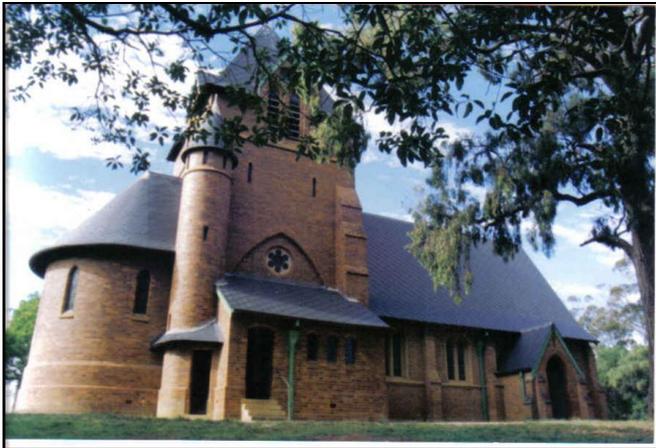


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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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]
At the Rectory – 5 Sulman Place

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm Fridays

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

ALPHA

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or Steve 4633 8594



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www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

St. Patrick's Church



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

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Robert George
4th James Porteous
4th Stephen Cross
9th Harry Warner
13th Patricia Costello
14th William Lamrock-George
14th Sue Lamrock
17th Reece Collison
18th Jimmy Anderson
22nd Natalie Hughes
22nd Timothy Malone
22nd Cliff Bonamy
25th Vicky Jeffree
26th Steve Collison



POET'S CORNER

TODAY

Today is ours – let's live it,
And love is strong – let's give it.
A song can help – let's sing it,
And peace is dear – let's bring it!

The past is gone – don't rue it,
Our work is here – let's do it,
The world is wrong – let's right it,
If evil comes – let's fight it!

The road is rough – let's clear it,
The future vast – don't fear it,
If faith's asleep – let's wake it,
Today is free – let's take it!!!

Russ Tyson

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

A Good Report

There is a story in the bible about a team of the 12 best warriors Israel could find, going in to spy out the Promised Land.

Ten of the spies saw only the giants, and the other two: Joshua and Caleb saw the huge bunches of grapes, the fertility of the land, and its beauty. While Caleb was excitedly describing all the amazing attributes of this place God had promised would be theirs, the other ten mighty men only described the giants and how much bigger and stronger and better armed than the Israelites they were.

Sadly the crowd was swayed by the bad report of the ten, and they, and all who agreed with them, wandered around the desert for 40 years and perished before ever entering the Promised Land of Israel.

When I was in Israel last month, Odi, our tour guide entreated us to "Bring a good report."

Israel is a little parcel of land with a population of 7 million people, and is in the news on a daily basis. It is a land hard won and well loved by its people; a land that leads the world in technology research, medical research, Nobel Peace Prize winners, and fine arts — in the midst of fighting to survive its aggressive neighbours. Each generation of Israelis spend the first years out of High School in military service, and from then on have a refreshing of their knowledge and military skills each year.

It is the only democratic country in the Middle East, and its citizens, whether Jewish, Moslem or Christian, all have freedom of worship. One Moslem Israeli news reporter stated that Israel is the only place in the Middle East where he is able to report the truth!

It truly is a jewel in the desert, with extensive gardens and millions of trees (many of them native Australian Eucalypts!) all watered by millions of kilometres of drip irrigation hosing.

Limestone is the only material approved for the outside walls of all buildings in Israel. The colour of the limestone varies from place to place, but the net effect is glorious — the gold veins in the limestone reflect the sun, creating a beautiful brightness, and tie the many designs and shapes into a harmonious unity.

As well as bringing a good report about Israel, I felt I was also being commissioned to bring a good report about people and circumstances back home here in Menangle.

The "good" spies factored God's goodness and His power into their thinking. And, even though they waited and walked around the desert for 40 years with all the others, their report was proven to be right!

If I have faith and trust God's goodness towards me, and His willingness and power to intervene, redirect, and influence the outcomes of all my relationships and circumstances, then I will always have a good report. When I am faithless, I report on all that is wrong, lacking, annoying, discouraging, or too difficult.

Our eternal destiny hangs in the balance of our words: Jesus said "By your *[faith-filled]* words you will be justified; by your *[faithless]* words you will be condemned."

I pass the commission on to each of you dear readers: Bring a good report!

Sue Peacock

PLEA FOR NEW LINK ROAD

BY ALEXANDRA PLEFFER

MACARTHUR'S three councils will officially beg Premier Barry O'Farrell to deliver — as fast as possible — another major road between Campbelltown and Camden.

The Macarthur Regional Organisation of Councils — representing Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly — has agreed to write to the state government to urge it to fast-track delivery of a new road connecting Spring Farm and Menangle Park, south of Mount Annan Botanic Garden.

Campbelltown councillor Paul Lake, who moved the motion at this month's council group meeting, said the area desperately needed another major road between Campbelltown and the Narellan growth centre. "We can't wait 20 years, and we can't just put Band-Aid solutions, we've got to do positive stuff," Cr Lake told the Advertiser. "We're just going to have to bite the bullet."

Broughton Anglican College principal Don O'Connor said another connecting road would bring more students to that school and make life easier for the parents of existing students. "One of our biggest feeder areas is Mount Annan and Currans Hill, so at the moment our parents go through Narellan Road and Campbelltown," Mr O'Connor said. "At the moment, distance-wise we're close, but road-wise and time-wise it can be quite a lengthy trip."

Chief executive of Tabcorp Park Menangle John Dumesny said the road would allow people driving to and from the paceway to avoid clogging Narellan Road during peak hour. "It will help us in helping others, in that we won't be bringing through Macarthur shopping centre all the heavy traffic of horse floats," Mr Dumesny said. "Already many of our people that come here have devised their own alternate routes to come through the back way through Camden." "All that traffic that comes down the highway — and 80 per cent of it comes from the north — will be able to bypass Campbelltown or Macarthur shopping centre as such and bypass the Hume Highway and go straight into Menangle Park."

President of MACROC and Wollondilly councillor Benn Banasik said the road would also help Wollondilly residents, businesses and local tourism. "We're going to contact the government and say that MACROC, as a representative body of all three Macarthur councils, sees it as an integral part of infrastructure in Macarthur," he said. "Obviously the government's got a hard task on their hands because they've got a number of roads in the area that need to be done." "I want to see the government do it as fast as possible, but I don't want to see it pushed into the red on any projects."

MP Jai Rowell said he had already had many discussions about the need for the road and would continue to push for it. "I've been on the record for a long time supporting that and very much agree it's a vital piece of infrastructure that we need." "I will continue to lobby for that."

Camden MP Chris Patterson said he would ensure the proposal was looked at by the appropriate ministers once it was submitted to the state government.

IN THE NEWS

Macarthurs' Camden Park Merino Flock lives on...

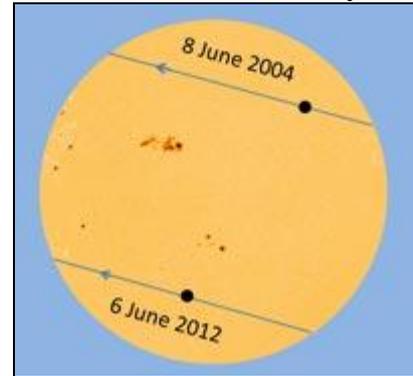


Descendants of John and Elizabeth Macarthur's Camden Park Merino Flock are doing well, 200 years on. Part of the flock is pictured here with Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute's farm foreman Greg Glasgow.

Story from Macarthur Chronicle online photo section.

TRANSIT OF VENUS

Venus will come between the Earth and the Sun on Wednesday June 6th 2012, between 8:16am and 2:44 pm, as visible from Eastern Australia. This rare event will not occur for another 105 years.



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This was the transit of Venus which included an expedition led by Captain James Cook and after which his expedition were the first Europeans known to have landed on the east coast of Australia. **Do not look at the Sun either directly or through a telescope or binoculars. To do so risks serious eye damage or blindness.**

For a direct safe view of the Sun, a pair of Sydney Observatory eclipse glasses can be purchased for \$5.00

Dog's Diary

8:00 am - Dog food! My favorite thing!

9:30 am - A car ride! My favorite thing!

9:40 am - A walk in the park! My favorite thing!

10:30 am - Got rubbed and petted! My favorite thing!

12:00 pm - Milk bones! My favorite thing!

1:00 pm - Played in the yard! My favorite thing!

3:00 pm - Wagged my tail! My favorite thing!

5:00 pm - Dinner! My favorite thing!

7:00 pm - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!

8:00 pm - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favorite thing!

11:00 pm - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!

Cat's Diary

Day 983 of My Captivity

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength.

The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape. In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet. Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since this clearly demonstrates my capabilities. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a "good little hunter" I am. Bastards!

There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of "allergies." I must learn what this means, and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow, but at the top of the stairs.

I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches. The dog receives special privileges. He is regularly released, and seems to be more than willing to return. He is obviously retarded. The bird must be an informant. I observe him communicating with the guards regularly. I am certain that he reports my every move. My captors have arranged protective custody for him in an elevated cell, so he is safe . . . for now.

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Council's Proposed Landscape Conservation Area

- You may recall the Department of Planning required more research to be done to support our Council's proposed Menangle Landscape Conservation Area, which was planned to be an extension of the Menangle Heritage Conservation Area, to protect the landscape around the village. A draft report is soon to be presented to Council that we hope will confirm Council's own heritage consultant's recommendations in 2011 of this proposed extension.
- We understand this new report will also highlight the importance of the view opposite the shop, as being an integral part of the village history.
- The report writer also suggested that many of the village assets are progressively becoming hidden by trees and vegetation, and he suggested careful vegetation control would maintain the views to and from the village maintaining both the rural views and the building asset. So please consider our history and protect the views we have.

Hall

- The hall will soon be back in community ownership and we can begin repairing it. Thanks to those that have already volunteered to help.
- The first step in the repair is for David Hunt our engineer to examine the structure and recommend actions such as perhaps adding or to replacing the roof bottom ties and to inspect the walls, with the aim of firstly ensuring it is structurally sound.
- We can proceed then to fix up the window sill, doors, and front brick wall and steps, etc.
- The process will take some time, and Council has again promised the funds that were allocated to demolish it to assist in funding materials and ongoing running costs.

School

- The recent poll again confirms that residents want to preserve our Australian heritage. 117 households responded. 194 people voted for the option to sell all or part of the eastern common to save the 140 year old school. 7 were against and 2 were undecided. This is better than 95% in favour of option A, "to save more or all the school for the multiple uses suggested above, and to relinquish part or all of the eastern common to perhaps housing, in the future"
- Council has written to the Dept of Education requesting a meeting to pursue options that will preserve our so far complete village cultural assets and history.
- We are hoping the offer of the Men's Sheds and Campbelltown Wood turners still stands and that will help us get the buildings up and usable again.

House Survey

- Part of the problem of the village history is the poor record keeping. We aim to begin an oral history of the cottages and bungalows, to ensure this is not lost. So soon we will be asking for your help in recording the history you know.

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