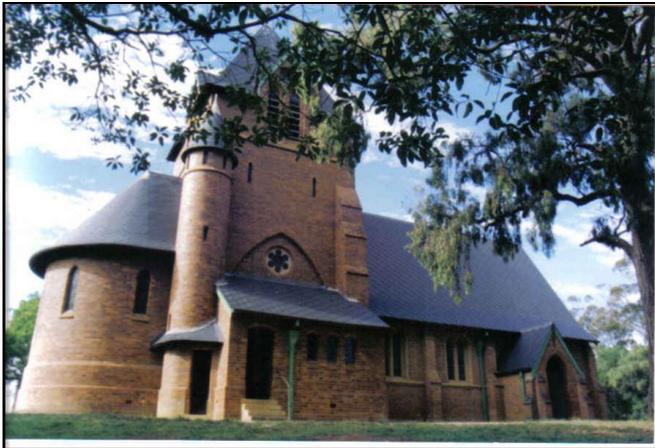


THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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
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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

Testimony of Triumph – three of Christ's words from the cross – begins 18th March

EASTER SERVICES 6 & 8th April

GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 & 10 am

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 & 10 am, 6:15 pm



St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm.

Birthdays

2nd Ben Black
3rd Ivan Green
4th Elliott Margin
5th Bev James
5th Beau Kent
6th Mark Robertson
9th Dave
9th Matthew Tedesco
14th Jethro Margin
19th Lucy
20th Christine Butler
21st Indigo Margin
22nd Cindy Haines
30th Brett Warner



Anniversary

14th Steve and Simone Collison
15th Steve and Kerry Charles
18th James and Karen McFarlane
20th Steve and Vicki Blight
22nd Brian and Sue Peacock

Are you disappointed that your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list?

Act now – send an email to

bpeacock@virginbroadband.com.au

Or leave a note in my letterbox at 10 Station St.

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

THE ART OF GIVING

Giving freely is so different from giving under compulsion, just ask me when I am slightly sleep deprived, and a bit resentful about another early morning rising to meet someone else's needs! (Different if it's MY needs/wants of course!).

Giving is at the heart of God's Kingdom. God gave His Son to a mission; Jesus fulfilled the mission, giving His life. When he rose from the dead He gave all the glory back to God.

While it is a choice, only the grace of God can make giving truly free, with no strings of expectation attached.

But how much in life is really given freely and cheerfully, in the way God our Father freely gives us all things to enjoy?

Take for example the Christian "formula for success": daily quiet time of bible reading and prayer. If any motivation other than thanks GIVING to God is driving it, it will be dry and dull and probably not continue very long. (And then comes the guilt – a real killer of any relationship with God.)

How about loving one another – a biggie in the things Jesus looks for in His followers. The difference between dutiful obedience and joyful service are miles apart. One is dull and lifeless, the other full of adventure and fun!

When we love someone it is so easy to give: to spend and invest time and resources into the ones we love.

Just let me have an idea of a birthday gift on a Grandchild's wish list, and it is a DELIGHT to track down that gift... you all know, just look at how Christmas spending goes through the roof!

Give and it will be given to you ...with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. This is not the same as trading, investing, purchasing, or gambling. Rather it is giving freely, so you can receive freely (not to hoard possessions, but to increase your giving!)

It is in giving that we receive. Anything less than giving freely ultimately leaves us empty. Giving time or things away – whatever their value, opens us up to receiving greater love for others (who have our treasures) and for God who values these little sacrifices far beyond their monetary value: where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!

Will it always feel good? NO! Many times the sacrifices of love will be costly and painful, but later the reward of joy will come.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, because whenever our attention is on giving, serving, and loving another person, we most resemble our Heavenly Father, and THAT is the ultimate blessing!

Just as the cross Jesus died upon had two beams: a vertical (towards God) and a horizontal (towards people), so giving has two dimensions.

As we give love to one another we actually serve the God who supplies us the grace to GIVE – not under compulsion, but freely and cheerfully. We receive accepting love from God as we give accepting love to people. We receive mercy from God as we give mercy to people. We receive forgiveness of our sins as we forgive the sins of others (That sounds familiar!)

It is in giving that we truly receive.
Be blessed today!

Sue Peacock

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The association recently wrote to Jai Rowell, State Member for Wollondilly:

Dear Mr. Rowell,

Re: Menangle School

As you are aware the Education Department has reversed their commitment to a boundary adjustment and land swap deal with Wollondilly Council involving the Douglas Park School and the Menangle School.

Secondly, as you know Wollondilly Council are soon to receive a Heritage Review from Musecape Pty Ltd, about the Menangle Village and its surrounds. The Community goal is to achieve a Heritage listing for the Precinct of the Menangle Village and also for a Landscape Curtilage around it.

You will recall we delivered a petition to you in September, containing over 500 signatures in support of saving Menangle's heritage and requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss partnering with the DET to save the school, as it is an important cultural part of the "Birthplace of Australian Agriculture" and would provide an integral museum and education site of Australian Agricultural History.

Now that the DET has changed its mind it is even more important to meet the Minister to discuss the above. Would you be so kind as to approach him again for a meeting to discuss this and to also include a council representative.

Menangle Sand and Soil celebrates a milestone

by Amanda Partridge



Menangle Sand and Soil has been an integral part of Benedict Industries for 20 years.

MENANGLE Sand and Soil has recently celebrated 20 years as part of Benedict Industries.

The 30-year-old business was acquired by Benedict Industries in 1991.

It is Sydney's largest supplier of soils, producing specialised golf course and bowling green blends, as well as garden mixes and top dressing sands.

Benedict Industries managing director Ernest Dupere said the Menangle facility had become an important part of the company since it was acquired 20 years ago.

"Our Menangle site is an integral part of our company and an important resource," he said.

"It contains more than 70 per cent of Sydney's approved top soil reserves and has a proven track record of supplying consistent and quality soil products."

"We look forward to spending many more years as part of the fabric of the Menangle community."

DURHAM GREEN

The second half of Durham Green has commenced with a construction fence around the first stage area. Nine houses are to be built, five being along the front of Menangle Road, deposits having been lodged for many of them.

Recent rain has delayed construction, however as soon as conditions are right the bulldozers will move in and get rid of those ugly mounds of earth. The front is to be raised about a metre in accordance with Council requirements, but its appearance will be similar to the existing front on the north of the entrance. A further two houses are to be built along the front at a later stage. This is to leave an entrance for construction vehicles when the other houses are to be constructed. A plan has been approved for the beautification of the roundabout just inside the main entrance.

A supporting response has been received from Busways, Camden, supporting our request to extend the route 889 bus which currently stops at the Menangle Store to terminate at the bus stop at Durham Green. We are waiting approval from the Department of Transport. If approved the people in and around St James Avenue may be able to apply for a bus stop at their corner. Picton Bus service also runs a pensioner bus service to Macarthur Square on Mondays only at 8.30am and will pick up passengers at the Durham Green bus stop if requested by ringing 46771664 the previous Friday. This bus will then leave Macarthur Square at 1.06pm for the return trip.

Leon Warren



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Despite the inclement weather on Saturday 3rd March, a small and hardy bunch of folk turned up at "The Store" to participate in the annual "Clean-Up Australia Day" activities.

Wollondilly Council provided a rubbish skip which was located outside the School of Arts in Station St.

Armed with bags, gloves and litter sticks, the participants radiated away from the Store to collect rubbish, mainly upon Menangle, Morton Park and Woodbridge Roads. Stevens and Station Street also received attention.

Although the number of people that turned out was rather small by midday a substantial amount of rubbish had been collected. This was evident by the number of bags in the skip.

Special thanks to Sue Peacock who acted as our coordinator and also to John Redmond at "The Store" who fired up the Bar-B-Cue and provided a sausage sizzle and other refreshments.

Lastly, a special mention to Merle Graham from Douglas Park and Marjet Bedi from Bradbury, who elected to support the Menangle effort instead of activities closer to their residences. Thanks to all who did participate and we look forward to another committed effort in 12 months time.

Regards,
Dave Black

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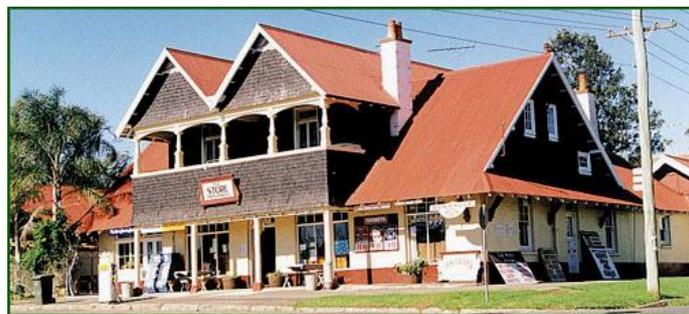
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CAMDEN AGLOW MARCH MEETING

Wednesday 21st March meeting will be at
Essen Restaurant - Queen St, C'town
@10.30am with lunch to follow
All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden
ph. 4655 7735

BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area
Hourly Rate: \$8; ph 46338543
References available

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.

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