

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! 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. Gathering at 10.15am at four different locations for a 10.30 start.



Handmade bricks, sandstone blocks, cement, timber beams, and the cartage of all these including water and sand by John Hourne and his son

made the construction of St James possible for the princely sum of **£396.16.6d** in 1876

We will have a Church Service at 10.45, 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 Celebrating 10 years!

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.



THE STORE MENANGLE

An update from Shane.

Following the Mayors announcement on 25th June, we are pleased to confirm that a TSM food truck will be operating at the Old School Site, with our target opening set for the first week of August.

The food truck will allow us to reconnect with the community while work continues on the rebuild, providing a selection of our much-loved food and coffee.

We are also continuing to work closely with Australia Post to establish a mobile post office and look forward to sharing more details as soon as they are confirmed.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Ethan Taylor
4th Harrison James
6th Jason Rowe
8th Theresa Townsing
9th Elizabeth Hobbs
14th Jade Bentley
15th Jason Maher
16th Olivia Townsing
17th Peter Wright
19th Brodie Mealing
21st Vincent Mamone, Sheldon McCarthy
23rd Laura Burt
24th Dave Black, Chip Dowse
25th Elizabeth Cross, Reggie Fawbert
27th Esmond Lau
28th Rick Mamone
30th Rhiannon



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

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass

1st Sunday of the month



EDITORIAL- Friendship

Dear Reader,

I have discovered that the bible uses the words "faith" and "trust" continually. It is a very important theme!

Have faith in God.

Put your trust in the Lord.

One of the most frequently quoted scriptures would have to be: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5,6*



Let's unpack that a little bit.

If I trust that a chair will hold me, I will sit on it.

But what does it mean to "trust in the Lord"?

The amplified says "trust in and rely confidently on the Lord" on His word, His character, His plans, His purposes, His power, His presence. When we trust Him (lean on Him) **with all our heart**, we will be delivered from the temptation to lean any of our weight on our own understanding, insight, opinion, or what we think we know.

What difference does it make?

We long to be able to trust other people and ourselves. In fact, we were probably created to do just that – but sadly we live in a fallen world, full of broken people. Having one's trust betrayed by another person is a very painful experience, but one we can learn from.

Many uncomfortable and difficult emotions are aroused. Trying to reason things out – even making judgements about their motivation; looking back on past conversations and events through a window darkened by betrayal throws everything into a different light.

It is recorded in Scripture that "**Jesus did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all men.**" John 2:24 **Jesus loved everyone (including His betrayer) without trusting any of them.**

That is called "Agape" love: The love that God the Father chooses to offer to mankind simply because He IS love, and love must have an object. The love that **ascribes value to people**, even when they don't value themselves. The love that **delights to show mercy and forgiveness and give yet another chance**. The love that will flow into us and out through us when we trust in the Lord with ALL our heart. The Love that is unquenchable, inexhaustible and never failing.

The love that grants freedom to those who are willing to trust in the Lord with all their hearts.

The Love that can be betrayed but not defeated
"Love Never Fails".

Blessings and love, Sue

MACARTHUR AGLOW August 1



First Saturday each month at 12.30pm, at 10 Station St Menangle

As recorded in the book of Acts: the early church met in homes to share a meal, to learn from the teaching of the Apostles, to take communion together, to pray and to enjoy sweet fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

SEE SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

Contact the non-emergency Police number . 131 444

GAMECHANGERS BOOK CLUB July 14

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

Sue Peacock email: susan.peacock2@gmail.com



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

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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BERRY HAIR BOUTIQUE



Student Wash, Cut and Blowdry \$55

Teen Colour Refresh \$120

face frame foils or toner + blow-dry.

Bestie Deal \$80 2 x blow dries

Kid's cut \$20 (under 12)

Mum's Haircut and Blowdry \$65

FIRST 5 BOOKINGS GET A FREE LUXURY TREATMENT.

Limited spots July 4-17

Phone Chloe: 0421785943 2 Berry St, Menangle

THOMO'S CORNER

So the new CEO decides it's time to rid the Company of slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, he notices a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers.

Seeing a chance to show he means business he says to the guy, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised the young man says I make \$400. Why?"

The CEO says, "Wait right here." He walks back to his office and comes back in 2 minutes. He hands the guy \$1600 in cash and says. "Here is 4 weeks' pay. Now get out and don't come back."

Feeling like a boss now the CEO looks around and says, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goofball's job was around here?"

From across the room a voice said "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

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_

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



+ **FREE Flu Vaccine** for seniors 65 years and over

+ **FREE Flu Vaccine** for selected groups less than 65 years. **(NO**

prescription required **and NO** waiting time)

+ **FREE** Local Delivery (Conditions apply)

+ Webster Packing Service

+ A dedicated pharmacist with **20+ years of experience** is here to answer all your medical inquiries and provide health advice.

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00 am - 6.00 pm

SATURDAY 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Next MCA Meeting: The AGM

THURSDAY 24th September 7.00pm

The Executive Committee is very pleased to announce that the OC certificate has been lodged for the new School of Arts Community Hall.

A Working Bee is planned for Saturday 11th July.

We are trusting that our access consultant, our certifier and the instaler of the TACTILES (plastic tiles with small metal raised discs) can agree on their placement on the disability access ramp, and our job for now will be done!

Please contact susan.peacock2@gmail.com



MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN
SOW GROW & SHARE

Next Working Bee: Saturday August 1st, 9am – 11am

Joining & annual fee: \$12 per year renewed in September

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!

All welcome

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/>



Menangle

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade July 2026

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade had a quieter month in June 2026, attending nine incidents including five motor vehicle accidents, a smoke sighting, two automated fire alarms and arcing powerlines.



Congratulations to Deputy Captain Matt Menzies who completed his Rural Fire Driving qualification and Jess, Ethan, Thomas and Hasan who completed their Breathing Apparatus Operator qualifications in June.

The brigade held our Annual General Meeting in June 2026. There were no changes to the brigade's Officer positions or Executive. Congratulations to all members who retained their positions.

Congratulations to our brigade President and firefighter Barry Dunbar who was awarded his ten-year Long Service Medal at the AGM.



Congratulations to NSW Premier's Flood Emergency Citation Recipients

At the Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting, Judith Hannan MP - Member for Wollondilly presented a number of members with a NSW Premier's Flood Emergency Citation, recognising their assistance in the 2022 and 2023 Flood Emergencies.

Congratulations to all members recognised and thank you all for assisting the flood devastated communities of NSW:

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| • Louise Bond | • James McFarlane | • John Redmond |
| • Les Corby | • Brittne Loschiavo | • Cameron Scott |
| • James Doust | • Connor McFarlane | • Andrew Scott |
| • Barry Dunbar | • Michael McGrath | • Martin Scott |
| • Tiffany Hayman | • Natalie McMullen | • Alan Agland |
| • Gary Luke | • Stephen Rochaix | • Max Strassmeir |
| • Belinda Macdonald | | |



Home Fire Safety- Always Have an Exit Plan

You won't have time to think it through when smoke is filling the hallway.

Walk through your home and find two ways out of every room. Pick a safe meeting place outside. Practise it with everyone you live with, kids included.

Plan it now, while it's still just a plan.

Be fire safe this winter: fire.nsw.gov.au/befiresafe