vaccination Provider** (We provide all types of vaccination, either regular vaccines or travel vaccines)
- + **FREE Flu Vaccine** for seniors 65 years and over
- + **FREE Flu Vaccine** for selected groups less than 65 years. (**NO** prescription required and **NO** waiting time)
- + **FREE** Local Delivery (Conditions apply)
- + Webster Packing Service
- + A dedicated pharmacist with **20+ years of experience** is here to answer all your medical inquiries and provide health advice.

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED



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

LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

From 7:30am Saturday at Onslow Park

Phone: 0417 230 418

CAMDEN FIT SENIORS



Fun 45-minute outdoor exercise classes
designed for Seniors by an experienced
qualified teacher.

Mondays and Wednesdays at 9.00am

22 Barsden St Camden

\$5 per class attended.

Contact Colleen: 0427 602 338



Menangle Brigade



Menangle Rural Fire Brigade November Update

October has been a busy month for Menangle Rural Fire brigade with 12 call-outs to a range of emergencies including grass fires, rubbish fires, pile burns with no permit, automated fire alarms and car fires.

Congratulations to Martin Scott who completed his Crew Leader training and Natalie McMullen who completed Advanced Firefighter training.

RFS Calendars

Menangle RFS volunteers will commence delivering our 2025 calendars in late November/ early December. If you see a fire truck enter your property or firefighter knock on the door, don't be alarmed- we're just there to drop-off a calendar. Any donations made for our calendars are much appreciated. Our calendars are our primary source of fundraising, and all funds raised will be used to purchase new equipment and resources for the brigade.

2025 Menangle RFS Santa Run

Preparations have commenced for the Brigade's annual Santa Run. Families are invited to drop wrapped gifts to Menangle Post Office for delivery from Santa on-board the Menangle fire truck. Please put your child's name and your address **clearly** on the gift.

Santa will be visiting homes in the rural streets of Menangle on Christmas Eve and a number of locations across the Village on Christmas morning. Approximate times for our Santa Runs are:



9:30am- 3pm Christmas Eve: Rural streets including Carolls Road, Quirkies Lane, Cummins Road, Hawkey Road, Burrells Road, Finns Road and Dawson's Road

8am- 10:30am Christmas Morning: Durham Green, St James Avenue Reserve, Dean McGrath Park (Station Street Menangle); The Village Estate Stage 2 (location TBC) and Rotolocator Park (Rotolactor Parade).

Final details of the Santa Run will be posted on our Facebook page in coming weeks. Be sure to watch our page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/menangleRFS>

Live Bush Fire Read- Property Assessments

Did you know that RFS Volunteers can visit your home and undertake a property assessment to help you better understand how to prepare your home and property for bush and grass fires.

RFS volunteers can do a walk around with you on your property to discuss important aspects such as whether our firefighting appliances can fit through your gates and around your property, asset protection zones, risk factors for homes and outbuildings, gardens, home firefighting equipment and potential water supplies such as dams and pools.

The purpose of an RFS home safety assessment is to help homeowners make informed decisions about their bush fire survival plan and to prepare their property for the risk of fire. The assessment helps identify risks and areas for improvement on your property, such as managing vegetation and reducing vulnerability to embers, which is a common cause of house loss.

If you are interested in booking a Property Assessment please email the Brigade's Community Engagement Officer

at: NatalieMcMullen-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au

