

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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ST JAMES MENANGLE

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

Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Old Menangle School
1st Friday each month

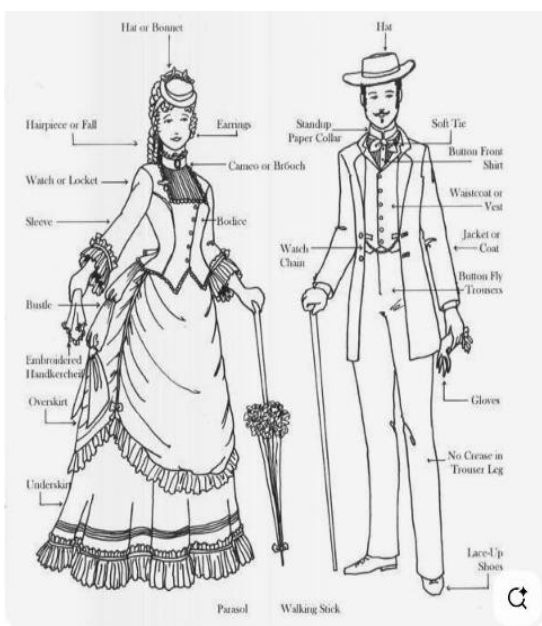
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

St James Sesquicentenary (150 years)

St James turns 150 this year, called a Sesquicentenary!
We are planning a big celebration including a Historical Parade! We will dress in 1870's costumes and stream up to the church to the beautiful sound of the bells.



This is an option if you would like to dress like the Gentry!

Participants in the Parade will gather at 10.15am at the Old Menangle School to start at 10.30am.

A Thanksgiving Church Service will begin at 10.45, including some historically significant parts, and some other delightful moments. Of course we will have food!

Something our whole community will enjoy!

For more info www.menangleanglican.org.au

MUSIC TIME

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

After just 67 days since their devastating fire, Shane and Marcel are back in business! Their cute little silver coffee trailer is in the grounds of the Old Menangle School, and they are excited to be reconnecting with the community.

NEW TRADING HOURS:

Monday closed

Tuesday to Friday 7am – 2pm

Weekends 8am – 2pm

Negotiations with Australia Post are ongoing.....

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd Coopa
4th Samuel Black, Ella McGrath
5th Adeline Betty Howard
6th Maddox Fawbert
8th Mitchell Holz, Josh Erskine
10th Doug Worthington
11th Taylor Haines
12th Sue Peacock
17th Yvonne Anderson
18th Steve McGrath
19th Quinn Noonan
23rd Meredith Cross, Talan Noonan
24th Megan Ashton
25th John Rowells
26th Karen McFarlane, Lilian Borg
26th Jasmine Haines
31st Florence Dowse



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

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass

1st Sunday of the month



THOMO'S CORNER

A little-known fact about your little toe: Its major function is to ensure all the furniture is in the right place!

I finally did it! Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen!

EDITORIAL- MERCY: We all need it!

Psalms 23 contains so much wisdom and promise to get us on track and enrich our everyday lives!

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

We were not created to live separated from God's love and protection. When we surrender to Him, He makes sure we have everything we need.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.

This is the imagery of perfect peace and contentment if you are a sheep!

He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Our soul is the part of us that makes choices – we choose to live God's way, righteously, or rebel against Him and go our own way. Our souls are fully restored when we fully trust the God is good, and that He makes everything that happens in our lives to work together for our good, and His glory.

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

I walked through that valley in 2021, the year that my late husband Brian needed palliative care at home during Covid. There were many fears that presented themselves. In that valley little misunderstandings escalated so quickly. Everyone in our family was experiencing very personal grief as the MN stole his life away relentlessly. Lots of emotions were so close to the surface. I am thankful I had enough history with God to trust in His presence and His goodness. Even including breaking my leg earlier in the year. We had some interesting wheelchair waltzes around our little kitchen for the 7 weeks I had to keep my foot up! Day by day I recorded my conversations with God, and day by day He comforted me through His precious promises in the bible. I believe He comforted Brian too.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Can you picture it – a beautiful spread of the choicest foods on a table prepared for the King, and a place set for you? Just outside the circle of light from the many candles lurk your "enemies" – the thoughts that steal your peace and joy: the worries and cares of this life. But you receive the abundance of the King's pleasure, and provision! We are invited to this table every day!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Many of us have realised that we have gone our own ways – like sheep we have gone astray.

When our lives are measured against the life of Jesus (God's standard for human life) we fall woefully short! We all need mercy. This rich promise is both for this life and the life to come. The bible tells us God is rich in mercy, and indeed full of mercy – merciful! When we follow the Lord along paths of righteousness (making good moral choices) we look back and see His goodness and mercy in every circumstance.

As we see that we know we can trust Him for our eternal future too!

Blessings and love, Sue

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

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

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.

Phone Chloe: 0421785943 2 Berry St, Menangle

MACARTHUR AGLOW September 5



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

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



Tel.: 02 4632 8554

+ **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

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

Updates, route maps and reminders:



<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1D5kQmiYNN/>

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Next MCA Meeting: The AGM

THURSDAY 24th September 7.00pm



A big "Thank you" to everyone who volunteered at our working bee in the Hall in July! It is spic and span! We were also reminded why we love having Shane and Marcel in our community – not only did they work hard all day, they treated us to a delicious morning tea and lunch! **We are getting close to opening**, our Hall Committee is doing lots of admin work in preparation.

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED!

Please contact susan.peacock2@gmail.com



MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN
SOW GROW & SHARE

Next Working Bee: Saturday September 5th 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

Our August working bee will be preparing the gardens for our Spring sowing.

Some of our produce from our July harvest

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



Menangle



Fire Fighter 1 course and a Milwaukee tool workshop.

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade August 2026

Menangle Rural Fire Brigade was paged to twelve emergency call-outs in July 2026 including six motor vehicle accidents, two grass fires, a backyard fire, assist police, power pole alight and a car fire. In addition to our emergency call-outs a number of training sessions were also held by the brigade including a structural firefighting workshop, a session for new members preparing for their

NSW RSPCA Ready Pet Go

For so many of us, our pets are much loved family members and one of our main priorities when disaster threatens.

Planning ahead is a vital part of emergency preparedness and can significantly improve the chances of safely evacuating your animals during events like bushfires or floods.



To help us prepare, the NSW RSPCA has released Ready Pet Go Emergency Packs. Each pack contains:

- Waterproof dry bag – keeps all your essentials safe, dry, and ready to grab in an emergency
- Tick remover – a practical tool to effectively remove ticks from your pet
- Household sticker – to display on your home, showing rescuers what animals live there
- Emergency info guides (x4) – quick-reference inserts with vital tips for keeping your animals safe
- Collapsible pet bowl – lightweight and portable, perfect for food or water anywhere
- Pet food pouch – a handy emergency meal for your furry

companion proudly donated by Royal Canin, the official national nutritional partner of RSPCA

Scan the QR code below to order your very own Ready Pet Go pack!

SAVE THE DATE! Menangle Rural Fire Brigade Get Ready Weekend 2027 Event

**Sunday 20th September, 2026
10am- 3pm**

Join us for free kids activities, a sausage sizzle, a visit from Smoky the Koala and all of the information and freebies that you need to prepare for the upcoming fire season.

