

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

www.menangleanglican.org.au

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

St James Sesquicentenary (150 years)

CELEBRATING
150 YEARS

Join us as we celebrate 150 years
of St James Menangle

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

 10:15am Historical Gathering at the Old Menangle School Site & Processional Walk	 10:45am Celebration Service at St James	 12:00pm Community Lunch at St James
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SCAN FOR
DETAILS

St James turns 150 this year, our 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.

Something our whole community will enjoy!
For more info www.menangleanglican.org.au

THOMO'S CORNER - EATING in THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
Curry was a surname. A take-away was a mathematical problem.
Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
All chips were plain. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and was never green.
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh. Chickens didn't have fingers
in those days. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
Healthy food consisted of anything edible. Cooking outside was
called camping. Seaweed was not a recognised food. "Kebab"
was not even a word, never mind a food. Sugar enjoyed good
press and was regarded as being white gold. Prunes were
medicinal. Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was
called cattle feed. Pineapples came in chunks in a tin, we had
only ever seen a picture of a real one. Water came out of a tap. If
someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol
for it they would have become a laughing stock.
The things that were never ever on at our table in the fifties were
elbows, hats and mobile phones.



THE STORE MENANGLE

Temporarily operating from the Caravan of Courage in the
grounds of the Old Menangle School, this is a great place
to connect with neighbours, sample delicious foods and
enjoy excellent coffee.

TRADING HOURS:

Monday closed.

Tuesday to Friday

7am – 2pm

Weekends

8am – 2pm

POST OFFICE

Negotiations with the P.O. are
heading in the right direction,
and Shane is hopeful to offer a
P.O. service for Christmas.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Wayne Holz,
1st Anthony Simonetta
3rd John Maher,
3rd Jesse Noonan
6th Mick Starr,
6th Evelyn Terry,
6th Genevieve Marden
9th Sue Black,
9th Joanna
10th Rio Panousis
11th Phillip Dark
13th Rebecca Perentin
14th Shardanne Jasmine
15th Jake Peacock
16th Christine
17th Joshua Charles
18th Amy Warner



18th Adam Taylor
19th Daniel Webster
21st Neroli Keegan
22nd Alan Robertson,
22nd Celtie Williams
23rd Emily Tawagi,
23rd Jessica Panousis
23rd Rhiannan Perentin,
24th Grace Culpan
25th David Gilyeat,
25th Garry Butler,
25th Paige Radocaj
26th Meredith Wilson
28th Ray Jeffrey
30th Stephen Rochaix,
30th Lyn Sligar,
30th Bianca Commisso

Email Sue to have your family's names included.

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.

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5.00pm Mass

1st Sunday of the month



EDITORIAL

The Holy Spirit's presence and power changes everything!
When Jesus was on trial, **Peter behaved in a cowardly way** when accused in a hostile setting, denying having had anything to do with Jesus.

Then, just 7 weeks later, came the original outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Those who had been filled with the Holy Spirit began behaving in very noisy, unexpected and radical ways. A crowd gathered and some people were confused and some began accusing them of being drunk. Now, once again in a hostile setting, Peter stands up, raises his voice and **speaks very boldly** to correct those accusers.

Then Peter lets Scripture interpret what is happening in the world around him

He quotes the prophet Joel: "These people aren't drunk as you suppose – it's only nine in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the Last Days', says God, 'that I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams'."

These disciples, including Peter had repented of following their own ways, and put their lives into God's hands. They had received forgiveness of their sins through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus. It is safe to say they had been baptised as a public confession of their faith.

And they had just received the outpoured gift of the Holy Spirit's Person and power.

We too, when we have the Holy Spirit living inside us, can let the Bible interpret what is happening around us. For example – if we know from the Bible that just before Jesus returns there will be big trouble, then we can read about the big trouble that happened in the time that Israel was in Egypt. (Exodus Chapters 4 - 12). There were ten plagues – from most of which God's people were protected.

When we observe the chaos, dangers and natural disasters, and extreme weather events that are increasing in Australia, we can let the Bible interpret for us.

Jesus said in Luke 21:25-28 "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. And upon the earth **nations will be confused** by the roaring of the sea and its waves. **People will lose heart from fear and anticipation of what is overtaking the earth**, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man (Jesus) coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to happen, stand straight up, and lift up your heads, because your salvation is near!"

So – our challenge is to apply the bible's truths to everything that happens in our lives. Then we will have joy and peace in believing! Blessings and Love, Sue

MACARTHUR AGLOW

Saturday October 3rd



at 12.30pm, at 10 Station St.
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



Menangle Walking Group

Thursdays at 10.00am

**Meet at the Old Menangle School
enjoy a cuppa together after!**



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

October 16 – 17: Overcoming Fear and Anxiety

November 7: Understanding Generational Iniquity and Soul Ties

December 4 – 5: Walking Closer with God – Learning the Rhythms of Grace.

Feeling spiritually dry or weary? Wishing God felt closer?

Join Peter and Salli-Ann Wilson in this new course

designed to help in the process of spiritual formation.

They will explore life rhythms and spiritual practices – rhythms of grace - that help us to slow down, draw near and develop intimacy with God. No pressure to perform, just grace to rest and learn from Jesus. This course will help you to "learn to live freely and lightly" (Matthew 11:28-30 MSG) as you partner with Jesus day by day.

Call the office to book – (02) 4633 8102.

BERRY HAIR BOUTIQUE

Berry Hair Boutique

Hair Stylist

Instagram: BerryHairBoutique

Call
0421785943
to book

SHIUMA COFFEE TEAM

We offer coffee and desserts. Delicious tiramisu and brownies including locally made Portuguese tarts and friands by a local baker @delicacies.redefined

As well as that we have specialty lattes and specialty Matchas for those who want a bit more of a treat.

Address, 27 Station

Opening hours,

Weekdays 6:30am to 2pm

Weekend 7am to 2pm



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

DOUGLAS PARK PHARMACY



Shop 2A/147
Camden Road
Douglas Park

Webster Packing
Local delivery

Tel.: 02 4632 8554

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 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 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



**Next MCA Meeting: The AGM
THURSDAY 24th September 7.00pm**

In the Menangle School of Arts Hall

Two of our hardworking Executive:

Kate our Treasurer and Natalie our

Secretary will be standing down at this meeting. Believe me they have poured many, many volunteer hours into seeing this massive project finished, and have earned a break! Please consider taking a turn of serving.

We plan to hold MCA meetings more regularly (on the 4th Thursday of the odd months, except January.)

We are setting up a new Hall Committee so we can run this beautiful Facility as a viable Community Asset. It would be very helpful to have another one or two people on board. Again – please consider serving.

Nikki from Motion HQ has very kindly agreed be our first Hirer to work with us and make sure we are on track with our systems. A wonderful opportunity for Menangle kids!



**Menangle
School of Arts Hall**

FREE TRIAL



MENANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN
SOW GROW & SHARE

Next Working Bee: Saturday October 3rd 9am – 11am

Joining & annual fee:

\$12 renewable 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

Allies for a Strong Australia (previously NAIN)



This is about building a stronger Australia.

A country where every Australian can practise their faith peacefully and freely, speak openly, and live without fear.

An Australia where:

Jewish Australians can live openly and safely;

Freedom to change religion, abandon religion, or pursue religion is protected

Free speech is defended

Political Islam is defeated

We all live together without resorting to violence

A Macarthur chapter of Allies has recently been formed.

Please email Sue if you would like details of meetings.



**Menangle
Brigade**



Menangle RFS September 2026 Update

Menangle Rural Brigade attended six emergency call-outs in August 2026 including grass fires, vehicle fires and an automated fire alarm.

August has seen a concerning number of grass and bush fires across the Southern Highlands District. We ask that all residents be aware of the dry conditions, high vegetation loads and the increased risk. Now is the time to prepare your Bush Fire Survival plan and take steps to prepare your home and property.

The NSW RFS announced that the Statutory Bush Fire Danger Period for the Wollondilly will commence early in the Southern Highlands- on the 14th of September, 2026. From this date, Fire Permits will be required in Wollondilly.

Get Ready Weekend Open Day

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

The Community is invited to our annual Get Ready Weekend event. This will be a great opportunity to get all the information you need to prepare for the upcoming fire season as well as join in some fun activities.

At 10:10am we will be joined by a very special guest: Smokey the Koala.

- Free sausage sizzle
- Great free resources
- Test your skills using a real-life fire hose
 - Hose bowling challenge
 - Kids story time
- Get your free NRMA gardening gloves to prepare your home and garden for fire season

