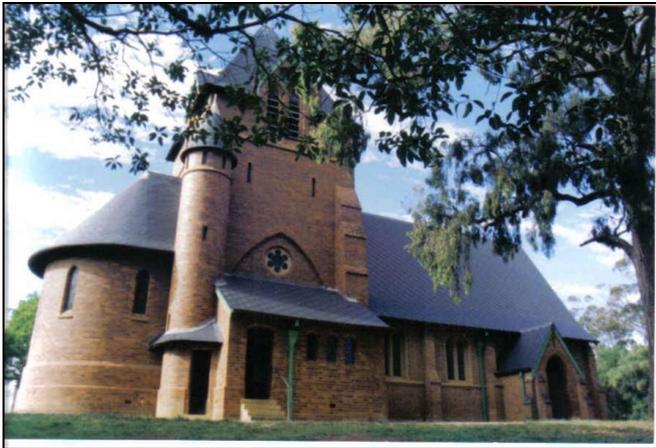


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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SUNDAY Church Services

8.30am: Traditional Service
10am: Family Service and Sunday School
6.15pm: Evening Service

What's On at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE
Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

Church Family prayer meeting 7pm Mon
23rd Jan at the Rectory.

AGM 11.30am Sun 12th Feb in the church.

Preaching Series:
Elijah – Servant of the Living God
- begins Sun 29th Jan.

Contributions welcome:

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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

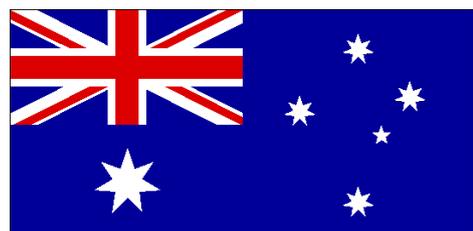
5th Terry Swanson
7th Doug McDonald
8th James Tedesco
16th Victoria Foulks
19th Bianca Peretin
20th Rheannen
21st Joshua Bond
27th Bill Robertson



Anniversaries

26th Bill & Helen Robertson
29th Harry & Francis Warner

MENANGLE COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



8-10am at the Fire Shed
DETAILS INSIDE

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Happy New Year!

The heart of the message of Christmas is "Peace on Earth, goodwill to all men."

God took the initiative to make peace with all people. He holds nothing against anyone now.

The Peace Maker, Jesus has come, the peace offering of His life has been given.

God's right hand of friendship is eternally extended to every person; has been for over 2,000 years.

Many have responded through the centuries but many more are responding in this day. People are coming to faith in Jesus in overwhelming numbers in Indonesia, China, and other Eastern Nations, and around the world. There is a world-wide awakening happening.

It is not necessarily happening in a peaceful way: Christians in many lands must pay with their lives for their faith. But they have become peace makers, and out of the sacrifice of their lives laid down, millions come to faith in Jesus.

Peacemaking requires honesty and the courage to refuse evil and choose to do good.

Jesus could have appeased the religious leaders, and the demonic spirits that opposed Him.

THANK GOD HE CHOSE NOT TO!

Don't confuse peacemaking with peace keeping. Peace keeping is at best a fragile, fear-based attempt to prevent conflict. At worst it empowers greater bullying, greater fear, and war on a greater scale. So much of history testifies to the futility of appeasement.

Jesus declared great blessing upon those who are peace makers – He called them "Children of God".

When people really see the astonishing intervention of God into the affairs of mankind, and the perfection and completion of God's once-for-all peacemaking mission they respond with deep gratitude to the glad tidings of great joy.

As they live out of the Spirit of God's reconciliation to all people, accepting others warts and all, forgiving and going the extra mile for them, it is great joy.

For an habitual "fixer" of others and myself – this is wonderfully good news – for me and all the ones I have tried to fix! I'm pretty sure it is a relief to God my Father as well!

Every single person reading this little column, **YOU HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD!**

You may not realise it yet, but when you do what a day that will be!

You will become part of the solution to this sad and neglected, impoverished planet.

You will become part of the peace-making plan and purpose that God began so long ago to give you peace within your own soul, peace with other people, and most importantly peace with God!

Sue Peacock

DURHAM GREEN

Santa makes a special visit to Menangle and Durham Green. Yes the oldies still love the old fella, even though most of us feel as old as he does. Much thanks goes to our Firies of the Menangle Rural Bush Fire Brigade. He was accompanied by some fire fighting gnomes and there were a couple of fairies with him too. The Fire Engine is the newest in our fire fighting fleet and driven by Deputy Fire Captain, Alan Aglan. Hope everyone has a Fire Brigade Calender to help our Fire Fighters, after all they are the nearest Emergency Service we have.



The Christmas staff from Durham Green Manor House dressed up and held a wheel chair race to entertain their charges. There is no record of who won any race but certainly the patients were winners.



Leon Warren

LOCAL NEWS

A TRIBUTE TO ROB

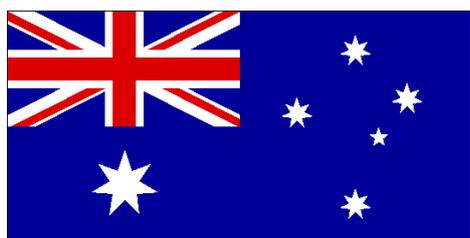
On Monday 26th December, a "Quarter Peal" was rung on the 8 bells of St James in Memory of Rob Luscombe, who was minister overseeing St James congregation from 2000 until his retirement due to ill health in 2002. His neurological illness remained a mystery to his death on 3rd December. Rob and his wife Kerrie continued faithful members of the congregation, and the ¼ peal, to which Kerrie came to listen, was a fitting tribute to Rob.

A "Quarter Peal" consists of 1260 strikes of the bells, in rounds of 8, with a different sequence for every round: it took 47 minutes to ring. Although only a few congregation members would have heard it, we hope it was enjoyed by the residents of the village.

A DIVINE COINCIDENCE?

In 2003, Rob's son-in-law Nic Snoek, was visiting the foundry of John Taylor in England to see a bell being cast. On enquiring where the bell was headed, he was told "a little village in Australia: you'll never have heard of it – Menangle". Imagine the surprise of everyone present when Nic replied "I was married there. My father-in-law was the minister"!! It is the only bell which was cast especially for St James.

MENANGLE COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



8am – 10am Thursday 26th January
At the FIRE SHED (Rural Fire Service Shed)

Damper and cocky's joy (golden syrup)
Bacon and egg rolls
Juice, Tea and coffee
Gold coin donation
ALL WELCOME

RSVP Monday 23rd January to
Caroline Howard: 4633 8543
caroline.howard@bigpond.com
Sue Peacock: 4633 8261

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Saturday March 3rd, 2012
8am – 4pm

One or two hours work each will transform our village.

ASSEMBLY POINT: Menangle Store
(Sausage Sizzle afterwards, kindly donated by the Redmond Family)

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Dave Black 4633 8295



JUST KIDDING

The United Kingdom's British Medical Association has weighed in on the new health care proposals from the Government

The Allergists voted to scratch it; but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had a sort of gut feeling about it; but the Neurologists thought the Government had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception: Ophthalmologists considered it short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness; while the Radiologists could see right through it.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts, and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The ENT specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacologists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow; the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter.."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward; but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas; and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decisions to the ass holes in London.

Reproduced from *Association of Independent Retirees*
[Macarthur] newsletter.

CAN YOU HELP?

I am trying to find any pictures that might include my grandfather, Frank Sheil (B:1903, D: 1992, formerly of Melrose, Douglas Park), playing cricket or in any team photos anytime from the 1920s/1930s onwards. He was a talented player, and played at Camden Park Estate in matches that included Don Bradman (indicating a 1920s/30s window), and in later years apparently also opened the batting for Camden CC with Mr Quentin Stanham-Macarthur (suggesting a mid-to-late 1950s window). The family has no pictures at all of Frank playing cricket and would dearly love to find some.

Paul Harvey paul.harvey@intacam.com

I'd like to know why Camden is called the Cowpastures?

Mitchell Taylor benji_hodgson@hotmail.com

Happy New Year Everybody from the Menangle Community Association

The Hall sale is progressing well with solicitors drafting the contract of sale 'as we speak', however on the other front, the Department of Education have decided not to go ahead with the school subdivision after all their and Council's work!!!!

Apparently, they have done this by [at the last minute, over Xmas] declining to sign the final papers at Council and have informed Council they do not intend to go ahead with the land swap. It would seem that it has become all too hard with the requirements of a road to the school building for access and the need for toilets etc. It could also be that our combined efforts by Michael Banasik, the Community, and Council and with Jai's Rowell's help, has also had an effect.

We have an outstanding request with Jai to meet with the Minister to explain our combined Council and Community position which I believe is to be requested again, preferably after the Council's Heritage study by Chris Betteridge is completed early this year. We will also continue to maintain our position that 3500 acres of State Heritage Listing should not stop at the Menangle Village fences!!

Thank you to all for your efforts in 2011 and we will continue the fight to preserve the Menangle area's rich Australian agricultural and cultural heritage.

Best regards,
Maurice Blackwood.
Chairman

Check out the Menangle website:

<http://www.menangle.com.au>
for Menangle Community Association news.

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CAMDEN AGLOW JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday 18th January at 10am

The Ironbark Room

upstairs at Narellan Library

\$10 entry includes a delicious morning tea.
It's not what we do, but the presence of God
that we carry, that changes things.

All Welcome

Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden

ph. 4655 7735

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Laura Howard - Menangle Area

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References available

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