

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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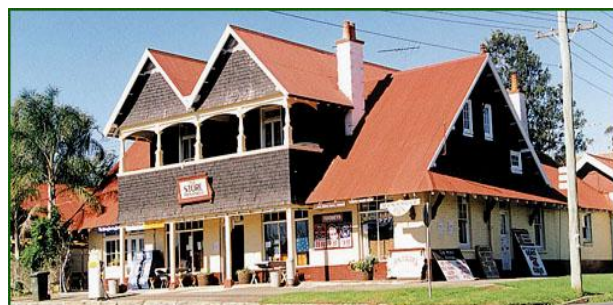
Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store
1st Friday each month.



ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass 1st Sunday each month
5pm on Christmas Eve

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

Check The Store Facebook page for Holiday Trading

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Bradley Warner,
1st Simone Collison
2nd Charlie Culpan,
2nd Ethan Green
3rd Laura Howard,
3rd Evie Townsing
5th Jason Jeffree
6th Sam Ashton,
6th Shane Halfpenny
7th Sara McNevin
9th Paige Robertson
11th Vanessa Perentin,
11th Alyce Maree Mamone
12th Rachelle Davis
15th Zoe Lau
18th Rosemary Tedesco
19th Neave Burt
21st Shane Koeford,
21st Luke Campbell
23rd Elsie Luke
27th Fionna Johnson,
27th Bloom Rowe
30th Lucas Radocaj



Please email Sue to add your names to our birthday list.

Christmas Lunchbox Jokes

How do Christmas trees keep warm? (They wear fir coats.)
What do Christmas ornaments do for fun? (hang out)
Why did Santa take his roof to the doctor? (Because it had shingles)
What instrument does Santa play? (the sleigh bell)
How do old elves walk? (with candy-canes)
How do gingerbread men treat a hurt leg? (They ice it.)
Why can't Christmas trees sew? (They keep dropping their needles.)

EDITORIAL

It is so lovely to see all the Christmas lights beginning to twinkle as we look forward to celebrating this very special time of the year. People are asking one another, "Are you ready for Christmas?"

I began wondering and pondering how the main characters in the Christmas bible story might have prepared for the very first Christmas. Zechariah, married to Elizabeth - a second cousin of Jesus, is visited by the Angel of the Lord. Elizabeth is past the years of childbearing and has never had a baby. The angel tells Zecharias that they will conceive a miracle baby whom they are to name John. This all happens, and John is about 6 months old when Jesus is born.

Then Mary, the mother of Jesus is visited by an angel, and another miracle conception takes place, this time with no human father being involved.

Luke chapter 2 tells us that Mary was very pregnant – the birth of her baby was imminent. Because of a census that had been decreed by the Roman Empire, she was required to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem with her fiancé Joseph to be registered in the city of David because he was from that house and family.

How much baby gear could be packed on a donkey? How much deep cleaning could be done in a stable when your baby is pushing to be born? Not very much because we read that Mary wrapped her baby in strips of cloth and laid



Him in an animal feed trough – a manger. The most basic of shelters, the most basic nursery, attended as far as we know only by Joseph. Very simple! But then our heavenly Father illuminated a brilliant star above the stable visible all the way from

Bethlehem to modern day Iran – about 2,000km. The Magi – astronomers/astrologers from "the East" saw it (Matthew 2) and set out to investigate! God sent a massive choir of angelic beings to scare the socks off some shepherds watching their flocks out in the hills, to tell them about this astonishing thing that had happened, and to go and see for themselves!

"Do not be afraid! For I proclaim Good News to you, which will be great joy to all people. A Saviour is born to you today, in the city of David who is Messiah the Lord." (Luke 2:10).

Remember that the Romans were occupying the land of Israel, and the Jewish people were in bondage to them. They had watched and prayed for a Saviour to deliver them from their bondage, and a Messiah, God's King, to rule over them.

John prepared the way for Jesus to preach and teach and ultimately offer His life as a sacrifice for all our sins and sicknesses at His first coming. Many millions of people in the world today believe that Jesus is God's Son and follow Him as their Lord and Saviour. In many countries they pay a very high price of persecution and even death.

His first coming was as Saviour, and He will return to rule as King.

Let's prepare to enjoy a wonderful, magical Christmas Day celebration with family and food and presents!

But let's live our lives preparing for the King who is coming very soon! Blessings and love Sue

INTRODUCING

Walking groups are social, supportive and a simple way to boost your health and make connections in your local



community. Take the first step and you're your free local walking group.

Mirvac are partnering with "Heart Foundation", an Australian Government initiative, to start a group right here in Menangle!

**The Village Menangle Walking Group
will commence on**

Thursday 6th February at 10.00am

At the Old Menangle School site.

28 Station St Menangle

Contact: Sue Peacock

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AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST MONDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2026

**At the Fire Shed
8.00am – 10.00am
\$5 adults, kids free**

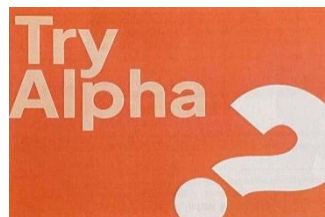


A wonderful opportunity to meet up with neighbours, check out some amazing car club vehicles, munch on a bacon and egg sanger, and celebrate both the unity and diversity we share living in this unique country of Australia!

The ceremony indoors will start at 8am

Breakfast will follow at 8.30.

ALPHA at St James Menangle.



Explore life, faith and meaning over coffee and a home-made muffin.

Alpha explores the basics of the Christian faith over 10 weekly sessions.

Come and check out the Introductory Session to see if it is a journey you are ready to take.

February 12th 2026 at 10.00am – 12.00pm

Contact: Alicia Eirth 0425 250 118

3 Sulman Place, Menangle

WHAT'S ON

ART IN THE BARN – Calling all artists!

First Tuesday each month from February 2026

10am – 1pm in the Barn, The Store Menangle

MacArt will be providing an open informal and welcoming monthly session for artists to come together to paint and connect with other local artists.

If this is for you bring your art materials and your creativity to make your art among other like-minded artist. In between your creativity enjoy a coffee or lunch from the Store's delicious menu.

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Every second Sunday, each month, at RotoLactor Park for our Play N Meet session.

You can find information on Instagram @round_n_round_the_rotolactor_

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

Monday Night Community Fitness

- **When:** Every Monday night 6.00pm
- **Cost:** \$15 per session
- **Location:** Old School Site, Menangle
- **Format:** Strength + cardio conditioning, suitable for all fitness levels
- **Goal:** To continue building a supportive, consistent community fitness group



I'm also exploring the possibility of adding a **second weekly session**, depending on interest and consistent attendance. Feedback from participants will help shape the next phase of the program.

Menangle Run/Walk Club

First Sunday of Each Month 7am

Meet in the carpark at the Old School Site. This is a friendly, non-competitive session designed for all ages and all fitness levels.

Participants are welcome to walk, jog, or run at their own pace while enjoying a relaxed, supportive community environment.

Updates, route maps and reminders:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1D5kQmiYNN/>

TFBM – FITNESS IN MENANGLE

Stronger, Healthier, Happier, Community



Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am

At the Old Menangle School Site

Fun, supportive workouts for all fitness levels

Kids welcome

Fresh air, community, connection.

Contact Mel: mel@tfbm.au 0422381123

CAMDEN FIT SENIORS

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

Mondays and Wednesdays at 9.00am

Resuming February 2nd 2026

22 Barsden St Camden

\$5 per class attended. Contact Colleen: 0427 602 338



MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Thank you everyone who attended our last meeting of the year MCA Meeting in November. Lots of good discussion!



Next Meeting: THURSDAY 26th

February 7.00pm at the Menangle RFS

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 9th December, Chapter 23.

13th January, 2026 Chapter 24

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Next Meeting:

Saturday 13th December at 2.30pm

at 10 Station St Menangle

then Saturday 7th February

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MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sow, Grow & Share

DECEMBER Working Bee:

SATURDAY Morning 6th from 8.00am onwards

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork

kerry.charles@gmail.com

Our November working bee generated a lot of compost material both from the garden beds and as we started to chop back the grasses planted around the fruit trees.

These are very fibrous, and a bit of an effort to cut with secateurs, we are halfway. You will notice the difference, as will the fruit trees!

Wollondilly Council generously supplied us with the timber for another garden bed out of the remaining funds from the grant. We have decided to repurpose this into two

compost bays up near the back fence of the Community Garden area and have spoken with the Menangle Men's Shed to do the construction for us early in the new year.

We were so pleased to have a lovely family - brand new to Menangle - come and not just join in but join the Community Garden! New families are always welcome.

ELLEL MINISTRIES 2026 at Gilbulla

JANUARY 30-31 Healing from Accidents & Trauma

Hope for those suffering with ongoing issues from a devastating accident, shock or trauma; looking to Jesus, the Healer of the broken-hearted.

Ellel Ministries
Sydney, Australia

FEBRUARY 7 Free Taster Day

An opportunity for those who have not attended an Ellel event before, to hear foundational and relevant teaching, free of charge. Bookings are essential as lunch is provided.

Bring a friend!

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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade December 2025 Update

November 2025 was an extremely busy month for the brigade. We received 15 call-outs to a range of emergencies including structure fires, bush fires, an aviation incident, a motor vehicle accident, assist public, smoke sightings, automated fire alarms and powerlines downs. Our firefighters have also been assisting with strike teams fighting the Wollondilly Lookout fire which is burning in remote bushland in the Burrangorang Valley in the Southern Highlands.

November 2025 saw the first Total Fire Ban and Extreme Fire Danger rating days for the 2025/26 bush fire season. Please make sure you have downloaded Hazards Near Me and stay aware of the weather conditions and fires burning in your local area.

Menangle RFS hosted a multi-brigade training event with Menangle Park and Douglas Park brigades on the Department of Primary Industries to build skills necessary to respond to large fire events where multiple trucks are in attendance including.

The brigade also met with crew from the Fire and Rescue NSW Station 087 Rosemeadow to discuss future joint training opportunities and collaboration.

The brigade's annual calendar run fundraiser commenced on the 4th December. Firefighters will be doorknocking across Menangle throughout the month. Funds from this years calendar run will be used to upgrade our Thermal Imaging Camera- a vital piece of equipment for responding to both house fires and bush fires as well as some smaller equipment to keep our communities and firefighters safe. A big thank you to our calendar sponsors for their generous support that allows us to hold our annual calendar drive.

On behalf of our brigade we would like to wish all of our community a safe and happy holiday period.

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.

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:

9am- 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 (main office): 8am
- Durham Green Drive Through: 8:15am
- St James Avenue Reserve: 8:50am
- Dean McGrath Park (Station Street Menangle) 9:15am
- The Village Stage 2- Cnr of Na Daang Cr and Archie's Crossing Way: 9:35am
- Rotolocator Park (Rotolactor Parade): 10am

Final details of the Santa Run will be posted on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/menangleRFS>

