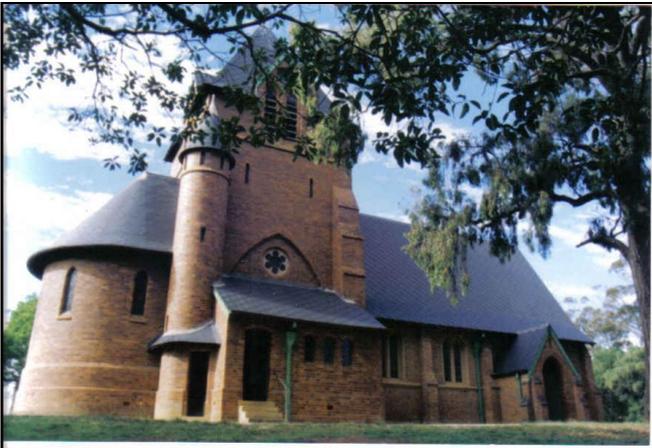


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St James – *the light on the hill*



Enquiries: Ph. 4633 8594

SUNDAY Church Services

8.30am: Traditional Service
10am: Family Service and Sunday School
5pm: 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>

Contributions welcome:

email: bpeacock@virginbroadband.com.au
or charlesksmj@bigpond.com
or leave written articles at 10 Station St

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 Robert George
4th James Porteous
4th Stephen Cross
9th Harry Warner
13th Patricia Costello
14th William Lamrock-George
14th Sue Lamrock
17th Reece Collison
18th Jimmy Anderson
22nd Natalie Hughes
22nd Timothy Malone
22nd Cliff Bonamy
25th Vicky Jeffree
26th Steve Collison



Public Notice

Money to the tune of \$2000 which was raised by the Community in the 90's for a multipurpose recreation area, has been sitting in a bank account in Camden and is now listed by ASIC as an unused account. The Menangle Community Assoc. Inc has requested these funds be transferred to them and used for the School or Hall or to assist the Community, as this is better than it sitting in the bank. If anyone has objections to this please contact the Peacocks, McFarlanes, Blacks, Terrys or Blackwoods.

Babysitting Available!!!

Who: Laura Howard
Where: Menangle Area
Hourly Rate: \$8
Contact number: 46338543
References available.

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

How lovely to farewell autumn through a rainbow (shining in heavy rain!) on Monday morning 31st May, and to welcome winter the same way on Tuesday afternoon 1st June!

Many rainclouds surround us at different times: misunderstanding, misrepresentation and injustice to name just a few.

Conflict abounds in this world just because we each have our own personalities, perspectives and opinions. Mental health problems, depression and hopelessness plague many lives, as do all manner of sicknesses and relationship break-downs.

Yet we were created to live "rainbow" lives: peace-filled and joy-filled in the midst of all these "enemies".

*"Peace is the fruit of being confident in God's love"**

Peace is not something we strive to achieve, in fact the more we strive the less peace we have!

Peace is the outcome of, firstly, knowing certain things about God:

1. *God is good, kind, just, merciful and patient in all His dealings with people.*

2. *He is so powerful that He has absolute control over all things: upholding all things by His powerful Word!*

3. *God loves, values and accepts you exactly as you are: warts and all.*

And secondly, responding to God's offer of peace – friendship with Him through His Son Jesus.

Once we have made peace with God, then the Spirit of Jesus – the, Holy Spirit actually inhabits our lives, producing peace in the midst of all the battles that rage around us. He is the force inside us that is greater than the forces coming at us to do us harm, or bring shame, or discouragement. Providing we remain in a state of trust in God, we have victory. All too often we think God needs a bit of help on this one, or we can handle this one ourselves, so we enter the fray and end up bruised and battered.

Learning to trust God's promises actually defines our hardest battle: to change from independence to God-dependence.

Change is only hard if we are trying to change ourselves – like a baby with a soiled nappy. It's not hard (even though it may be unpleasant) for a parent to change that nappy. It would be impossible for the baby to change it's own nappy. When babies resist the nappy change they can make it harder, and take much longer than necessary, or if they try to "help" – glory be what a mess that can produce!

A trusting baby, who lies still, and co-operates is able to be restored to peace and comfort much more quickly than a baby who struggles and resists. In a similar way, in the midst of our battles, if we stand still, and co-operate with God's Spirit, trusting that the God in whom we live and move and have our being, will fight for us, we will live in unshakeable peace.

Now THAT is good news!

Blessings and love
Sue Peacock

* "Rule In The Midst Of Your Enemies" by Francis Frangipane

UPDATE

The Zumba / A21 Campaign Fundraiser held on Saturday May 21st was a wonderful success.

Altogether 43 people attended the Bridge St Fitness Centre at Picton, most joining in the energetic fun Zumba Fitness class: our Fundraising efforts netted \$620

Our thanks to awesome Sarah Kennedy for donating her time and passion- her classes are so much fun you don't realise how hard you are working!

And our thanks to Our House Church for the donation of the use of their gym! So generous!

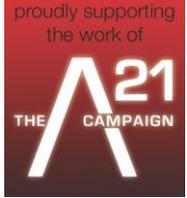
The A21 Campaign exists to abolish injustice in the 21st Century, specifically focused on rescuing girls who have been sold into the sex slave industry.

Human trafficking is the world's number one crime, and is driven by the appalling poverty that much of the world experiences.

As well as supporting fundraising efforts, or donating directly to the A21 Campaign, Australians are encouraged to purchase fair trade products.

Our next Zumba/A21 Campaign Fundraiser will be held on Saturday August 13th at 5pm in Camden High School Gym.

This time we will have BECAUSE armbands available for a small cost. SEE YOU THERE

	<p>A21 Campaign FUNDRAISER ZUMBA CLASS (easy) 13th August at 5pm. Camden High 300 Cawdor Rd Camden COST: \$10 Contact Sue 0425 203 429</p>
	

INFORMATION SOUGHT

In July last year I brought John Evans house at 126 Menangle Road Menangle. I never met John but I have heard some short stories about him from Bill and Helen and Ray Jefferies.

My reason for writing to you is to ask for any information that your readers may have on the history of the house and property. Things like photos or newspaper clippings or even stories that I may be able to gain from the readers. I am very interested in gaining anything I can about the house and owners from the past. I have the original deed for the house dating back to 1955 and I would think that the history must go back further than that.

Anyhow any info that can be drummed up would be most appreciated.

E mail pault52@bigpond.com ph 0425290507

Thank you,.Paul Thompson

Adult's Tricycle

Does anyone know the owner of an adult's tricycle? I am interested in assessing whether I would be able to ride one safely. Thanks, Brian Peacock 46338261

LOCAL NEWS

LANDCARE TEAM GONG

by AMANDA PARTRIDGE



THE dedicated Barragal Landcare team was recognised with a “highly commended” award at a ceremony in Menangle on Friday.

The Menangle-based group received the honour at the Hawkesbury-Nepean Landcare Awards for its work at Navigation Creek and Barragal Lagoon. The group was recognised for planting more than 1500 native plants in these areas.

Regional Landcare facilitator Vanessa Keyzer said there were 20 nominations spread across seven categories.

Barragal Landcare was recognised in the Landcare community group category.

“The awards recognise individuals or groups that have made outstanding contributions to Landcare,” Ms Keyzer said.

“Landcare is a grassroots-community method, which aims to restore environmental values back to the land.”

Ms Keyzer said Landcare had a “broad scope these days” with groups and individuals working on everything from council-owned land to beach dunes and bushland.

The awards are held every two years.

Get involved: www.landcareonline.com.au

CALLS FOR MENANGLE FREEWAY ON-AND OFF-RAMPS GROW

by DAVID CAMPBELL

ONE of the F5 Freeway widening’s leading campaigners has called on the State Government to invest in on- and off-ramps at Menangle.

Former federal Werriwa Labor MP and Minto Heights resident Chris Hayes (pictured) said ramps at Menangle would ease traffic congestion in Campbelltown while promoting use of the popular Tabcorp Park at Menangle.

Mr Hayes, now the Fowler MP, said building the ramps now was timely as the freeway widening neared completion.

“The trotting track is a fantastic facility for the area that should be showcased,” he said. “A lot of money is going into the paceway because it’s a facility of state-wide significance and we need to provide people travelling from Sydney a better way of accessing it without having to go through Campbelltown.”

NSW Harness Racing Club chief executive officer John Dumesny said he’d been calling for on- and off-ramps at Menangle for years.

“We’ve been lobbying the former government, the federal government and the new State Government for some considerable time to do this,” he said.

“It’s more than just for the paceway; it’s also for the people of Glen Alpine who get caught up in the horrendous traffic at Macarthur Square.”

Wollondilly State Liberal MP Jai Rowell said he was aware of the need for on- and off-ramps at Menangle and was looking into it.

A spokesman for NSW Roads Minister Duncan Gay said there were no plans for the freeway outside of the existing program.

“The upgrade is jointly funded with the Federal Government and it has not provided any money to extend the work south to Menangle,” he said.

Editor’s note: let’s hope they mean Menangle Park!

DURHAM GREEN

SOLAR PANELS A GREAT SUCCESS

Many residents in Durham Green Retirement village took advantage of the National Government’s offer for a subsidy on Solar Panels. Some even increased the number of panels from their subsidised 6 to 9 panels at their own expense.

Reports from residents stated the amount of power generated, not only covered their former electricity bill, but in many cases produced a profit. This is due to the current generous buying price by the State Government. However it may be expected to change when the current price is reduced in 2012 as the current price for generated electricity falls and also the rise in price of consumed electricity is affected by the carbon tax. It is then expected that each household will be paying the amount on their former electricity bills as before the scheme was introduced. Included in the scheme was the installation of a large number of panels to operate the Club House as well.



**MENANGLE HALL WILL BE HANDED
BACK TO COMMUNITY**

by AMANDA PARTRIDGE



Maurice Blackwood outside the hall, which is expected to be up and running within the next year

THE MENANGLE Community Association is hopeful the village's community hall, built in 1904, will be back in business within the next year.

Association member Maurice Blackwood said moves to re-open the hall were progressing well.

The council-owned site is being rezoned from community to operational land, which is expected to be completed within the next few months.

"The council have had to rezone the land to enable us to buy it," Mr Blackwood said.

The Menangle School of Arts Hall was closed by Wollondilly Council in 2005 due to structural damage and in 2009 it proposed demolishing the hall.

The association then approached the council and proposed the land be sold back to the community.

"Once the land is rezoned we will purchase the land off the council for \$2 and part of the deal is that we do something with it," Mr Blackwood said.

He said the association had engineers look at the hall, who anticipate the renovations should be completed within a year, once the land has been rezoned and handed over.

A 2010 council report found it to be in the council's and the community's interest to return the ownership and management of the hall back to the community".

The council will also transfer the funds previously allocated for the demolition of the hall to the association, to assist with the restoration - which is expected to exceed \$20,000.

Check out the Menangle website:

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

for Menangle Community Association news.



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JUNE MEETING

9.45 for 10am start Wednesday 15th June

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\$10 cover charge includes morning tea

RSVP Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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