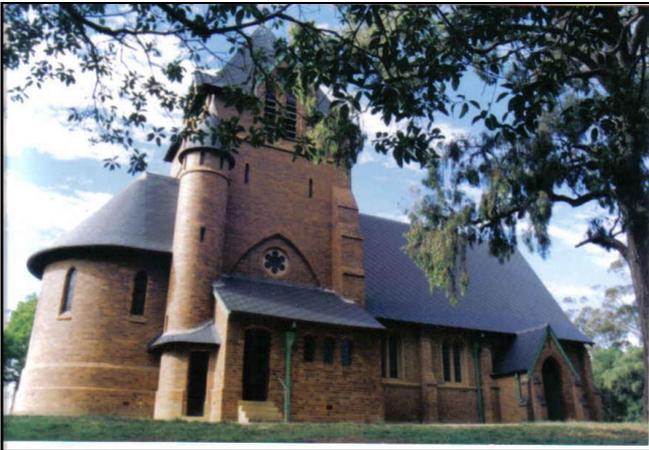


THE MENANGLE NEWS

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St James – *the light on the hill*



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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.

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You can also elect to receive a copy of the Menangle News by email.

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm.



Birthdays

2nd Ben Black
3rd Ivan Green
4th Elliott Margin
5th Bev James
5th Beau Kent [21st]
6th Mark Robertson
9th Dave
9th Matthew Tedesco
14th Jethro Margin
19th Lucy
20th Christine Butler
21st Indigo Margin
22nd Cindy Haines
30th Brett Warner



Anniversary

14th Steve and Simone Collison
15th Steve and Kerry Charles
18th James and Karen McFarlane
20th Steve and Vicki Blight
22nd Brian and Sue Peacock

Are you disappointed that your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list?

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RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Welcome to autumn: such a colourful time of year in our little corner of the world! During our recent Summer heat wave, I remembered that God loves His children to “give thanks in all things”, and I can honestly say I really didn’t want or feel like giving thanks in the middle of that ongoing, strength-sapping, heat. My thoughts were anything but thankful! However, for once at least, I chose to give thanks to God (acting only by faith).

When the delicious, refreshing, cool change did eventually come, I believe my capacity to appreciate it, and enjoy it, was enlarged. I learnt a lesson that day: giving thanks in the hard times sows seeds for a harvest of great joy. Like the farmer, or the gardener, we wait for the harvest, but we can be sure it will come! God has made each one of us “farmers”. We have opportunities every day to sow “seeds”: attitudes, actions, thoughts, and especially words are the seeds of our future harvest. This has implications for life now as we know it, but also for Eternity. There will be an accounting; a harvest will be reaped. In the bible it says that an angel cries out to Jesus: “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” (Revelation 14:15) Every thought, word and deed of every human soul will be revealed by the crop produced by them.

The reality is that every person ever born falls short of the glory and image of holiness to which we are called.

Everyone needs compassion, understanding and mercy.

However: we don’t always WANT what we NEED! (Even after 30 years as a follower of Jesus I am still learning this lesson!!!)

We WANT to be independent; in control, strong, invincible, capable super-humans!

We NEED to be God-dependent; control-yielding, weak, vulnerable, supernatural humans!

It is the meek who will inherit the earth.

Jesus will return soon and the system of life on earth will change completely. He will rule as a benevolent dictator: justice and righteousness will prevail; love and mercy will flow freely.

Be wise in what you sow today – it has very far reaching consequences!

Blessings and love,

Sue

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to Andrew Black and Kate Thomson who recently became engaged and also to Beau Kent and Elizabeth Clusker who became engaged on 15th January.

MAG/MCA IN THE NEWS

Wollondilly Council and Menangle Action Group have agreed that any major development around the village would be detrimental.

The original planning proposal for Employment Lands at Moreton Park Road, Menangle was refused by the council at its August 2010 meeting. It refused the proposal on the grounds of the potential impact it would have on the rural character, heritage and environment of Menangle. The applicant, two local developers, then presented the proposal to NSW Planning which decided that the proposal would be assessed by the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) based on a report being presented by NSW Planning.

The current application is to rezone from rural to a very large business park type development and build 100 houses north of the village." The council is extremely disappointed that the Minister for Planning Tony Kelly has taken our planning powers away with the industrial rezoning application.

The council totally supports the locals of Menangle in their endeavour to keep their village's rural character," the mayor, councillor Michael Banasik said. "The Department of Planning has in fact just released an Employment Lands Development Report which clearly does not identify this land as needing to be investigated for employment uses and that there are plenty of other sites to look at first - so why the pressing need to approve this rezoning?" he said.

Kate Terry, a member of the Menangle Action group (MAG) is glad of the support of the council and has also queried the rush for the State Government's stamp of approval, especially when there isn't the appropriate infrastructure to support it.

"We are very appreciative of Wollondilly council's support and assistance." Ms Terry said. "Since November 2004 when a railport of 1270 acres was submitted, Menangle Action Group has been requesting via the state and local governments to acknowledge the existing historical and environmental assets of Menangle, before any rezoning.

"More recently, MAG and MCA (Menangle Community Association) made submissions to the Growth Management Strategy and LEP regarding the identification of Menangle's unique history and environment so that the cultural landscape can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations."

The group is pleased with the outcome and the council's stance regarding the JRPP. "It is very unusual that this application was referred to the JRPP less than two months out from an election, marked as urgent, when our local council unanimously rejected a similar application in August 2010, current planning papers have identified the need for greater protection of Sydney's agricultural lands and that development of Macarthur South is not needed at present," Ms Terry said.

She hopes the JRPP will listen to the council's recommendations and if a Liberal Government is elected that it will abolish the Part 3A State Significant Site policy as it promised and hand planning decisions back to councils.

Ms Terry appreciates that the applicants have every right to put forward an application, but disagrees with the one proposed. She believes there are more “appropriate employment lands that have existing infrastructure and there are many other sites within 30 minutes of Menangle that fit the bill”.

From the *District Reporter*

Menangle and Douglas Park Residents Front Candidates on Industrial Estate

On Wednesday night (2nd Mar) over 25 residents wearing yellow head bands, filled the Camden Community Centre to demonstrate to all the Wollondilly and Camden election candidates how they view the hijacking of the process of rezoning a proposed 250Ha Industrial Park in Menangle by Minister Tony Kelly. The Minister has sent the proposal to a Joint Regional Planning Panel bypassing Council, the Community and two previous government planning reports.

When the question from the Menangle Action Group was asked of Minister Costa, all the residents stood showing their united support against this issue. The Minister was again asked "Does he support the Industrial Park proposal at Menangle?" He answered the same as last week that he supports the process; the shire needs industrial lands but not necessarily at Menangle.

MAG has also been lobbying the Liberal and Labour leaders to get a debate on the hijacking process of JRPP's, however to date we have been unsuccessful in doing so.

The JRPP Meeting is 10th March at 4.30pm.

The Joint Regional Planning Panel meets at Council Chambers to consider the Industrial Park and also the School boundary adjustment, where the Dept of Education wish to sell off the school land by subdivide it, leaving the community a hall and a small parking area. MAG has been invited to make a submission.

Check out the Menangle website:

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

and keep up to date with
Menangle Community Association news.

ACTION GROUP CALLS FOR TEST OF PLANNING

THE Menangle Action Group is calling on the NSW government and opposition to debate planning.

Menangle Action Group's Kate Terry said the group wanted Premier Kristina Keneally and Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell to use the proposed industrial park in Menangle as a test case for planning laws.

Mrs Terry said the group wanted to get some answers from the leaders and find

out what the Liberal party intended to do in relation to planning if they won the election.

Representatives for both Ms Keneally and Mr O'Farrell declined to confirm whether they would be involved in a discussion. Mr O'Farrell's representative said he looked forward to the group submitting a request for the debate.

He said the Liberal Party was willing to be involved if the Labor Party would consent.



From Wollondilly Advertiser

MENANGLE INDUSTRIAL PLAN UPSETS VILLAGERS

BY KERRIE ARMSTRONG

MENANGLE and Douglas Park residents used Monday night's community forum meeting to speak out against a proposed industrial park on Moreton Park Road.

Last month state Planning Minister Tony Kelly decided to allocate the power to rezone more than 200 hectares at Menangle to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Moreton Park Road resident Robin Craig called on Wollondilly Council to join with Liverpool Council to oppose any attempts to build intermodal-freight facilities in their local government areas.

Ms Craig said if the land was rezoned it would allow developers to construct an industrial park on some of the best agricultural land in Australia.

Kate Terry, a member of the Menangle Action Group, said she was concerned about the council's refusal to classify Menangle village as unique. "We've been fighting developers since 2004," Mrs Terry said.

She said she believed documentation could play a vital role in saving the village which was situated in between two fast-developing industrial areas.

Maurice Blackwood, of the Menangle Community Association, said there was no point in preserving the rural village if it was surrounded by a city.

Mr Blackwood said the village was unique.

It needed what planners call a composite heritage curtilage.

This would protect not only the village but also a certain amount of land around it which added to its heritage value.

"Our heritage is our rural views in that they're rural and we're a rural community," he said.

From the Wollondilly Advertiser

Where the political parties stand on the following issues:				
ISSUE	CDP	LIBS	ALP	GRN
Keep Scripture in schools	✓	?	?	✗
Retain Lord's prayer in Parliament	✓	✓	✓	✗
Keep marriage between male & female only	✓	✓	?	✗
Oppose abortion up to birth – promote adoption	✓	?	?	✗
Ban political donations from pornography & sex trade industries	✓	✗	✗	✗
One law for all eg no Sharia Law	✓	?	?	✗
Keep our citizens safe – oppose euthanasia	✓	?	?	✗
Oppose violent video games	✓	?	?	✗
Oppose pornography	✓	?	?	✗
Keep our youth safe – no drug legalisation	✓	✓	?	✗
Use Dams and Canals to harvest water	✓	✓	✗	✗
Keep our society safe – no face covering	✓	✗	✗	✗
Raise age of consent to 18 not down to 14	✓	?	?	✗
No death duties or inheritance tax	✓	✓	?	✗
No obstruction to bushfire control	✓	✓	?	✗

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LIBS = Liberal Party

ALP = Australian Labor Party

GRN = Greens

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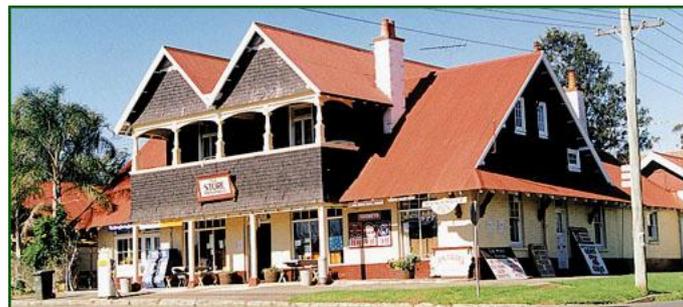
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