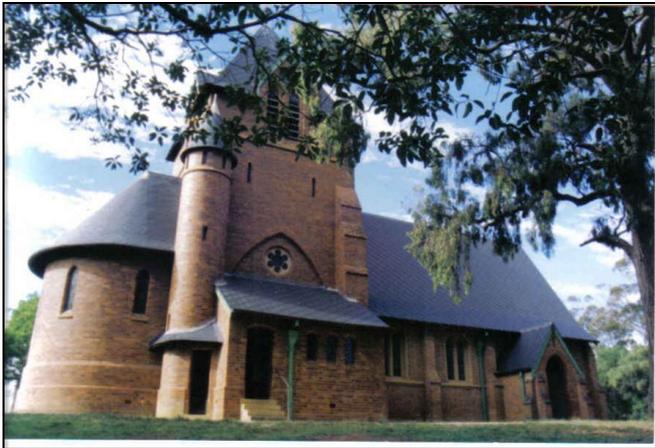


# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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  
5pm: Evening Service

**Kids Club:** 4:30pm Fridays

**Youth Group:** 6:30pm Fridays

### What's On at St James

Steve Davis is currently preaching on John's first letter (1 John).

30<sup>th</sup> October is Suffering Church Sunday

6<sup>th</sup> November visiting missionaries Alan & Helen Wood from Nigeria

13<sup>th</sup> November School Ministry – Don O'Connor

11<sup>th</sup> Dec QuizWorx @ 10am especially for children

11<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols from 7pm in St James' Common

### BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM  
New members welcome.

### Contributions welcome:

email: [bpeacock@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:bpeacock@virginbroadband.com.au)

or [charleskmj@bigpond.com](mailto:charleskmj@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: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm.



### Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Holz  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Maher  
6<sup>th</sup> Mick Starr  
6<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Terry  
9<sup>th</sup> Sue Black  
9<sup>th</sup> Joanna  
13<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Perentin  
14<sup>th</sup> Shardanne Jasmine  
14<sup>th</sup> Johanna Fulton  
15<sup>th</sup> Jake Peacock  
16<sup>th</sup> Christine  
17<sup>th</sup> Joshua Charles  
18<sup>th</sup> Amy Warner  
18<sup>th</sup> Adam Taylor  
22<sup>nd</sup> Alan Robertson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Celtie Williams  
23<sup>rd</sup> Rhiannan Perentin  
25<sup>th</sup> David Gilyeat  
25<sup>th</sup> Grace Culpan  
25<sup>th</sup> Garry Butler  
26<sup>th</sup> Meredith Wilson  
28<sup>th</sup> Ray Jeffrey  
30<sup>th</sup> Stephen Rochaix



### SUMMER IS COMING

Now is the time to ensure your home is protected against bushfires. Clear overgrowth and rubbish, clean out gutters and where possible have adequate water on hand.

No fires without a permit.

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Spring is such a beautiful time of year as blossoms burst forth to clothe the starkness of deciduous branches, and bulbs erupt into sweetly scented sprays. After good winter rains, the paddocks are lush and green, and our lawns begin to expect their weekly mow!

Have you noticed the freesias – delicate little sprays of trumpet charm, growing wild along the roadside for everyone to enjoy. The many colours of spring promise new hope as they testify to the season of new life.

Paul refers, in his letter to the Ephesians, to the manifold (*many-coloured*) wisdom of God. So much of God is a mystery, and yet He has chosen to reveal His wisdom to all people: in creation, in Christ, and (believe it or not) in and through the followers of Jesus.

*Wisdom (sophia in Greek) is insight into the true nature of things. (Strong's 4678)*

The manifold wisdom of God is clearly revealed through the first visit of Jesus to planet earth – His words and His work combined making Him God's merciful messenger.

By living a holy life, and teaching about a Kingdom of love, Jesus showed us what God is like, and how He expects people to live and to die. If we are wise, we will see our shortfall when we compare ourselves to Jesus.

By offering His life as a sacrifice in our place, we see God's mercy. If we are wise, we will embrace it.

By sending His Holy Spirit to indwell and empower us to please God in every way, we see God's grace. If we are wise we will appropriate it.

The manifold wisdom of God will be fully revealed when Jesus returns to planet earth – as the King of the Kingdom of love He will rule this world with absolute integrity: truth and justice will prevail, goodness and love will triumph.

The fear (*morrh in Hebrew: reverence, respect*) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

The love of the Lord is the fulfilment of wisdom.

Blessings and prayers

*Sue Peacock*

## DURHAM GREEN

This month Durham Green was the venue for the 35th District of Quota International Inc. to hold the finals of the Student of the Year Quest 2011.

Quota Clubs throughout the district held competitions to select the finalists.

These were the Quota Clubs and their selected students:

Camden - Sara Trethewy - Elderslie High School;  
Campbelltown - Hannah Lennon-Mather - Saint Patrick's College;

Ingleburn - Jordan Kerr - Hurlstone Agricultural High School;

Liverpool - Sara Webster - Cecil Hills High School;

Leisure Coast - Lisa Fernandez - Illawarra Grammar School;

Moss Vale - Bethany Ross - Southern Highlands Christian School;

Bateman's Bay - Bethany Davies - Carroll College;

Narooma - Clare Barcham - Bega High School.

All students had to speak for 4 minutes on a topic of their choosing and then had to speak for 30 seconds on a subject drawn from the hat.

All students gave an outstanding rendition making it very difficult for the judges.

Winner was Jordan Kerr from Hurlstone Agricultural College.

The purpose of the quest is to encourage leadership, self expression and individual development in High School Students.

Leon Warren



*Jordan Kerr the winner, of the Quota International Inc. Student of the year quest finals 2011*

## LOCAL NEWS

### Buyers not told of proposal to drill for coal seam gas

Sean Nicholls



Illustration: Cathy Wilcox.

THE state government developer, Landcom, is under fire for not disclosing to potential buyers of its land in south-west Sydney that AGL proposes to drill coal seam gas wells throughout the area.

It has also emerged that the energy company has plans to drill coal seam gas exploration wells at a separate Landcom site, Catherine Field, where the Premier, Barry O'Farrell, has promised to accelerate the sale of thousands of lots to fulfil an election promise.

AGL gained approval from the then Labor government in 2008 for an expansion of stage two of its Camden gas project by constructing additional gas wells and associated infrastructure at Spring Farm and Menangle Park.

On its website, Landcom is urging prospective buyers at its East Village project at Spring Farm to "inquire now" about the land, which lies between Mount Annan and Camden.

"East Village will feature open space and parks with home designs and landscaping that will offer residents a superior streetscape," it says.

However, there is no disclosure of the AGL plans to drill coal seam gas wells.

A Landcom spokesman said there had been "no formal approach" to the developer by AGL about its plans but it suggested that the company's drilling rights were "well known".

He said Landcom was not disclosing the issue as part of its marketing campaign because lots could not be bought until October, after which "that information would be included in contracts and general marketing information".

AGL applied last October to expand the project northward to established residential and rural-residential areas, including Catherine Field, Catherine Field North and Leppington. Application documents say the wells would be "sited a significant distance (in all cases greater than 300m) from the nearest existing property".

However, it notes: "With future urban (residential, commercial and industrial) development potentially encroaching within this distance, a minimum buffer of 20 metres to the nearest residential development is recommended by the [Department of Planning's] location guidelines."

In July, Mr O'Farrell and the Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, announced the government would give 10,000 Landcom lots priority, including 3000 lots at Catherine Field.

However, an AGL spokesman said: "AGL would not drill

a new well within 200 metres of an existing home. When planning new wells, we work with developers to try to ensure that their future developments will not encroach on the 200-metre buffer we have established."

The AGL spokesman said there were two "producing wells" already at Spring Farm as part of the broader Camden gas project. "This low-impact project has been operating in the community for a decade and in that time we have shown we can co-exist with other land uses." In a statement, Mr Hazzard said the government was developing its strategic regional land use policy in consultation with the public, landholders and industry. "It may be that a 'one size fits all' approach is counterproductive," he said.

A NSW Greens MP, David Shoebridge, said it was "inexplicable" to put housing projects in the same area as big gas projects.

### Menangle community signs petition to fight for school

by AMANDA PARTRIDGE



Menangle Community Association members Allan Hobbs, Jan and George Hanger and Graham Noyes are fighting to protect the town's old school.

THE Menangle Community Association has gathered more than 500 signatures in a bid to protect more than 130 years of history.

The association handed a petition to Wollondilly state Liberal MP Jai Rowell recently, asking that the old Menangle school be handed back to the community to be used as a historic teaching facility for the region's students.

Association chairman Maurice Blackwood said the petition to stop the Education Department's proposed subdivision of the land, was part of the group's commitment to protecting Menangle's rich history, dating back to 1866. "We (with the petition) suggest that we try and get the school back, to run a heritage day school there," he said. "It is such a unique location and a school would be ideal there."

Mr Blackwood said establishing a historical day school would provide a learning experience for the area's young students.

Wollondilly Mayor Michael Banasik also wrote a letter to Education Minister Adrian Piccoli supporting the association. "Council is actively seeking to support the views and aspirations of the Menangle community in asking for your assistance and consideration regarding the Menangle school site," he told the minister.

Mr Rowell said he supported the association's idea because he believed it would be great for the shire's tourism industry.

## MCA NEWS

Check out the Menangle website:

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

for Menangle Community Association news.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi,  
My father was a railwayman and his great mate was Ronny Bush. Ronny was the station master at Menangle. As a young boy we would spend many a trip from Panania, out to the crossroads and down the old road into Campbelltown and then on to Menangle.

Ronny lived in the stationmaster house, which was literally part of the platform. Ronny retired about 25 years ago and along with his wife Nancy, relocated to the Central Coast, not far from The Entrance.

Ronny passed away a long time ago. I went to a family function at the Paceway last week and stumbled across your newsletter.

Our two families had a load of fun at Menangle, chasing cows around the rotolactor, playing with the model train set in the house, (it took up an entire room), and getting our regulation crew-cut from Ronny on occasions.

Nancy is in her 80s now but still sharp in the mind and very active within the local community.

Good luck and my best wishes to your community too.

Peter Hart

## ADVERTS

### BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area

Hourly Rate: \$8

Contact number: 46338543

References available

## Adverts



### THE MENANGLE STORE

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### CAMDEN AGLOW SEPTEMBER MEETING SPEAKER: ANGIE DENNETT SRE Teacher at Elderslie High

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“Ironbark Room” upstairs at Narellan Library

\$10 cover charge includes morning tea

RSVP Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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