

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 Church (in the Stables)
1st Friday each month

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

St James Sesquicentenary (150 years)

St James turns 150 this year, called a Sesquicentenary! Now our new Minister, Rodney has had a chance to settle in plans are underway for our celebrations in October!

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.

We will have a Church Service – including some historically significant parts, and some other delightful moments.

Of course we will have food! More details in future issues.

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



THE STORE MENANGLE



Community response to the blow that Shane and Marcel have received from the fire has

been overwhelming.

Shane and Marcel have confirmed they will not go down without a fight. They miss all their customers, and appreciate so much support from the locals. They promise to keep a presence in Menangle.

I (Sue) thank all who have contributed (and are planning to contribute) so generously to the GoFundMe page. Many residents have mentioned fund raising ideas to me, and I will help all I can with publicising these as they are planned.

One simple idea suggested by Barbie Wood for the St James Ladies' Morning Tea (previously at The Store), held today at the Church instead. Whatever we would have spent on our coffee, tea, cake or scones, at the Store, we collected to donate to Shane and Marcel.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2nd Robert George
4th James Porteous,
4th Stephen Cross
7th Golden Rowe, Celeste Davis
13th Patricia Costello
14th William Lamrock-George, Sue Lamrock
17th Reece Collison, Matthew Townsing
18th Jimmy Anderson
19th Jay Dowse*) **We'd better have**
20th Josh Clifton*) **a Station Street**
22nd Natalie Hughes*) **Party!!!!**
22nd Timothy Malone
24th Bridget McGrath
25th Vicky Jeffree,
25th Geoffrey McCarthey
26th Steve Collison
28th Melissa De Palo
29th Narelle Dark



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

THOMO'S CORNER

A couple was having dinner at a fancy restaurant.

As the food was served the husband said: "The food looks delicious, let's eat!"

Wife: "Honey, you always say a prayer before eating at home."

Husband: "That's at home sweetheart, here the chef knows how to cook!"



EDITORIAL- Friendship

Dear Reader,

My first go-to in free moments is whatever novel I am reading. My bookcase holds quite a few of my favourite authors' work and I happily re-read them.

Today I read something that inspired me: "Friends do not give, they share everything." Quoting a local proverb.'

It reminded me of something Jesus said in John 15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made know to you."

It's pretty obvious when we read the gospels (the eye witness accounts of the life of Jesus) that He heard from Our Father, in Heaven honestly, deeply and continually.

Imagine having Jesus as a friend! A friend who shares everything with you, a friend who is wise and well-prepared and knows everything about everyone, and everything about you. He knows all our deep longings, the deep places that are hurting, the dreams gone dry – everything. And He still offers to be our Friend.

As the old song says: "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

Because God, our Heavenly Father, chose to share His only Son with humanity, and because Jesus chose to share His life with us, we can be even more than Friends with Jesus – we can join God's Family!

I remember seeing a poster of Jesus with His arms extended outward on the Cross, and the caption underneath said "How much do you love me God?"



And Jesus answered, "This much." and He died.

Of course, when we read a little further in those eyewitness accounts we learn that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive in heaven, preparing to return to the earth and the humanity He still loves.

The invitation is still available. "Come to Me, all you who carry heavy burdens, and I will give your rest for your souls."

The best decision I ever made was to respond to that invitation. Jesus is a faithful, wise and gentle friend, a good friend whose Spirit (The Holy Spirit), He shares with us to live inside us and counsel, comfort, guide, and heal us.

The context of the quote from my novel was of someone more wealthy offering food to someone less well off to circumvent their pride.

My experience is that Jesus gives **and** He also shares!

Blessings and love Sue

MACARTHUR AGLOW



**First Sturday each month at 12.30pm
at 10 Station St Menangle**

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

GAMECHANGERS BOOK CLUB

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm
2nd Tuesday of each month.

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com

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 Community Garden after.

Contact: Sue Peacock susan.peacock2@gmail.com

A great way to meet our neighbours. Word is spreading and more women are joining for a walk and talk

Happenings at DURHAM GREEN

Phone Pam to book 0417227715

CHRISTMAS STALLS Saturday November 14th \$50
donation to Dementia Research.

CARD MAKING Fortnightly on Tuesdays 1.30pm – 4.00pm
\$12.50 per class, make at least 4 cards. Bookings essential.

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*

710 Moreton Park Road, Menangle

phone Number: 4633 8102

Email Address: info@ellel.org.au

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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Play N Meet session.

Every second Sunday of the month
at Rotolactor Park

Information on Instagram

@round_n_round_the_rotolactor_

BERRY HAIR BOUTIQUE

Get 10% off all hairdressing now at Berry Hair Boutique.

Menangle's newest luxury home salon is open for all your hairdressing needs. From cut and colour, to lived-in blondes and balayage, wash and styling, enjoy a personalised salon experience, in a cosy environment where the focus is on you.

All ages welcome.

Hair packages available and after-hours appointments.

For the month of June Berry Hair is offering a Wash and Blowdry for \$50 only!

Enquire today on: 0421785943



ART IN THE BARN VALE Michele Arentz



It is with shock and deep sadness we advise the passing of Michele on May 13 after a short illness. Michele was the secretary of the local Macarthur Art Group (AKA MacART). She was a well loved and respected artist, mentor and tutor, known for her architectural drawings and artworks, and her deep commitment to the local

art scene and various organisations. Many of her works are seen around the area, including the rural murals at the Camden Town Farm. Our deepest condolences to her husband James and her family. She will be sorely missed.



In January Michele donated a painting of the village of Menangle to the MCA to help us fundraise for our Australia Day Event. I cut some roses to take to thank her. Michele used those roses as a model for this beautiful painting. That's the kind of lady she was!

MACARTHUR ART GROUP MEMBERS EXHIBITION

June 13th and 20th 10.00am – 2.00pm

In the Undercroft at Camden Civic Centre.

Michele served the Macarthur Art Group as secretary and worked very hard towards this exhibition. The group has pressed on and are really gratified that they can also include a tribute to Michele.

Soft Opening : Friday 12th June 5.30pm-7.30pm in the Undercroft at Camden Civic Centre. All Welcome

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
the generator.

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Next MCA Meeting:

Rescheduled after the blackout!

THURSDAY 25th June at 7.00pm

In the RFS Meeting Room

Updates on the Menangle School of Arts and other local issues.

We will also set aside some time to start to put together a spreadsheet/data base of those who would like to organise fundraising events for Shane and Marcel, or offer help in other practical ways.

The MCA Exec sees our main role as getting the School of Arts open so we have a venue for these events.

Please contact susan.peacock2@gmail.com



MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN
SOW GROW & SHARE

Next Working Bee: Saturday 4th July 9am – 11am

Joining and annual fee: \$12 per year

Please email Kerry Charles for the paperwork

kerry.charles64@gmail.com

A lovely time of lively conversation, laughter and sharing knowledge, while getting our hands dirty!

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

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/>





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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade June 2026

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade had a busy month in May 2026, attending 14 incidents including 6 motor vehicle accidents, a smoke sighting, an automated fire alarm, an illegal pile burn, a grass fire a spillage, a powerline incident and a structure fire.

It was with extremely heavy hearts that our brigade responded to a structure fire at The Store Menangle in May 2026. We are very proud of our members who attended and all of the Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW RFS, NSW Ambulance and NSW Police who worked together to extinguish the fire and keep everyone safe. The thoughts of our whole brigade are with Shane, Marcel and their team at this very difficult time. Shane and Marcel have worked tirelessly to create a warm and welcoming meeting place for our whole community. They have been big supporters of our brigade for many years, and we know our members will be here to support Shane and Marcel as they navigate their rebuild journey.

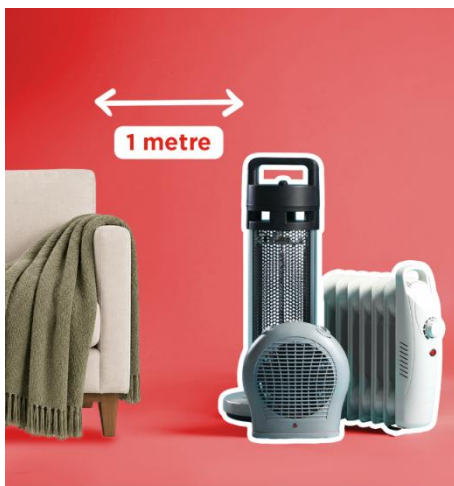
The Menangle RFS AGM will take place at 7pm on Friday June 26, 2026. The community are invited to attend.

Congratulations to Menangle's Two Newest Village Firefighters

Congratulations to Jessica and Thomas who completed their Village Firefighter course in May 2026. This is an important course aimed at building the skills required to respond to a range of village incidents including structure fires, vehicle fires, gas fires and motor vehicle accidents. With our young members continuing to build their skills and qualifications the future of our brigade is looking bright!



Winter Fire Safety- Heaters



Heaters need space. A lot of it.

Keep curtains, bedding, lounges, throws and drying racks at least **one metre away**.

Switch them off before you leave the room or go to bed.

NEVER use any outdoor heating or cooking equipment inside your home including those that use 'heat beads' or LPG as a fuel source. This type of equipment is not suitable for indoor use and can lead to a build up of lethal gases which could be deadly.

Check the **manufacturer's recommendations** before use.