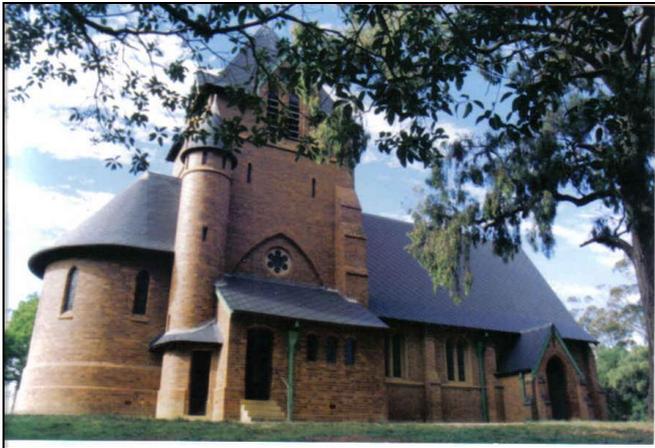


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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SUNDAY Church Services

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

Kids Club: 4:30-5:30pm Fridays
[yrs 2-6]

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm Fridays
At the Rectory – 5 Sulman Place

What's On at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

Preaching Series:

Elijah – Servant of the Living God

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 James McFarlane
2nd Emelise Bond
4th Natalie Worthington
7th Lisa Redmond
13th Graham Bell
15th Emily Rose
19th Jake Kent
21st Judy Lynch
22nd Glen Peretin
22nd Glynnis Bell
22nd Mark Campbell
22nd Cathy Bulger



Anniversary

5th Steve & Kerri Rochaix
9th Ernie & Jean Siddall (60th)
27th Jason and Laura Burt
28th Graham and Dorothy Noyes

Lawn Mowing Assistance needed for the Menangle Brigade Station. We have a near new ride on lawn mower, but need a volunteer to ride it to save the firefighters. Contact Maurice Blackwood 0417218462.

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

The way I think and respond emotionally has undergone a radical change as I have listened to a teaching called "Thinking Brilliantly" by Graham Cooke. (Available on itunes to purchase)

Let me share a few precious gems.

Weather is such a popular topic of conversation, and we all have our opinion of how it would be different if we were in control. There might be a few tussles over the control though!

Maybe this column should be "Rainbow Tears" with the abundance of rain falling so far this year!

But how lovely to see the sunshine today - (Saturday the 4th).

A line from a song comes to mind "Rainy days and Sundays always get me down."

That may be true, but it is not the truth!

Nothing outside of us has the power to "get us down".

Our own thoughts, in our own minds are the control centre of our emotions.

Each one of us been given the power to control how we feel: now THAT is good power to have!

The secret key is in knowing that what you are THINKING is creating the FEELING response in you.

Nothing external has the power to get you down; nothing, and no one in your circumstances determines your mood or your behaviour. We truly can live above the circumstances.

So right there is an end to blaming God or other people for your anger, shame, impatience, anxiety and unhappiness.

The problem is most of us land in the feeling, without being conscious of the thought that aroused it.

And like our first father, Adam, we look around for someone to blame instead of taking authority over the thought and changing it for a better one!

As one who has learnt a few of life's lessons, I must say this is one of the most important lessons I have ever learnt, and I do work hard to apply it, and live it out. Life is constantly changing, because people are alive and relationships are interacting, developing, waxing and waning.

In the midst of emotional pain I can pause, and engage in the awesome activity of giving that pain to Father God and asking Him what He says about whatever caused it - "Father, what does this mean?" And "What must I do?"

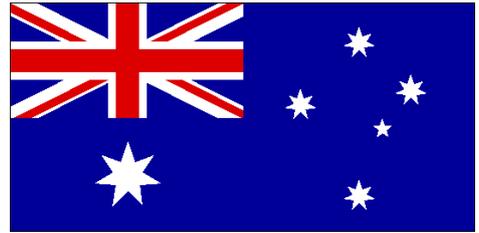
God's answers are surprising and amazing, and always result in greater love and greater freedom! It is so much fun to live and think this way!

The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Life and Light and Love, unshakeable and astonishing.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more:

Sue Peacock

MENANGLE COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



What a good time we had at our Breakfast at the Fire Shed on Australia Day!

Thank you for coming and helping to build strong friendship links in our little community: we live in such a great place, and it is right that we celebrate that fact from time to time.

Thank you to all the Fireys: especially Alan and Michael for sprucing up the Fire Shed and grounds, and for really helping it all to happen, and to Maurice for rallying the troops.

Caroline and I will happily continue next year with our side of the organising, and look for ways to keep it simple but make little improvements (like a bit more bacon for the rolls!)

Sue



Caroline, Sarah,
Dave & Laura
Howard



All set and waiting...



Willing helpers – Tiff, Mick and Anne

CAN YOU HELP?

...from last month

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

Mitchell Taylor benji_hodgson@hotmail.com

Why the Camden area is known as "Cowpastures"

In 1795 cattle which had strayed from the colony at Farm Cove were discovered in the Camden area. This prompted Governor Hunter to visit the area and name it "Cowpastures". In 1803 Governor King visited the area and Mrs King became the first white lady to cross the Nepean River. The Governor instructed that the cattle herd be preserved, and in early 1805 the first house in the district was built near the river ford where Mrs King crossed. The house was built to accommodate Constables Warby and Jackson who were present to ensure that the cattle herd was preserved. The road from Prospect to the area was called Cowpasture Road, a name it enjoys to this day.

During 1803, Lord Camden, the Colonial Secretary, ordered Governor King to grant John Macarthur "not less than 5,000 acres" for the purpose of sheep breeding and allowed Macarthur to import the first pure merino rams and ewes from the Royal Stud at Kew. Thus the great Australian Wool Industry was established, an industry which has dominated the world wool market and was the source of much of Australia's wealth. In 1830 prominent citizens petitioned the governor to establish a town near the Nepean. The Surveyor General, Major Mitchell, suggested that Macarthur surrender 320 acres of his land for this purpose. Macarthur declined to do so, but in 1836, two years after his death, his sons had the area surveyed and offered allotments for sale in 1840. Thus the town of Camden was born.

On 18 August 1883, a meeting of citizens was held to formulate action for the incorporation of the Town of Camden as a Municipality. This incorporation took place in February 1889, and on 24 April of that year the Council held its first meeting. At that time the Council served some 342 people of whom 180 were males and 162 were females. The Unimproved Capital Value of the Municipality was 151,000 pounds and total revenue, including a 500 pound Government Grant, was 961 pounds. In 1948 the Municipality gained Narellan, Catherine Field, Leppington, Bringelly and Rossmore areas from Nepean Shire which had ceased to exist. In this way the area's borders that exist today were established.

Taken from Camden Council's website 8.01.12

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)

CONTACTS:

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DURHAM GREEN

THE MANAGEMENT will be holding an Open Day on the 17th March 2012 between 10-2pm for people to come and have a look at our amazing facility and what we have to offer the senior citizens of our area and beyond.

Susan Salter
Assistant
Sales & Marketing Manager

The Rubens' "Lay It Down" in Triple J Hottest 100

by Amanda Partridge



The Rubens are doing the Menangle region proud, after being named in the Triple J Hottest 100.

MENANGLE band The Rubens is turning up the heat after being named in the Triple J Hottest 100 songs for 2011.

The foursome's track Lay it Down came in at number 57 on the countdown and finished in front of songs by music greats Jay Z, Kanye West, Foo Fighters and Kimbra. "It's amazing - if you told us six months ago that we'd be in this situation now, we'd never have believed it," lead singer Sam Margin said.

"Every now and again we have to slap ourselves and realise that it's actually happening to us."

To be named in the Hottest 100 was a big feat for the boys, who took out the Triple J Unearthed competition a few months back. "We were hoping to get in, but as the countdown started going into the 70s, then 60s and we hadn't heard our song we thought we hadn't made it," Margin said. "When it came on at number 57 we lost it."

The band is in New York working on a debut album with industry great David Kahne at Avatar Studios. "We are in the studio for four weeks doing pre-production," Margin said.

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CAMDEN AGLOW FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday 15th February at 10am
Cobbitty Park Christian Lifestyle
Community Hall 655 Cobbitty Rd, Cobbitty
\$10 entry includes a delicious morning tea.
[21st March meeting will be at **Essen**
Restaurant - Queen St, C'town @10.30am]
All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

Mission Trip Fund Raiser

GARAGE SALE

8 am - 1 pm

Saturday 18th February

8 Calmar Close, Glen Alpine

Antiques, toys, chairs, clothes, plants and more!

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden

ph. 4655 7735

BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area

Hourly Rate: \$8; ph 46338543

References available

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