

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

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NOW IN OCTOBER!

St James Sesquicentenary (150 years)



St James turns 150 this year, called a Sesquicentenary! To give our new Minister a chance to settle in we have pushed our celebrations back to October and have decided to hold it on a Saturday.

We are planning a big celebration including dressing in 1870's costumes and streaming up to the church to the beautiful sound of the bells.

Something our whole community will enjoy!

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.



ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass

1st Sunday of the month



THOMO'S CORNER

My daughter just phoned me, and the conversation went like this:

Her: You know that Gladiator movie that I got you?

Me: Yeah.

Her: Wind it forward one hour 16 mins and 28 seconds.

Me: Right, I've done that

Her: Okay, you see the gladiator at the front fighting the lion?

Me: I can see that.

Her: Just behind him there are two gladiators having a sword fight with each other.

Me: Okay – I see that.

Her: Well behind those two, on the left hand side of the screen there's a woman gladiator holding a spear"

Me: Yes I see that!

Her: Right! Those are the sandals I want for my birthday!

COUNCIL CLEAN-UP 25th May 2026

- Items can be placed on the kerb no earlier than 48hrs prior to your property's scheduled collection date.
- Separate any mattresses, metal and metal appliances so these items can be easily recycled.
- Place items directly in front of your property unless otherwise advised by Council. Place items safely to avoid footpaths and driveways where possible.

THE STORE MENANGLE



MONDAY – FRIDAY: 6.00am – 2.30pm

WEEKENDS 8.00am – 2.00pm

No more Friday Dinners during winter!

POST OFFICE HOURS the same for May

Monday to Friday 1pm–5pm

Saturday 9am – 12.00pm

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Steve Charles
2nd Troy Mealing
4th Lauren Bell, Stuart Leigh Baxter
5th Siobhan Burt, Bill Irving
7th Ernie
8th Lily Margin, Kate Porteous
10th Tiarne Holz
12th Rowan Shiner,
12th Nicholas Lamrock-George
16th Christine, Cameron Halfpenny
16th Sky Samantha Kyle
17th Edward McDonald
21st Abe Peacock
25th Unchalee Thompson, Elias Tawagi
27th Ethan Campbell, Robyn Erskine
29th Kerry Charles
30th Steve,
30th Tara Rowe



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

4th Elkie and Adam Radocaj

29th Esmond and Winnie Lau

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

THANK YOU MIRVAC (and help!)

The wonderful Staff at the Mirvac sales office has printed the Menangle News free of charge every month since July 2023. We are so appreciative.

Starting off black and white printing, we progressed to the beautiful colour copies we have enjoyed the last couple of years.

Keeping up with occupancy of the new homes has meant the number of copies has increased each month as well which will continue for some time to come.

The Menangle News is the longest running Community Newsletter in the Wollondilly Shire.

Almost all the blocks of land are sold now, so the Sales Office will be closing soon, and we will need some help to keep printing. **Please contact me if you can help!**

EDITORIAL- What is the Kingdom of God?

Dear Reader,

I have been pondering the inclusion of the words of Jesus at the Last Supper in Luke's gospel that are omitted in the other gospels and in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and haven't ever been included in a communion church service that I have attended.

Luke 22 v 15-16 "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I say to you **I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.**

v17-18 "Take this and divide it among yourselves for I say to you, **I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes.**"

What did Jesus mean that Passover would be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God? What did He mean "Until the Kingdom of God comes?"

What is the Kingdom of God?

There is a very widely held perspective that turning to God and asking forgiveness of one's sin in the name of Jesus is the entry point into God's Kingdom.

This is true in at a spiritual level.

But there is also a physical Kingdom of God to come.

When Jesus returns physically, He will establish His Kingdom on earth, as it is now in heaven. Every time we say the "our Father" the "Lord's Prayer" THIS is what we are praying for!!!!

He will occupy the "throne of David" which has been promised to Him for about 3,000 years since the time of King David – about 1,000 BCE.

It was only as a human that Jesus needed to eat and drink. Heaven is a spiritual place, with no need for bodies! I wonder – and you can come to your own conclusion of course – but I wonder if Jesus really misses the delight of sharing physical meals together. All the tastes and textures and satisfaction of enjoying the foods God created for mankind around a table of friends and family laughing and bantering together.

He has been in Heaven for almost 2,000 years – that is a long time waiting for your next meal!!!!

How can we hasten His coming?

By seeking His Kingdom first – now what does that mean? Is it spiritual or physical or both?

Firstly, the Physical: since the establishment of Israel as a Jewish Nation, (1948) and Jerusalem as the Jewish capital, (1967) Jesus now has **a physical place prepared** for His return. There is a remnant of Messianic Jewish people in Israel, having grown from about 100 in 1948 to about 30,000 in the 2022 census. (Could be up to 50,000 now) These are Jews who identify Jesus (Yeshua) as their Messiah: Saviour-King (or as we say because of the Greek translations of our bibles "our Christ") There is also a rapidly growing number of Messianic Gentiles – Christians who believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah as well as the Saviour of the world. So, Jesus has **a physical people prepared** for His return as well.

Secondly, the Spiritual: We pray for His return, **AND** we live in a manner that brings our beliefs, attitudes and behaviour increasingly into alignment with God's Love which is patient, kind, gentle, humble, polite, self-sacrificing, unoffendable and never gives up!

Blessings and love Sue

SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Contact the non-emergency Police number . 131 444



Menangle Walking Group
Thursday at 10.00am
Meet Old Menangle School

Coffee at The Store after.

Contact: Sue Peacock susan.peacock2@gmail.com

Word is spreading and more women are joining for a walk and talk: Cate, Rika, Fiona, Allana, Catherine, Julie, Lyn and myself. Plenty of space for more!

ELLEL MINISTRIES 2026 at Gilbulla



Ellel Ministries

Upcoming Courses

June 19 – 20: *Hope in the Hard Times* (speaker is Peter Wilson, previously pastored two churches in the Camden area)

July 17 – 18: *Restoring the Human Spirit*

August 8: *Hearing the Voice of God*

September 4 -5: *Keys to Improving Mental Health*

October 16 – 17: *Overcoming Fear and Anxiety*

November 7: *Understanding Generational Iniquity and Soul Ties*

December 4 – 5: *Steps to Overcoming Addictions*

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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 June 6th 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

MOTHERS DAY MARKET 8th May

Even though a power outage closed the kitchen, the Markets went ahead. There were so many beautiful locally made items for sale it was hard to choose!

The Gelato stall had a generator (good thinking!!!) much to the delight of all the children keeping the Gelato stall in production!

James McFarlane was able to hook up emergency back-up power from the Solar System Battery at the School of Arts Hall which provided light for the stall holders and replaced the generator. Thank you Marcel and Shane for all you so cheerfully contribute to the Menangle Community!

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

An invitation and a special blessing from Jesus "Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden? Come to Me.

I will refresh your life, for I am your Oasis.

Simply join your life with Mine.

Learn My ways and you'll discover that I'm gentle, humble, easy to please. You will find refreshment and rest in Me.

For all that I require of you will be pleasant and easy to bear."

Matthew 11:28-30 TPT

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next MCA Meeting:

THURSDAY 28th MAY 7.00pm

In the RFS Meeting Room (Sorry peeps, my hardworking committee outvoted me!!!)



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

Greening Menangle.

Geoff Kibblewhite loves planting trees!

We reported on his tree planting at the Finn/ Tedesco farm in Menangle that occurred on 12th and 13th April 1997. Almost 30 years ago!

"With help of volunteers from Menangle and Campbelltown, we prepared the site with earth moving machinery. The site was badly eroded with little topsoil remaining. We planted 650



young plants - Eucalyptus trees, Wattles and Hakeas.

Menangle RFS helped us for 2 weeks with watering the young plants." The trees are well established and can clearly be seen on the ridge.

Geoff has just retired from 13 years working at Camden High School and continued his passion there, planting many trees.

Thank you Geoff for your wonderful contribution!



MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sow, Grow & Share

Next Working Bee: Saturday 6th June 8am – 10am

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork

kerry.charles64@gmail.com

We celebrated our first birthday at our May working bee.

We soaked all the egg cartons we have received (thank you Glenn and other donors!) and added them as a layer in our compost bays. We admitted defeat to the cockies with our last few ears of corn and removed the stems at ground level so as not to disturb our soil structure. These too were added to the compost.

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 May 2026

April was an extremely busy month for Menangle Rural Fire Brigade with thirteen emergency call-outs to a range of incidents including a structure fire, four grass/ bush fires, three motor vehicle accidents, two vehicle fires, two automated fire alarms and one HAZMAT incident.

The brigade also spent a number of days assisting with a joint-agency Hazard Reduction Burn undertaken by the NSW RFS and National Parks and Wildlife Services in Colo Vale. Hazard reduction burns are important for a number of reasons- not only do they reduce bush fire risk, they also provide a great opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills of our volunteers.

The brigade has also been maintaining our knowledge and skills through brigade training as well as a number of members undertaking Advanced Firefighter and Village Firefighter modules at the Southern Highlands Training Centre.



Congratulations to Menangle's Newest Firefighters

Congratulations to Menangle Rural Fire Brigade's newest firefighters: James, Aaron and Xanthe who completed their Firefighter qualifications in May 2026 and are now able to respond to emergency call-outs. Welcome aboard!

Have you cleaned your chimney? Reduce your risk of chimney and flue fire!



Clean your chimney every year.

cfa.vic.gov.au/homefire



Each year emergency services see an increase in the number of chimney fires from both fireplaces and wood heaters.

Over time there could be a build-up of creosote, a black tar-like residue, which is highly flammable and could clog up chimneys. Creosote is not only caused by general use, but it can also build up quicker if you are using incorrect fuels, such as green wood or treated timbers

Keep your home safe this winter by checking your chimney to avoid the risk of a chimney fire:

- **Use a torch to check for creosote build-up or obstructions like bird nests.**
- **Have your chimney professionally cleaned annually.**