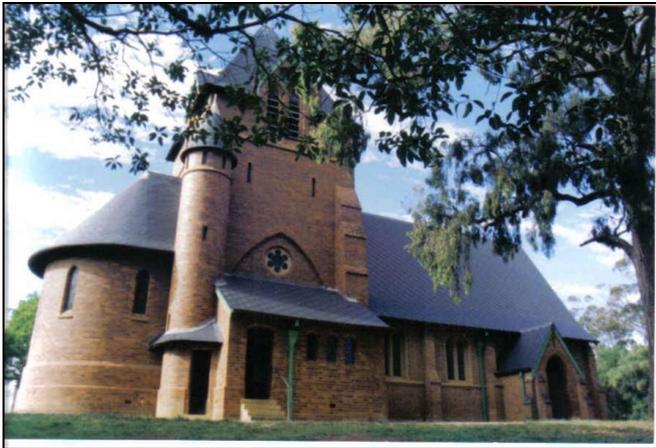


# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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  
6.15pm: Evening Service

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

### What's On at St James

**BBQ & FAMILY FILM NIGHT**  
6.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Sat "Facing the Giants"  
Gold coin donation

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



### Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Foulks  
5<sup>th</sup> Jonathon Koeford  
6<sup>th</sup> Shirley Maher  
6<sup>th</sup> Pauline Peretin  
13<sup>th</sup> Kim Koeford  
15<sup>th</sup> John Redmond  
16<sup>th</sup> Conner McFarlane  
17<sup>th</sup> Peter Foulks  
18<sup>th</sup> Laura Taylor  
23<sup>rd</sup> Indyana Worthington  
24<sup>th</sup> Maree Holz  
25<sup>th</sup> James Collison,  
26<sup>th</sup> Melissa Lamrock  
26<sup>th</sup> Frances Warner  
30<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Bell  
30<sup>th</sup> Jessica McNevin



### Anniversaries

9<sup>th</sup> Meredith and Stephen Cross  
24<sup>th</sup> Peter and Sharon Foulks

### Have you lost a watch?

Women's chrome watch with gold coloured trim; metal band; found on the roadside near Gilbulla [Elle].

Enquire at *The Store*

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

No rainbows in the sky today, but four hot air balloons have hovered over our picturesque little village in the stillness of the early morning.

From a distance they appear to be suspended silently, but when they are nearby, their whooshing gas burners are loud and sometimes startle the livestock (and waken the children!)

Those travelling in the balloons have a different perspective than those of us who are earthbound.

The height our grass has grown, the flakiness of the paint on our house walls, the dust on our car, are all (I imagine – I hope!) unnoticeable.

Rather, the bigger picture of a green semi-rural landscape spreading out peacefully below, would meet their eyes.

We use lots of familiar slogans to help ourselves and others keep a good perspective on life e.g. “watch the donut not the hole”; “Glass half full or half empty” and “She’ll be right mate”, so we don’t get bogged down in details.

We need to know that our lives have value and significance way beyond the accomplishing of tasks. We are really called to have a heavenly perspective: to see ourselves and others as those who carry the image of the God who is Love. Image bearers who are joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, faithful, gentle and self-controlled!

I am convinced that the besetting “sin” of western society is impatience! (And I am not immune believe me!) But God, the Holy Spirit is FULL of patience. When we allow the Holy Spirit to express the lovely personality of Jesus through our lives, we not only bear the Image of God, but we also glorify the Image of God in our thoughts, words and actions.

If you do not yet have a relationship with God the Father through Jesus, I encourage you to find out more – it is the most enriching and important thing you will ever do.

Blessings and prayers

*Sue Peacock*

## DURHAM GREEN

### PROSTATE CANCER APPEAL LUNCHEON

Originally referred to as “Men’s Big Luncheon” but intended for women too, this event was held in the Club House on 19 September. Over 90 residents and friends attended, giving their support to this most important appeal. Menu consisted of large chicken or meat pies from Crème de la Crème of Camden and were most popular. The event raised \$1,000 for the Cancer Foundation.

Guest of honour was Lee Christian of the Australian Cancer Research Foundation. Lee said that since its inception the Foundation had made 104 grants to research institutions and since 1984 had raised \$71 million. In last 6 years \$48 million had been granted. Currently they provide \$10 million a year for cutting edge cancer research.

The foundation has only a staff of 13 people and states, “*Every dollar of every donation received goes into cancer research*” Money raised helps fund every type of cancer research. The ACRF recently opened a world-class cancer research lab in Queensland.

She also said that over 12 million people have been diagnosed with cancer and it affects one in three Australians. Formally all children diagnosed died at an early age, but the recovery rate has been increased to 85%. However, researchers are coming up with new answers in the fight against cancer. Old age is a precursor to cancer, so jokingly she said we should give up birthdays (well most of us would, except for the parties and presents!)



*Lee Christian addressing the meeting with a slide show.*

Leon Warren

## LOCAL NEWS

### Spring Farm Link Road needed now: Councils

by DAVID CAMPBELL



CAMPBELLTOWN and Camden councils are preparing to fight for a vital link road between Spring Farm and Macarthur Square. The Spring Farm Link Road or Liz Kernohan Drive would stretch 6km from Camden Bypass in the north and connect to Menangle Rd near Broughton Anglican College in the south. The project, estimated to cost about \$130 million, would offer drivers an alternative to the congested Narellan Rd. It would run behind Mt Annan and provide on and off ramps at the Hume Highway. Campbelltown Mayor Paul Lake said the link road was a viable alternative to Narellan Rd. "It's a critical piece of infrastructure for the development of the Macarthur region," he said. "It's not practical to open up lots at Menangle Park without the Spring Farm Link Road because all that traffic would just be pushed through Macarthur Square and Campbelltown." Cr Lake said about 8000 cars already used Menangle Rd and 3500 planned housing lots at Menangle Park would raise that figure to 30,000 cars. Camden Mayor Greg Warren said he would proactively work with Campbelltown in lobbying for the link road. "Now is not a time to be procrastinating and we need to get the vital pieces of infrastructure needed in the region," he said. Funding to construct the link road would need to come from the state government and developer contributions. Cornish Group's Spring Farm sales manager Colin Lake said: "We were keen to have that project

proceed about five years ago and have off ramps from Camden Bypass feed straight into Spring Farm to get the first part of the link road built. Landcom is starting to move its sales office into Spring Farm to start selling land in the estate so I am certain we'll see some movement on the project before the end of the year."

## MCA NEWS

Wollondilly Council has recently approved the funding to carry out a Heritage Study of the Menangle Village and its surroundings. "About \$11,000 has been allocated by Wollondilly Council, which will ensure an adequate study is done showing the importance of the area as a part of the birthplace of Australian Agriculture", said Maurice Blackwood, Chairman of the Menangle Community Assoc. "The aim is to assess the history leading to the possibility of applying for State Heritage listing for both the Menangle Village Precinct and the Landscape area around it. Menangle residents have already shown they are right behind this study, with a recent petition of over 500 signatures being presented to both the local member Jai Rowell and to Wollondilly Council. The petition specifically requests the protection of the village's unique heritage"

Earlier reports in the 1980' and 90's enabled Council to create a Conservation Area for the older parts of the village and to create a development control plan for the village that was very specific. While this combination has worked well in the past more needs to be done now to protect the village; Council have recognized this need.

"The c1800 "English" Village layout of the early Churches, Shop/Bakery/Butchery, Community Hall, 140 year old School and old Cottages and Houses, close to the Rotolactor, the Heritage Train Station and Rail Bridge, Nepean River, in the centre of Australia's first "Cowpastures", with the history of Australia's first and most famous pastoral farm is absolutely unique," Maurice Blackwood said. "As the village was part of the Listed Camden Park Estate, Menangle Village should be State Government listed as well. The 4000 acre Estate's listing stops right at the crossroads in the centre of Menangle village! So it is plain for all to see that the village heritage needs to be evaluated correctly and importantly considered in its special relationship to Camden Park Estate and the 35 heritage listed items in a six km radius of Menangle Village.

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## MCA NEWS

The school has also been identified as having the potential for a major educational learning experience for school children. It is ideal for a Georgian Education Learning Experience, provided the integrity of the rural school buildings and grounds remains intact. Over time, people have forgotten how important this area was, and this study is a major part of our plan to preserve the village, Rotolactor, and meat and dairy infrastructure that was so important to Sydney and to Australia's agricultural past.

Our community's proposal is to protect the village and develop it for tourism as has happened at Belgenny, is well supported by the Macarthur's of Camden Park, Belgenny Farm, State Governor Marie Bashir, Wollondilly Council, Camden Historical Society and other local historians. Already annually 6000 students are educated at the Camden Park Environmental Education Centre, some 15000 people visit Camden Park Estate's Belgenny Farm, some 4000 people visit Camden Park House and some 2000 people visit the Menangle Village and river. This is a total of 27,000 people already visiting this unique local heritage, which clearly shows that the idea of a preserving Menangle has good merit.

Discussions are ongoing about the Villages future, with both Council and the Government including the Education Department and the Department of Planning with the help of our local member Jai Rowell.

Check out the Menangle website:

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

for Menangle Community Association news.

### New Sign

When approaching the village from Campbelltown you can see the sign, on the left, heralding Menangle's heritage: Aboriginal, Agricultural and Historical.

## ADVERTS

### BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area

Hourly Rate: \$8; ph 46338543

References available

### AVON CALLING

ANTONIA 0411 602 400

## ADVERTS



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Trading Hours are:

Monday to Thurs: 6am-7pm.

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

Sunday /Public Holidays: 7am-6pm.

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from 7:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
at Onslow Park

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### CAMDEN AGLOW OCTOBER MEETING

9.45 for 10am start Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
"Ironbark Room" upstairs at **Narellan Library**

\$10 cover charge includes morning tea

Enquiries: Sue Peacock 4633 8261

### MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden

ph. 4655 7735

*Motivated energetic person needed for cleaning and to assist with occasional functions at **Camden Park House**, Menangle, for approx 6 hours per week. (Flexible hours)*

Contact Edwina : 46558466