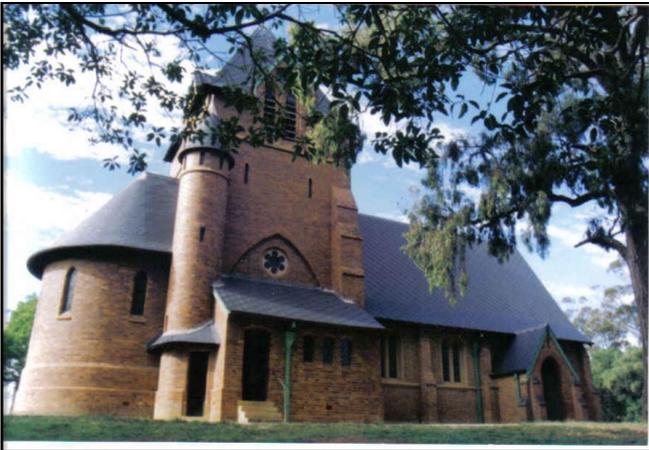


# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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## St James – *the light on the hill*



Enquiries: Ph. 4633 8594

### SUNDAY Church Services

8.30am: Traditional Service  
10am: Family Service and Sunday School  
7pm: Evening Service

**Kids Club:** 4:30pm Fridays  
**Youth Group:** 6:30pm Fridays

## What's On at St James

### BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM  
New members welcome.

**St James Anglican Church** now has its own web site check it out and learn about the history of the church and other interesting stuff, including a link to the Menangle News.

<http://www.menangle.anglican.asn.au>

## LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

from 7:30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
at Onslow Park  
[next to Camden Showground]  
Ph: 0417 230 418

## St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm.



## Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> Doug McDonald  
8<sup>th</sup> James Tedesco  
16<sup>th</sup> Victoria Foulks  
19<sup>th</sup> Bianca Peretin  
20<sup>th</sup> Rheannen  
27<sup>th</sup> Bill Robertson



## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

### PICTON BOTANICAL GARDENS from 8am free breakfast

9:15am - 10:30am - Official Ceremony

- **FREE** Sausage Sizzle, tea, coffee, bottled water & lamingtons
- Entertainment - 'Moonshiners', Gemma Beech & Magician Lindsay Gardner
- **FREE** Craft Workshop - Wollondilly Road Safety Group & Dilly Wanderer
- **FREE** Crowd Performers, Face Painters, Jumping Castle, Snake Pit Display & Animal Petting Farm
- Wollondilly Shire Council and local displays

### CAMDEN CIVIC CENTRE from 9.30am beginning with an ecumenical service

Civic Awards and Citizenship Ceremony at Camden Civic Centre in the morning, followed by the Australia Day parade along Argyle St and Rides, Stalls and Entertainment for the whole family at Onslow Showground

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Happy New Decade!

Did your 2010 zip past as quickly as mine did? We have seven little grandchildren whom we adore, and gathered altogether for Christmas we have a wonderfully chaotic time. A swirling, busy, intentional, quality time: well spent, and spent well! (and spent Grandma!)

When the wrapping paper is all binned, and the towels are all at least in the wash, and the food is stashed, and all are departed for home, sitting down to THAT cup of tea is the BEST one all year!

But in the midst are treasures worth gathering and bringing along into 2011: remembering simple acts of kindness shown by one grandchild to another; simple, child-like faith expressed in a song: "Santa is pretend, but Jesus is real"; delightful antics of the babies; happy and precious moments of conversation, and just reflecting on all of God's goodness throughout the year.

Are circumstances always easy? NO! Are people always kind and thoughtful? NO! Do I wear "rose-coloured" glasses? NO! (Maybe) But I am learning to look at all things through the lens of God's goodness.

God works all things together for the good of those who love Him. We have had our share of hardships over the years, and we have had lots of opportunities to let them make us bitter, or let them make us better.

If seeing Jesus more clearly, loving Him more dearly, and following Him more nearly, day by day is better, then we have grown better! God only has one solution for every need of the human soul – His Son Jesus! He sent His Son to save people from their sin(i.e. self-centredness), and to transform them into loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, self-controlled Children of God. Sons and Daughters of a King, called to build His kingdom in their hearts and lives.

God is still offering this amazing make-over – maybe 2011 is the year for you!!!!

Blessings and love,

*Sue*

## Carols

Numbers were a little down on previous years. Those who attended were blessed with a wonderful night weather-wise and a varied program of familiar carols, drama, solo musical performance by Jessica Casben and a Christmas message from Ray Burge. Menangle Rural Fire Service provided their usual high quality BBQ. Thanks to Camden Community Band and to everyone else involved in helping to make the night a great occasion for families.



## MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Assets Questionnaire

Council staff have indicated they have had a fair response from the community, however if you have not had your say it is important to do so as the results will influence all governments in the future planning of our area. It is important to stress Menangle's heritage as a part of *Australia's first pastoral company of 28,000 acres, Camden Park Estate with its beautiful village, churches, shop, school etc and to record the importance of the rural vista. The cut-off date has been extended till the end of January*, and a second form is available at either the shop or from Council or it is also available on the website

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2KDR9MD>

### School News

Council, our Mayor Michael Banasik and State Minister Phil Costa have all been very supportive with our quest to have the whole Menangle School site returned to the Community via a land swap. They have written to the Dept. Education and Training (DET) supporting the community plan to have the whole site returned not just the building. The DET have previously agreed to return the school building however the issue of the amount of land to be returned is still to be decided. The school celebrated its 100th year in 1973 and potential uses range from a museum, historical school, agricultural museum, and tourism as well as community use.

### Hall News

Council has called for any interested persons to make submissions regarding the Menangle Hall being reclassified from 'community' to 'operational land'. This step is necessary to enable the hall to be sold back to the community for a nominal sum. Submissions can be made before 4 pm on Friday 4th February.

*Maurice Blackwood*

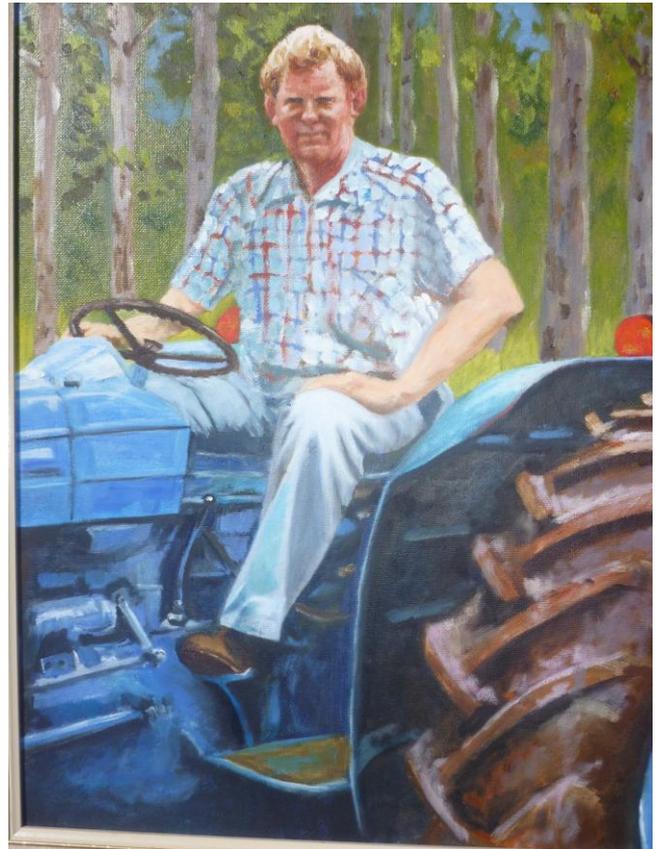
Contact Brian Peacock at  
[bpeacock@virginboardband.com.au](mailto:bpeacock@virginboardband.com.au) to get on our email list.

Check out the Menangle website:

<http://www.menangle.com.au>

and keep up to date with Menangle Community Association news.

## LOCAL NEWS



*Portrait of David by Judith Douglas 1998*

### *David Douglas (27/11/1945 - 11/12/2010 )*

David Alexander Douglas was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1945, the youngest child of George and Doris Douglas. He spent a great part of his childhood in Croydon Park and still has friends from his school days. In the early sixties David's brother helped him secure a job at A.W.Barr as a trainee radio technician but after discovering he was partly colour-blind he began an apprenticeship as a boilermaker, an unusual choice for someone who had shown greater interest and aptitude at woodwork whilst at school. Nonetheless he became very accomplished at his chosen vocation.

I first met David in 1974 when he and my mother, Judith Burns, started going out. They were married the next year, when I was 15 years old. My father had died when I was 2 so for most of my life I had been the man of the house and was expected to carry out the male chores such as mowing the lawns, washing the car and putting the bin out. Needless to say I was pretty happy when David moved in and took over these tasks. However, David soon demonstrated that the man of the house needed to be able to do a lot more than just tidy up. David was able to tackle nearly every odd job that previously had required us calling a tradesman. He could fix the plumbing, service the cars, do electrical repairs, excavate under houses and build pergolas. David taught me skills for a lifetime. He had a great ability to be able to derive a fix for a problem using the materials at hand. Whenever I watch that reality TV show where men are required to make a fully functioning machine from a pile of junk I think of how well David would do given that challenge. He built a trailer and an air compressor that will probably outlast the pyramids!

## Adverts



### **THE MENANGLE STORE**

Trading Hours are:

Monday to Thurs: 6am-7pm.

Friday: 6am- 8pm. Saturday: 7am-7pm.

Sunday /Public Holidays: 7am-6pm.

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

The eighties and nineties were good years for mum and David. They made some great friends through their churches in both Lugarno and Menangle and had many enjoyable social events including lengthy holidays, especially camping and with their caravan. In the late eighties David got a job at 'Gilbulla' in Menangle and he and mum moved to a cottage on the property. I know David really enjoyed this semi-rural life and being in charge of keeping the machinery running well was perfectly suited to his skills. His grand-children Alana and Peter were born and David loved playing an active part in their lives. Mum and he were frequent baby sitters and also provided much support for Mandy whilst I was away, often up to 15 days. David went to great lengths to keep the children entertained and to provide them with many life experiences that are out of the norm for their generation. Feeding pigs and chickens, driving tractors and cars, patting cows at the back fence and being taken for countless rides on the horses delighted the kids and David was always ready to oblige.

Probably as a result of his long hours outside and his very fair complexion David was prone to skin cancer. In the early 2000's David had to have extensive surgery to remove many of these, leaving his right arm with limited ability and therefore unable to continue manual work. Almost concurrently with this Judith began to develop what was eventually diagnosed as Lewy-Body Dementia. David spent the best part of 5 years caring full time for my mother. He provided love and care selflessly despite having to deal with his own serious health problems. If he had not had this level of dedication, devotion and perseverance, mum would have been institutionalised much earlier, and for this I cannot thank him enough.

David was a man of simple tastes with almost no interest in material possessions. He was happy to live modestly and derived his life's satisfaction from social interaction. He enjoyed a chat and especially relished being able to provide advice about how to do something. He could be somewhat pedantic about how he thought a task should be completed and although this often irritated those around him his methods were nearly always sound and effective.

What saddens me most about David's death is the fact that he was robbed of some final years where he could enjoy life free of the stresses and demands of being a full time carer. In spite of this I know that he did not resent these demands at all and in fact derived a lot of satisfaction from his ability to organise the complexities of providing the necessary care for my mother. His dedication to this task was respected and admired by many of the aged care professionals with whom he dealt. Likewise he held these aged care workers in high esteem and made many new and compassionate friends from his association with people in similar circumstances.

In short David Douglas led a good life. He genuinely cared for people and people cared for him. For me he was a mentor, someone who loved my mother and someone who went a long way further than most to demonstrate his devotion to her. For this I love him too. David died in Calvary Hospital at 5:44PM on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010. He will be missed.

Colin Burns (son)

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### **CAMDEN AGLOW JANUARY MEETING**

10am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

"Pearl of Great Price"

Guest Speaker: Linda Medlin

New venue for 2011

the "Ironbark Room"

upstairs at **Narellan Library**

\$10 cover charge includes morning tea

RSVP Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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### **Contributions welcome:**

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