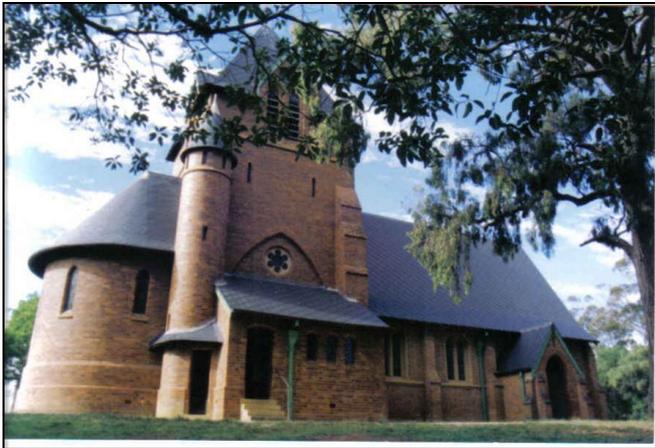


# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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  
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## Carols on the Hill Sausage Sizzle



Glowstix  
St James' Reserve  
7pm 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

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

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You can also elect to receive a copy of the  
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## Anniversaries

12<sup>th</sup> Keith & Judith Lynch

## St. Patrick's Church



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



### FROM BILL & HELEN

To our valued customers,

We wish to extend our gratitude for all of you  
who have supported us in the last 10 years.

We have met some amazing people and have  
formed many wonderful friendships over the  
years.

We have a lifetime of great memories.

So please accept a sincere thankyou and we  
wish you all the best.

Love,

Bill, Helen, Matt & Rhiannon.

## Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Taylor  
9<sup>th</sup> Janice Warner  
13<sup>th</sup> Mark Haines, Elana Reece  
15<sup>th</sup> Mathew Foulks  
16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Howard  
17<sup>th</sup> Sam Margin  
19<sup>th</sup> Tahlia Bond  
21<sup>st</sup> Allie Margin, Angus Terry, Sharon Foulks  
22<sup>nd</sup> Marlene Gordon  
25<sup>th</sup> Michael Abberton  
26<sup>th</sup> Francis Warner  
27<sup>th</sup> Izaac Margin  
28<sup>th</sup> Geoff Hughes  
29<sup>th</sup> Karen Halfpenny  
30<sup>th</sup> Mathew Robertson

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

I have enjoyed a trip to America since writing my last column. We did fly Qantas, and all our flights happened as they were intended to happen, so we are very thankful for that!

I have encountered the ULTIMATE RAINBOW APPLICATION – God Himself!

White light is unrefracted (unified) light and so God is One – in the bible we read “Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one!” “Every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning”.

Light first diffracts into the primary colours of red, blue and yellow, the colours of fire – this can be seen in the Father, (yellow) the Son, (red) and the Holy Spirit, (blue).

Then, there are the Seven Spirits (or sevenfold Spirit) of God spoken of in Revelation 1 and Isaiah 11: the Spirit of (1) The Lord, (2) Wisdom, (3) Understanding, (4) Counsel, (5) Might, (6) Knowledge and (7) Fear of the Lord.

And there are seven praiseworthy attributes offered to Jesus in Revelation 5 as the Lamb (sacrifice for sin) of God: Power; Riches; Wisdom; Strength; Honour; Glory and Blessing.

Each of these attributes of Jesus also represents an area or mountain of influence in all societies: Power – Government; Riches – Economy; Wisdom – Education; Strength – Family; Honour – Religion; Glory – Celebration and the Arts; and Blessing – the Media.

The bible tells us that all authority has been given back to Jesus now that He has broken the power of sin, and paid its penalty. Jesus is going to restore righteousness and justice in increasing measure in all these areas as the time approaches for His return. He is looking for His followers to bring light in increasing measure into every aspect of society – to get off the mountain of religion and actually transform society so the values of heaven are expressed on the earth – respect for all people, love, kindness, integrity, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, patience.

He is looking for people who will work with all their might (in prayer first and then God-inspired action) to make a difference – signing petitions, writing letters, fund raising, campaigning, being a voice of justice for the unborn and human traffic victims, and for marriage and family the way God intends it to be. Jesus wants us to GO into all the world and make DISCIPLED NATIONS... beginning with Australia.

So – our Menangle News “media” humbly represents “Blessing” – Good News to our community.

Blessings and prayers, *Sue Peacock*

## DURHAM GREEN

### DOG THERAPY AT DURHAM GREEN

One of the attractions to residents of Durham Green, retirement village is the residents are able to have a dog, provided all the rules are observed, e.g. pick up mess and no barking or making a nuisance, plus always on a lead in public places. Included in this is dog therapy for people in the assisted care wards. Many of these residents had dogs but have had to leave them behind. Their families are allowed to bring the dogs in for a visit which is greatly appreciated. However, one dog named "Bessie" (she owns me) visits the wards every Tuesday afternoon and many look forward to her attendance. Bessie is a white Maudle (Maltese/poodle cross) with unbelievable charm. She knows those who love dogs and those who only tolerate them but with her charm has won them all over. To see the residents cuddle her is a sight to behold as she brings comfort to those who are getting on in years.



By Leon Warren

## HISTORY SNIPPIT

Did you know the pink house near the Fire Station was used by Bernardo's Homes when the Rotalactor was working, and the boys worked at the milking?

Does anyone know who built it or any other information about this?

## LOCAL NEWS

### Macarthur Continues Fight Against African Olive Weed

by David Campbell



CAMPBELLTOWN Council is continuing its war against the invasive african olive weed with thousands more dollars allocated to removal programs across the local government area.

The weed was first introduced from Africa to Camden in the early 1800s as a hedge plant, but has since spread to large parts of the Macarthur region.

African olive poses a threat to native plant and animal communities by competing with other species and smothering them out of an area.

A further \$80,000 in grants and funding will be used by the council in coming months to further fight the spread of african olive in key infestation areas across Campbelltown.

Campbelltown Greens councillor Julie Bourke said African olive is a problem because it shades out undergrowth and competes with the native species.

"We want species that belong in the area so they attract the appropriate bird species native to the area as well," Cr Bourke said.

"The other problem with african olive is it spreads disastrously through birds which means it's widely dispersed."

Wollondilly Council is also fighting african olive infestations around Picton, Razorback and Menangle, with containment programs being run by contractors.

Camden Council's most affected areas include Grasmere and Cobbitty, but no specific programs are in place to remove the weed.

## THE TRUE ORIGIN OF THE INTERNET

*In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader called Abraham of Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. Dot of Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg.*

*Indeed, she had been called 'Amazon Dot Com'.*

*And she said unto Abraham, her husband, 'Why dost thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent.'*

*And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, 'How, dear?'*

*And Dot replied, 'I will place drums its all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS).'*

*Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.*

*But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete (look it up, it means to hide) himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung.*

*They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land.*

*And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.*

*And Dot did say, 'Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others'. And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known 'eBay' he said, 'We need a name that reflects what we are.'*

*And Dot replied, 'Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators.'*  
*'YAHOO!' exclaimed Abraham.*

*And that is how it all began. Al Gore had absolutely nothing to do with it.*

From the "Dialogue Box" news sheet of Carrington Computer Club for Seniors.

## NEWS



Ominous sign ... a grass fire in Menangle this year could be a sign of what is to come this summer. *Photo: Luke Fuda*

### After the floods, grassy plains fuel fears

By Nicky Phillips

After a drought that lasted a decade and crippled much of the state, the rains came, flooding vast expanses of eastern Australia.

And while the record rainfall this year brought many regions back to life it has also encouraged a blanket of grass to advance across the state, transforming large parts of NSW, and Australia, into a significant fuel source for bushfires.

Forest fires in Katoomba this week signalled the bushfire season is upon us. Yet it is the tall, thick band of fine fuel which extends from Queensland to Victoria; and west of the Great Dividing Range to South Australia that poses the real danger. Despite the Bureau of Meteorology's forecast for above average rainfall through spring and summer, fire experts say it takes only a week of hot, rain-free weather for grass to "cure" or dry out, turning much of the state into a fire hazard.

The bureau predicts above average summer temperatures for southern parts of the state, while northern regions should experience temperatures slightly below average.

The Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Shane Fitzsimmons, says more than 2000 grass fires have ignited since July.

After a busy start to the bushfire season, Fitzsimmons says landowners need to prepare their properties for bushfire season, with appropriate firebreaks in grassy regions.

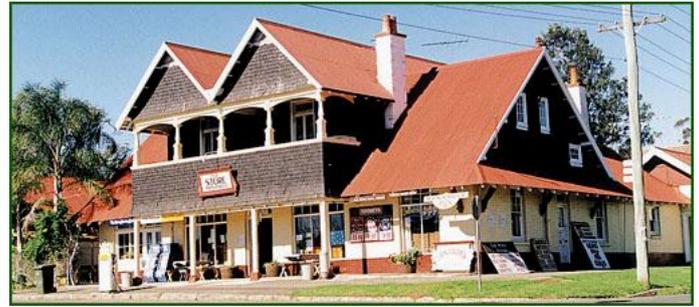
"The real key is everyone should have a bushfire survival plan."

Check out the Menangle website:

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

for Menangle Community Association news.

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References available

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