

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Combined Service
at 9am + Kids Church

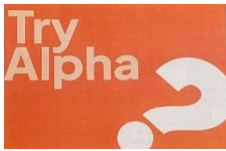
All Welcome!

Community Prayer Meeting at
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 weeks.
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

MUSIC TIME 2026

Commencing FEBRUARY 10th

Then each TUESDAY
during School Terms.

9.30am – 11.30am
In the Rectory,
5 Sulman Place –
LOWER ROOM



Music Time is for Preschoolers and their Parents or Carers, and costs \$1 per family.

SAVE THE DATE

St James Day Sunday July 26th

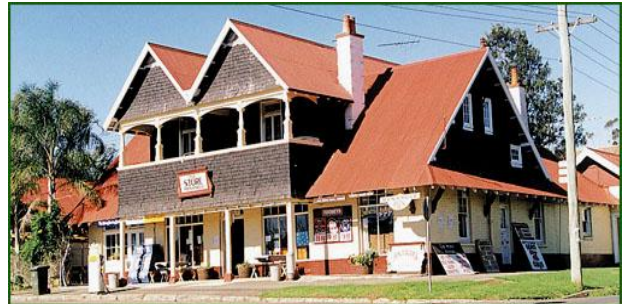
St James turns 150 this year. We are planning a big celebration including dressing in 1870's costumes and some reenactments!

Something our whole community will enjoy!



**ST PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**
5.00pm Mass
1st Sunday
each month

THE STORE MENANGLE



OPENING HOURS

DURING ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 07.00 – 14.00

WEEKENDS 08.00 – 14.00

Delicious Full Breakfast and Lunch menus.

Beautiful new alfresco dining area to enjoy.

Phone coffee orders ahead! 46338101

Let's be intentional to support this great local business!

POST OFFICE 9 – 5 Monday to Friday

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd James McFarlane, Dorothy Noyes

2nd Emelise Bond

4th Natalie Worthington

5th Amazona Rowe

7th Lisa Redmond, Maxlyn Luke

13th Graham Bell

15th Emily Rose

17th Tanida Johnson

19th Jake Kent

21st Judy Lynch, Sean McMullen

22nd Glen Peretin, Glynnis Bell

22nd Mark Campbell, Cathy Bulger

25th Aidan Richardson

28th Elizabeth Dowse



FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5th Steve & Kerri Rochaix

16th Gary & Yasmin Luke

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



THOMO'S CORNER

A woman approaches a man and says: "Excuse me sir, I'm doing a little survey, can I ask you a few questions?"

"Yes of course"

Woman: If you're travelling on a bus and a female gets on the bus and she has no available seat, would you give up your seat for her?"

Man: "No."

Woman: "What if the lady was a senior lady would you give up your seat for her?"

Man; "No."

Woman: "You are one selfish man and you have no manners. Who do you think you are?"

Man: I am the bus driver!"

EDITORIAL – everything is a gift!

Thank you, Menangle Community!

It was a great honour and thrill to be chosen as the Citizen of the Year 2026 for Wollondilly Shire. And I accept the award on behalf of all the hardworking volunteers in our wonderful community.

Please enjoy my acceptance speech, and thanks Natalie for including the photo in your RFS Report!

"I am so honoured to be here as an award nominee and an Ambassador for Menangle.

46 years ago, as a young wife and mother of two living in the village of Menangle, I had an encounter with a man that the bible describes as "going around doing good." The man Christ Jesus. I chose to follow Him.

A short while later the question was posed to me "What could you be doing to build community where you live?" I think I received my calling!

The Menangle News began. It was a very home-made production to begin with and only needed about 130 copies to be printed each month for the whole of Menangle and districts. It was left with Mrs Ritchie at the Post Office on Menangle Rd where we all collected our mail.

These days Mirvac very kindly print up about 500 copies in colour which we deliver to Durham Green and the local community. About 75 people are on the email list and it also appears on our Menangle.com website and our Menangle Community Facebook page.

Menangle was, until a few years ago, the best kept secret in Australia! We loved our identity as an English-style village, and our close connection with our neighbours.

With recent growth in housing and our population diversifying many new realities have come into operation providing both opportunities, and challenges. And I believe every single resident has a unique contribution they can make to enrich our community.

We have worked closely with Wollondilly Council to make the most of these opportunities and address some of the challenges! We appreciate their support very much.

It is still a wonderful place for families to live and children to grow up.

It is a place that has a very high percentage of volunteer involvement – the RFS, the Menangle Community Association, the Menangle Community Garden, St James and St Patricks congregations. People who give their time and resources so generously, and step into opportunities!

We have a wonderful response to community events like The Christmas Carols on the Hill, and the Australia Day Breakfast, from which I have just come!

So – I have chosen to let my light shine, may you all do the same, and together we will give glory to God, our Father in Heaven. Thank you."

SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Sometimes people doing it tough camp or park their cars at places that have toilet facilities, but which are not appropriate places for them to live. **To report this**

Contact the non-emergency Police number . 131 444



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

The Village Menangle Walking Group

Every Thursday at 10.00am

At the Old Menangle School site.

Coffee at The Store after.

Contact: Sue Peacock susan.peacock2@gmail.com

ELLEL MINISTRIES 2026 at Gilbulla

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Ministries*
Sydney, Australia

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.

EARLY MARCH

Escape to the Country – Mar 4-6

A getaway with God. An individual reflective retreat giving opportunity to "recharge your batteries" and connect with your heavenly Father in beautiful rural surroundings.

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

Tuesday 10th February , 10th March

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Next Meeting:

Saturday 7th March 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

22 Barsden St Camden

\$5 per class attended.

Contact Colleen: 0427 602 338

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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.

ART IN THE BARN – Calling all artists!

Firs Tuesday each month 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.

Monday Night Community Fitness

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



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

Thursday evenings at 6.00pm

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

ROUNABOUT UPDATE

The Menangle Store

The Store is still open whilst construction is underway at the Station Street / Woodbridge Road / Menangle Road intersection.

Vehicle access and parking are still available on Station Street.

Menangle Roundabout Works

On Tuesday, 3 February, temporary portable traffic lights will be installed as part of the works, where Menangle Road will temporarily operate as a single lane, in conjunction with Woodbridge Road.

Please allow extra travel time while construction is in progress.

We appreciate the community's patience during these works and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you, Kind Regards,

Chris Wang

Site Engineer



MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next MCA Meeting:

THURSDAY 26th February 7.00pm

at the Menangle RFS

We are gearing up for our final inspection of the new School of Arts. We would love some help cleaning up!



MCA WORKING BEE Saturday 28th February, Sunday 1st March from 9am. Just come for an hour or two if you can.

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



Despite a hot day labouring in our garden, we harvested tomatoes, potatoes and some zucchini and planted more herbs and capsicum. We welcomed new members and shared morning tea.

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



Many thanks to the hard-working Menangle Men's Shed for constructing these compost bays. They will certainly serve our garden well and look terrific!



Damien from WSC gave us an informative talk about the principles of composting. The secret to breaking down the compost is to have one layer of green material and then twice as much brown material – twigs dried leaves, wet cardboard etc. And keeping it damp.

MENANGLE MEN'S SHED



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

Make new friends.

Make things from timber

Join in community projects

Learn new skills.

Use your skills to help others.

If any of the above is not for you, just come along and have a cuppa and chat. Contact Jim 0490 551 789

Remember this?

30 days hath September, April, June and November.

All the rest have 31, excepting February alone, and that hath 28 days clear and 29 in each leap year!

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Menangle



Menangle Rural Fire Brigade February 2026 Update

In spite of a number of days of Extreme Fire Danger and High Fire danger we were very grateful for a quiet start to the year with only five call outs in total in January 2026. The brigade responded to one structure fire one grass fire, one diesel spill one assist police and one vehicle fire.

There were a number of days where we had a crew on standby to assist with fire response and community field liaison work if a fire started, but thankfully there were no major incidents on these days. Thank you to our members who gave up their time to be on standby, ready to assist if needed.



In addition to emergency call outs, Menangle Rural Fire Brigade conducted one property assessment at a rural home and worked alongside the Menangle Community Association who hosted the annual Australia Day Breakfast at our station. This was a fantastic morning with a large number of vintage cars turning out, some great presentations from local community members about the history of our town and a presentation from our own Community Engagement Facilitator Dylan.

A reminder to all that in spite of a quiet month for callouts the fire risk in this area is still high. Recent periods of high rainfall have triggered significant grass growth, and this quickly dries out and poses a fire risk when rain stops. The risk of a fast-moving grass fire in Menangle is ongoing.

Congratulations Sue Peacock- Wollondilly Citizen of the Year



After the Australia Day presentations finished, a number of our members rushed off to the Picton Botanic Gardens to support brigade member Sue Peacock, who was nominated for Citizen of the Year for Wollondilly Shire. We are very proud to say that Sue won the award!

This is great recognition of many, many years of volunteering by Sue, not just with the Menangle RFS but with the Menangle Community Association, Menangle News, St. James Church, the Salvation Army, the Heart Foundation, and a number of other charity groups. In addition to the formal volunteer work Sue does, there have been many years of small acts of kindness such as mailbox drops and hosting virtual events during the COVID lockdowns to keep community spirits high. Congratulations Sue, very well deserved!

Property Assessments for Residential Properties

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade volunteers are currently undertaking property inspections on private property. These visits, which are free and take only 30-60 minutes involve our members coming and doing a walk-around on your property to discuss your individual fire risk and the proactive strategies you can implement to be better prepared for bush fire.

Things we look at can include:

- The exteriors of structures on your property to identify potential vulnerabilities.
- What firefighting vehicles can fit on your property- can we get through the gates and is there room for us to turn around.
- Closest fire hydrants and other water sources.
- Vegetation around the property.
- Firefighting equipment that you have available eg portable pumps, hose fittings and extinguishers.

Email: NatalieMcMullen-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au to book an assessment