

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAYS: Combined Service
at 9am + Kids Church
Prayer Meeting 10.45 am
All welcome!

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

www.menangleanglican.com.au

Enquiries: office@menangleanglican.com.au



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, called a Sesquicentenary!



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
1st Sunday of the month



PEDESTRIAN RAIL BRIDGE OFFICIAL OPENING
Saturday 11 April 10am – 12pm
Coffee, pastries, sausage sizzle, face painting
Easter themed activities.

The temporary interim bridge will be decommissioned the week of 6th April.

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

POST OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 1pm – 5pm

Saturday 9am – 12.00pm

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st Maddie Clifton, Elkie Radocaj
4th Clayton Butler, Micah Lau
5th Andrew Black,
5th Michelle Campbell
6th Carol Redmond, Yasmin Luke
11th Nancy Caffyn
12th Margaret Ritchie
14th Christine Hughes, Jenni McGrath
19th Vicki Blight
21st Brittanie McFarlane
23rd Emily McFarlane, Monica Symons (nee Charles)
24th Nikita Reece
27th Paul Shipley
29th Katie Mealing
30th Peter Gordon

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



THOMO'S CORNER

1978

Long Hair
8 tracks
KEGs
Streaking
Acid Rock
Seeds and stems
Stayin' Alive (the song)
Hoping for a BMW
Going to a new hip, joint
Rolling Stones
Bell Bottoms
Disco
Whatever
Rock'n'roll all night
Think you know everything

2023

Longing for hair
Cataracts
EKGs
Leaking
Acid reflux
Fibre
Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BM
Getting a new hip joint
Kidney stones
Big Bottoms
Costco
Depends
Sleep all night
Think you know your name

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader

It might be the cooler weather, but life just feels better the last few days since we have returned to Eastern Standard Time. I like waking to daylight for another few weeks, how do others feel about Daylight Saving? I feel like I'm holding my breath for 6 months waiting for it to end!

My dear Mother-in-law, Betty has moved to Elanora – an aged-care facility in Shellharbour. She was ready about October last year and when the room became available last month was happy to take it. Our two years together were good, but hard in some ways of course. It is such good timing with the weather cooling down for her to be snug and warm in Elanora!

The other reason for life feeling better is the extra-long weekend – which turned out to be a wonderful time of celebration! I invited five friends to a "Passover Lunch" on Good Friday, then 12 of my family came for lunch on Easter Saturday. Church on Sunday at St James topped it all off!

Three very different celebrations each one full of meaning. Passover happens according to God's ancient Calendar – based on the moon and the sun and is the first biblical Feast of the Lord in the Jewish New Year. It is also the setting for the Last Supper/Eucharist that holds so much meaning for Christians.

Something new and enriching I learnt this year from the Passover: in Exodus 12:3 Moses instructs "...every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, **a lamb for a household.**" It is such a powerful foreshadowing of God the Father taking One spotless Lamb (Jesus) for His whole household – for all His First Covenant people, and all His New Covenant people together. Paul describes us all – Jewish Believers and Gentile Believers together as "One New Man from the two, thus making peace." Ephesians 2:15. And it is true – there is peace in the Middle East between Jews and Arabs who follow Jesus – Yeshua. They love one another, work together, and share mission activities together. I have met some of them! I am one of them! There is hope in Jesus!

Even though my grandchildren are pretty grown up (16-22) they still enjoyed the easter egg hunt in Dean McGrath Park on Easter Saturday, and the BBQ lunch. Family together is the best of fun!

Rodney explained in his Resurrection Day (Easter Sunday) Sermon that death (which was the enemy of Jesus, and our last enemy) is now His footstool. Knowing that Jesus has conquered death changes everything. Sharing in Communion was a wonderful way to celebrate this!

Another interesting thing I learnt this year - there is another date on God's Calendar and a biblical name for the 3rd Day after the crucifixion of Jesus – it is the "Feast of First Fruits." On this day the Israelites celebrated God's provision for them by offering the very first, best portion of the barley harvest, the first grain crop of the year. They waved a grain sheaf before the Lord to represent that they were dedicating their whole harvest to God and to ask His blessing upon it. Again, Paul gives us insight in 1 Corinthians 15:20 "But now Christ is risen from the dead and has become the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep, and in Romans 11:16 "If the first fruit is holy, the whole lump of dough is holy, and if the root is holy, so are the branches."

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.

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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Email Address: info@ellel.org.au

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 12.00pm

at 10 Station St Menangle

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

CAMDEN FIT SENIORS



Fun 40-minute outdoor exercise classes designed for Seniors run by an experienced qualified teacher.

Mondays and Wednesdays at 9.30am

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

ANZAC SERVICES on Saturday April 25th

Picton

March: 6.30am (muster 6.00am behind Picton hotel.)

Service: 7.00am Picton Memorial Park

Camden

Dawn Service 5.00am

March 10.30am,

Service 11.15am

Campbelltown

5.30am Dawn Service

Mawson Park

8.30am March ,

9am Service Mawson Park

Ingleburn

4.45am Parade Warbler

Avenue to Memorial Park.

5.00am Service Ingleburn

RSL Memorial Garden.



Brave men we salute you
And remember you today
Fighting on the battlefields
In lands so far away

Australians and New Zealanders
Who fought so gallantly
Side by side together
For all of us to see

Many died and some came home
Their lives were not the same
The Anzacs were heroic
In body and in name

Lest We Forget

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next MCA Meeting:

THURSDAY 28th MAY 7.00pm

In the School of Arts Hall.



Almost all our tasks and inspections are completed and we are now waiting for our D.A mods, and Building Certificate to be completed by 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: Saturday 2nd May 8am – 10am

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork

kerry.charles64@gmail.com

Our April working bee on March 28th was a lovely morning with Jess, Karen, Chris, Paul, Jenny and Sue harvesting lots of beans, and 5 cobs of corn. We stripped the tomato bush and cut it off just below ground level, so we didn't disturb the soil composition. The top went into the very well-used compost bays kindly constructed for us by the Menangle Men's Shed. We planted snow peas, sugar snaps, carrots, beetroot, radish and rocket seeds and lots of brassica seedlings – cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, and brussels sprouts.

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

WOLLONDILLY HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Sunday 12th April

9.00am – 3.30pm

25 Government Road, BARGO



Menangle



Menangle Rural Fire Brigade April 2026

March was a quiet month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with five emergency call-outs; three motor vehicle accidents, a vehicle fire and a Hazmat spillage.

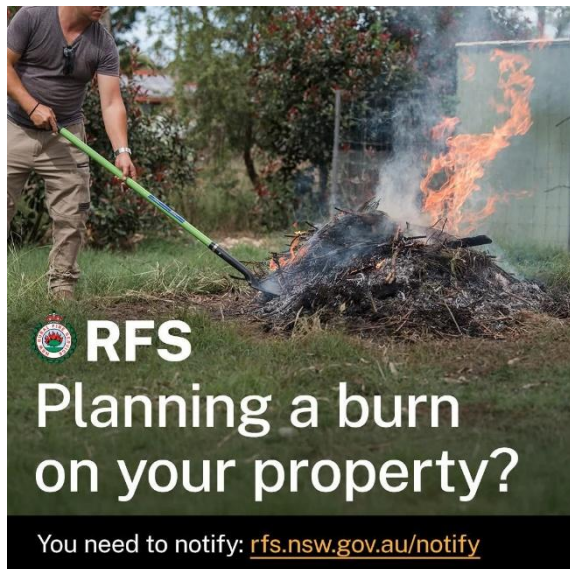
While call-outs were low, the brigade used the time to hold a number of training sessions, fire hydrants, identifying dangerous trees and general firefighting skills.

End of the Official Bush Fire Danger Period

The Official Bush Fire Danger Period concluded at midnight 31 March 2026 for the Wollondilly Shire Local Government Area.

From Wednesday 1 April, RFS fire permits will no longer be required for residents. Even though a fire permit is no longer required, you must still notify your neighbours and the local fire authority 24 hours before burning as well as comply with any Council Backyard Burning Policies.

The first step in the process outside of the Bushfire Danger Period, to undertake pile burning activities within Wollondilly, residents and landowners must first obtain a General Approval to Burn (GATB) from Wollondilly Shire Council.



GATBs are only issued outside the NSW Bush Fire Danger Period to properties over 4,000 square metres in size within the following zonings:

- RU4 (Primary Production Small Lots)
- RU1 (Primary Production)
- RU2 (Rural Landscape)
- C3 (Environmental Management)
- C4 (Environmental Living).

Properties zoned R5 – Large Lot Residential are not eligible for a GATB.

Any proposed burn that does not meet all the criteria in the GATB will need to apply for a Pile Burn Application. All applications will be assessed by Council Rangers and a permit issued. If approved, Permits and Approvals must be available to show to a NSW Rural Fire Service or Fire & Rescue NSW Officer or Council.

Before lighting up, you should also check the forecast weather conditions and have sufficient equipment on hand to control and contain the fire to your own property. Failure to notify neighbours or the RFS, or allowing a fire to escape can result in significant fines.



NSW RFS BURN NOTIFICATION



PLEASE SCAN
HERE TO NOTIFY

ON LINE BURN NOTIFICATION

➤ If you have smartphone, use your camera to scan the QR code, tap on the link that appears and complete the online form to notify your intention to have fire on your property.

To notify of your intent to burn, use the online burn notification tool at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify or call your local Fire Control Centre during business hours.

If you have material on your property that needs to be burned and require assistance to undertake a pile burn please message our brigade Facebook page or email: NatalieMcMullen-vol@rfs.nsw.gov.au to arrange a visit from the Brigade.



SCAN FOR:
Wollondilly Council
General Approval
to Burn