

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

St James is very excited to welcome

Rev Rodney and Vanessa Kerr as the new ministers!

A Parish lunch was held in the Old Menangle School on Sunday 15th, and a Commencement of Ministry Service on the evening of Wednesday 18th.

Easter services

Good Friday 9.00am

Easter Sunday 9.00am

SUNDAYS: Combined Service
at 9am + Kids Church

All Welcome!

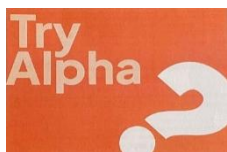
Community Prayer Meeting 10.45 am

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

Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store
1st Friday each month – next one May 1st!



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.
Thursdays 10.00am – 12.00pm

Contact: Alicia Eirth 0425 250 118
3 Sulman Place, Menangle

MUSIC TIME 2026

TUESDAYS in 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 PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass
Easter Sunday
and each 1st
Sunday of the
month



THE STORE MENANGLE



TRADING DURING ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7.00am – 2.00pm

WEEKENDS 8.00am – 2.00pm

MEXICAN CANTINA FRIDAY
NIGHTS

are proving to be very popular!
5.30 – 8.30pm

Themes will change but this is a wonderful opportunity for our whole community!



EASTER TRADING: GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED

EASTER SATURDAY OPEN

EASTER SUNDAY AND MONDAY CLOSED.

Phone coffee orders ahead! 46338101

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

POST OFFICE 9 – 5 Monday to Friday

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st Doreen Stewart 101 this year!
2nd Otis Richardson
4th Natalie Worthington
6th Brodie James
7th Lisa Redmond
13th Graham Bell
14th Michael Parzakonis
15th Emily Rose
17th Tanida Johnson
19th Jake Kent
21st Judy Lynch, Sean McMullen
22nd Cathy Bulger, Mila Radocaj
24th Grant Erskine
30th Josh Weatherill



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10th Robyn and Grant
14th Steve and Simone Collison
15th Steve and Kerry Charles
18th James and Karen McFarlane
18th Paige & Dylan Bisset
20th Steve and Vicki Blight
26th Jenni and Steve McGrath



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

EDITORIAL

Autumn is a very beautiful and welcome season in my books – even more so after the greenness left from our warm and wet summer! And the end of daylight saving – ahhh!

Have you adapted to the roadworks? Did you manage the power being out from 9am – 6pm recently? Being informed ahead of time so we can prepare is helpful, and I am grateful to Christie Civil and Endeavour for that.

One big change is coming that lots of people are not prepared for: **Jesus is coming back very soon.** I know it has been 2,000 years since Jesus said He was coming back “soon”, but world events, particularly in the Middle East can only be explained and understood with reference to the bible prophecies.

The first coming of Jesus fulfilled 2/3s of the prophecies about the Jewish Messiah – the King who would come and deliver His people from slavery. Jesus delivered His people from slavery to sin. If you can accept that sin is separation for God, then turning away from sin simply means reconnecting to God. Just start a conversation with Him!

Jesus came the first time as the “Lamb of God” the one man who would sacrifice His life for the sins of all people. He came to the Jewish people first but not just to them – His gift of forgiveness is for all people who desire to live the life God designed for them – a life of connection! It is a life of hope and joy and resilience, daily renewal of strength – it is the best life possible for each one of us!

The second coming of Jesus will fulfill the other 1/3 of the prophecies about the Jewish Messiah: This time He will come as the Conquering King, “The Lion of the Tribe of Judah”. He will come to take over all the governments of the world and judge every person.

How do we prepare for the Return of Jesus?

Simply by believing the truth- that Jesus has removed the separation between us and God the Father. He truly has! And then by slowing down enough and becoming quiet enough to pray and to listen for the still, small voice of God.

It is totally counter-cultural.

These ideas are from Jamie Winship – “The secret to a connected life”.

We have all grown up in what he calls an “**Empire culture**” which strives to survive in:

Separation – we call it independence,

Scarcity – we don’t have enough time, resource, money, strength, health etc.

Certainty – planning, working, saving, having power over –

Perfectionism – “looking good” is paramount

Empire culture is grounded in self-interest.

The Culture of God’s Kingdom is:

Connection – with God and one another. We build wells and bridges and take down fences.

Sufficiency – There is enough time, and resource for everyone to thrive.

Mystery – we trust in the God who knows everything
The acceptance that **Fallibility** is a necessary part of growing in connection.

Other-focused – we are all part of something so much bigger than ourselves and we are better together!

Blessings and love Sue

SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Contact the non-emergency Police number . 131 444



Heart Foundation
WALKING

Menangle Walking Group
Thursday at 10.00am
Meet Old Menangle School

Coffee at The Store after.

Contact: Sue Peacock susan.peacock2@gmail.com

ELLEL MINISTRIES 2026 at Gilbulla

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Ministries
Sydney, Australia

Overcoming Freemasonry – Mar 21

Freemasonry and its curses on the family line are devastating. However, there is freedom available through the healing power of Jesus Christ.

Deeper Intimacy with God – Mar 27-28

A comprehensive look at the nature and character of God and how a distorted understanding of Him can negatively affect your relationship with Him.

APRIL Dealing with Difficult Emotions – Apr 10-11

A detailed look at emotions, particularly the difficult ones, and how God wants to help us process them effectively for His healing to flow.

The Power of Forgiveness – Apr 17-18

An in-depth look at the key principles relating to receiving forgiveness of our own sins and the reality of the battle we face in forgiving others.

Escape to the Country – Apr 29-May 1

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

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GAMECHANGERS BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

2nd Tuesday of each month.

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MACARTHUR AGLOW



Next Meeting:

Saturday May 2nd 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

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\$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

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, Patrick was kidnapped at age 16 and taken to Ireland as an enslaved person. He escaped but returned about 432 ce to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools.

Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. (Britannica AI)

THOMO'S CORNER

On the Ning Nang Nong where the Cows go Bong!
and the monkeys all say "Boo!"

There's a Nong Nag Ning where the trees go Ping
And the tea pots jibber jabber joo.

On the Nong Ning Nang all the mice go clang
And you just can't catch 'em when they do!

So its Ning Nang Nong Cows go Bong

Nong Nang Ning Trees go ping

Nong Ning Nag the mice go clang

What a noisy place to belong is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next MCA Meeting:

THURSDAY 28th MAY 7.00pm

In the School of Arts Hall.

Almost all our tasks are completed and we are now in the process of getting the numerous inspections done in preparation for the final inspection, waiting for our D.A mods with Council.

Please contact susan.peacock2@gmail.com



THE OLD MENANGLE SCHOOL

is available for hire until the roadworks are completed!

It is planned that the tenant will move in after the completion of the current Station Street Road works and the opening of the Menangle School of Arts Hall.

Wollondilly Shire Council has approved the lease of the Old Menangle School building to Disability South West, a service that provides support and care to young people with disabilities, their families and carers in Wollondilly, Macarthur and south-west Sydney.

While the building itself will be leased, the surrounding park, playground, community garden and barbeque facilities will remain fully open to the public,

Council is pleased to be investing further in the community areas by partially enclosing the outdoor barbeque and sink area to provide better all-weather use for the community.

MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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

Because of Easter the APRIL WORKING BEE WILL BE ON MARCH 28th 8.00am

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork

kerry.charles64@gmail.com

We are very grateful to Damien a horticulturalist from Wollondilly Council who is teaching us and providing generous practical support as we establish our Community Garden.

LASAGNE METHOD OF NO-DIG GARDENING WATER IN EACH LAYER

1. **Manure** ('who-flung-dung') plus dolomite, blood and bone.
2. **Lucerne or pea straw** - (legumes release nitrogen – straw creates a sponge to hold water at the root zone).
3. **Compost/Manure** layer
4. **Sugar cane mulch** on top reduces evaporation and acts as a sponge to protect feeder roots.

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



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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade March 2026

February was an extremely quiet month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with only two emergency call-outs; an automated fire alarm and a grass fire. The brigade held a Community Engagement training session and hosted the Group-East meeting.

March is the final month of the Bush Fire Danger Period. Please apply for an RFS and Council permit before burning on your property.

Congratulations Martin Scott- Deputy Captain

Congratulations to Martin Scott who was elected to our final Deputy Captain spot in February 2026. Martin



Scott joined Menangle Rural Fire Brigade in January 2020. Martin currently serves as the brigade's Equipment Officer and previously served as brigade Vice-President. In addition to firefighting, Martin regularly helps around the station including maintaining equipment, washing the trucks, mowing and gardening and assisting with brigade training.

Martin's calm leadership on the fireground and willingness to share his knowledge and skills with others will make him a valuable addition to our officer group. Thank you for all that you do Martin and congratulations from all our members.

Hydrant Heroes!

Question: How many litres of water does an RFS Category 1 Truck hold?

Answer: 3,500 litres.

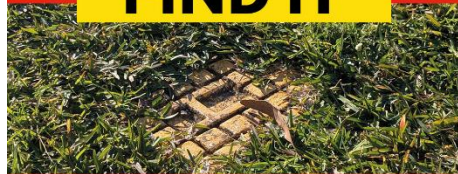
While fire trucks carry an initial supply of water, they often run out in minutes, making a swift connection to a hydrant vital for long-term fire control. Fire hydrants are critical for firefighters because they provide an **immediate, continuous, and high-pressure water supply** necessary to extinguish fires and protect properties.

While hydrants may be few and far between in rural areas, more urban, residential areas have multiple hydrant points. If you have a hydrant point on or near your property, keeping the area around the hydrant clear and well maintained can greatly assist firefighters during a fire emergency. Be a hydrant hero!

If there's a hydrant on the footpath near your home, you can help us by:

- ✓ Keeping it clear of grass, dirt, and plants
- ✓ Making sure it stays visible from the road
- ✓ Not parking vehicles over the top of it

FIND IT



Keep the area around the hydrant clear of any grass, vegetation, gardens, rubbish and dirt.

CLEAR IT



Keep the area around the hydrant clear of any grass, vegetation, gardens, rubbish and dirt.

REPORT IT



If maintenance or marking is required, report it to your local fire station, council or water authority.

