

THE MENANGLE NEWS

Vol 36: No 1

January 2026

The Menangle News is a monthly newsletter first published in 1981.

Website for past issues: menangle.com.au (Menangle – the Birthplace of Australian Agriculture)

Editor: Sue Peacock 0425 203 429 susan.peacock2@gmail.com

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 10.45 am on

Sundays

Ladies Coffee Morning

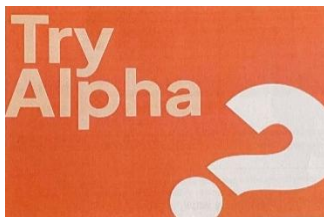
10am

at the Store

1st Friday each month.



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



ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass

1st Sunday

each month

THOMO'S CORNER

Three blonde men are stranded on an island. Suddenly a fairy appears and offers to grant each one of them a wish.

The first blonde asks to be intelligent. Instantly he is turned into a brown-haired man and swims off the island.

The next one asks to be even more intelligent than the previous one, so he is turned into a black-haired man. He builds a boat and sails off the island.

The third blonde asks to be even more intelligent than the previous two. The fairy turns him into a woman, and she walks across the bridge.

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd Ray Davis
5th Terry Swanson
7th Doug McDonald
8th James Tedesco
8th Jett Richardson
13th Kelsey Miller
14th Isabel Lau
16th Victoria Foulks
19th Bianca Peretin
20th Rheannen
21st Joshua Bond
28th Paul Thompson



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

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!

“We are ONE but we are many...”

The ceremony indoors will start at 8am

(Hear the latest update on the progress of the New Hall – the Menangle School of Arts)

Breakfast will follow at 8.30.

EDITORIAL recap and resolution

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Our Carols event last year was a wonderful testimony to the cooperative spirit in the Menangle Community. St James church, and especially Mark and Judith Shepherd, do the hard yards to pull it all together year after year. GM3 and Wollondilly Council provide sponsorship, the Fire Brigade feeds us, the Salvos water us, Mirvac paints our faces and the kids run around, bounce on the jumping castle, and enjoy the Kid's Church craft activities. Thank you everyone! God gave us the gift of a beautiful evening including a lovely sunset to top it all off.



Learning about the massacre of Jewish families celebrating Hanukkah by the sea at Bondi was a severe and terrible wake-up call for all Australians and cast a black cloud over the evening of December 14th. Rev Mark Leach, a Sydney Anglican Minister (who is also Jewish) formed a group "NAIN" after the October 7th 2023 Hamas terrorist invasion of Israel. The very next day "Palestinian protestors" were on the steps of the Sydney Opera House violently shouting out antisemitic slogans targeting our peace-loving Jewish community. Mark went along with a Jewish flag and was attacked, having to run for his life.

Nain stands for "Never Again Is Now" and exists to make antisemitism in Australia unthinkable. As Aussies we love our "ANZAC" identity – the four pillars of which are "Mateship, Courage, Sacrifice and Endurance". It was a **Jewish** General in WW1 – General Monash – who created this identity for us. How wonderful that the fruit of that identity has been overwhelmingly evident in response to the horrors of the Bondi Massacre. May the memory of those who died be a blessing. Amen

We will sing the Seekers' song "I am Australian" at our Australia Day Breakfast as a tribute to our Jewish Community.

*We are one, but we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We'll share a dream and sing with one voice
I am, you are, we are Australian*

On another note altogether, my **2026 resolution** is based on some reading I have been doing. Joan Rosenberg has written a book "90 seconds to the life you love" describing how we experience difficult emotions as physical "waves" that we can learn to ride.

After the 90 seconds of the wave we can choose to be reactive (I am a victim and life happen to me) or creative (I choose to learn and grow from this experience – what triggered it etc).

My resolution is to be creative!!!! Hope you all join me. 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

susan.peacock2@gmail.com

ELLEL MINISTRIES 2026 at Gilbulla

*Ellel
Ministries
Sydney, Australia*

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.

The Abundant Christian Life – Feb 20-21

Explore the biblical answers to life's fundamental questions and how we can move forward into the abundant life Jesus promised each one of us.

Breaking Ungodly Behaviour Patterns – Feb 27-28

Find freedom from the behaviours you can't seem to break free from by allowing God to challenge the wrong beliefs that are fuelling them.

710 Moreton Park Road, Menangle

phone Number: 4633 8102

Email Address: info@ellel.org.au

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

Tuesdays 13th January; 10th February

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Next Meeting:

**Saturday 7th February at 3.00 pm
at 10 Station St Menangle**

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

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

WHAT'S ON

ART IN THE BARN – Calling all artists!

First Tuesday each month from February 6th 2026 from 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.

round_n_round_the_rotolactor



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/>



MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hear the latest progress update on the New Hall at the Australia Day Breakfast

Monday 26th January 8.00am

Next MCA Meeting:

THURSDAY 26th February 7.00pm at the Menangle RFS
susan.peacock2@gmail.com



MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sow, Grow & Share **Working Bees:**

First SATURDAY Morning each month 8.00am

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork
kerry.charles64@gmail.com



Welcome to 2026!
Our Community Garden has been productive despite the heat and the crafty cockatoos.
We had a great turnout for our January working bee.

We harvested cucumbers, lettuce,

zucchini and tomatoes. The fruit trees are looking happier now they can breathe!

We look forward to our new compost bays to be made by the Men's Shed.

We are always looking for new members. A great way to meet your community.

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

Should we have a lower local speed limit (from 50 to 40 km/h)?

Dear fellow Menangle-ite

Welcome to Menangle. We have lived here for 36 years, it is a great place to bring up a family.

The design of the estate enclosed by RotoLactor Pde means that many young children need to cross the road to go to the park.

A 40 km/H speed limit for RotoLactor Pde, Stevens Rd, Central creamery avenue and Laurel St would be much safer

I have spoken to one of the Wollondilly Shire councillors who has advised that it can be raised at their monthly community consultation meeting.

I would like to check if you agree. Just cut off below and put in the letter box at 98 Menangle Rd.

If I get enough (around 20, I expect) positive responses we can discuss it with council.

☐

I agree that speed limit should be 40km/H

☐

I am happy with current 50km/H speed limit

Your name and address (optional)

Any other suggestions?

Thank you very much

Andrew McDonald.

98 Menangle Rd

ph 0419 205635

mactownja@bigpond.com



Menangle Rural Fire Brigade January 2026 Update

It was a busy finish to the year for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with twelve call-outs in December, requests for out of area deployment, training at the Fire and Rescue NSW Emergency Services Academy, commencement of our calendar run, Santa Runs and attending a number of community events. The brigade was excited to welcome two new members and the return of a previous member.

Congratulations to brigade members Hasan al Dhalimy and Belinda Macdonald who completed their Village Firefighter qualifications.

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade would like to thank everyone who donated for their calendar or supported our sausage sizzles at Carols and the outdoor movie night. Our calendar runs are still underway, so if we have missed you or your street, please reach out via our Facebook page or send us an email. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the brigade that helps keep our volunteers and our community safe.

See you all at Menangle Fire Station at 8am on Australia Day for the annual Australia Day breakfast.



Get Ready Menangle

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade volunteers can assist members of the community to prepare for the risk of bush and grass fire in a number of ways. Our members can assist with the development of Bush Fire Survival Plans, Person-Centred Emergency Plans and undertake home property assessments. All of these tools can help you better understand your individual risk, take practical steps to reduce risk and develop a plan for how you and your family would act in the event of a fire.

If you are interested in booking a Property Assessment, developing a Bush Fire Survival Plan or Person-Centred Emergency plan please email the Brigade's Community Engagement Officer at:

NatalieMcMullen-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au



Back of Return Slip