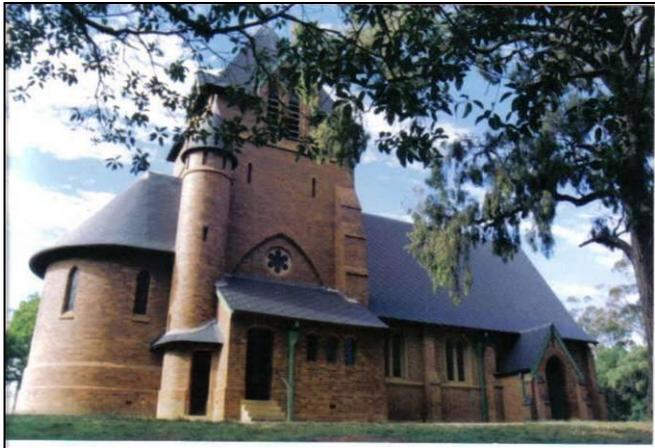


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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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.

Seminar

Presented by Haydn Sennitt
Liberty Christian Mission

Teaching about homosexuality and relational wholeness

www.libertychristianministries.org.au

2.30pm 19th Aug
at the church

You can view the church website to see a calendar of all events, listen to the weekly sermon, see photos, read the history and catch up with the latest news from our missionary families:

www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

St. Patrick's Church



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

BIRTHDAYS

3rd Coopa
4th Samuel Black
8th Mitchell Holz
10th Doug Worthington
11th Taylor Haines
12th Sue Peacock
17th Yvonne Anderson
23rd Meredith Cross
24th Megan Ashton
25th John Rowells
26th Karen McFarlane
26th Lilian Borg
26th Jasmine Haines



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MENANGLE RESIDENTS KATE TERRY, JASON BURT & MATT DEETH have formed a team to stand for East Ward in the upcoming local government elections on 8th September. You can see more information on their website: www.kateterry.com.au There is also a shortened version of their press release on the back page.

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RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Rainbow grace

I have always thought of myself as a "black and white" kind of person - things are right or wrong, and life is pretty clear cut. I know and appreciate people who are "shades of grey" kind of people, often they are very much easier to get along with than my kind.

The bible talks about "law" and "grace" the two choices we have for being right with God.

Law keeping requires a full time commitment to obeying all kinds of strenuous practices, including offering sacrificial animals etc.

Grace requires a full time commitment to trusting the One who kept the Law of God perfectly, Jesus, and makes His home in our hearts when we put our faith in Him.

Under law we TRY, under grace we TRUST.

God is LIGHT, and God is LOVE: the BIG quality, the all encompassing quality that motivates surrounds and upholds everything else is the white light of God's love.

The bible says that "the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"

The three primary colours in the spectrum are: red, yellow and blue - the colours of fire!

Righteousness would be red - we are made righteous by the blood that came from the wounds Jesus Received during His crucifixion: the one completely righteous life given in exchange for your life and mine.

Peace would be blue: the colour of the Holy Spirit, the colour of a cloudless sky, the colour of still water. The peace we find when we are reconciled to God, to ourselves and to other people.

And joy would be yellow: the colour of sunshine and laughter.

All together they are the colours of fire. Fire that gives warmth, and fire that gives light.

So the kingdom of God is meant to be a warm, happy, peaceful, safe place. On earth! I can imagine heaven as being like that, but when Jesus taught us to pray He said "pray like this.... Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

Are we allowing the essence of the Kingdom of God to be experienced in our homes, our work places, our community. Are we carrying the fire of righteousness, peace and joy into every relationship, every situation?

The world will be brighter and happier and better when we do!

God Bless,

Sue Peacock

IN THE NEWS

Tree House Mystery



Water reservoir at Menangle photographed in the 1930s *Photo: Riley Collection, Campbelltown City Library*

This is an update to last month's article by Tim the Yowie Man in 'The Age'....

During the week I caught up with Marie Holmes, research officer with the Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society, who reports that the wooden structure with roof (and a small one on the western side of the freeway) "attracts quite a lot of questions".

In an attempt to get to the bottom of the mystery once and for all, a few years ago the history buff spoke with Annette Macarthur-Onslow, a descendent of the famous Macarthurs who were the first settlers to work the land, who advised that the structure is, wait for it...a water tank.

Apparently it was used to store water from the nearby Nepean River for use in the property's dairy and butter factory and for a time also serviced the Menangle township. The tank held about 8000 gallons of water and the water was transported by an open wooden trough to where it was to be used. Unfortunately, the trough is no longer remaining.

Annette also advised Marie that the smaller wooden structure on the western side of the freeway is a remnant of a slaughterhouse and was used to hang the meat.

Special thanks also to super sleuth reader Jas Hugonnet, of Hughes, who helped me track down the current owner of the property who confirmed, "it's simply an old concrete-lined water tank", and who seemed somewhat annoyed at the fuss his elaborate wooden structure had caused.

Several readers may not be easily convinced by this explanation.

These include Wal Glennon, of Duffy, who writes, "Having grown up in the area, I can tell you this 'tree house' was in fact the commentary box for the original Menangle showground and trots, and the trees were not there 50 years ago. It was a popular spot for all and sundry to get out of the heat and mingle, as kids we fought off many invading tribes and won the hearts of many fair maidens, one of whom I rescued and married and for the last 42 years as we pass the 'tree house', we remember the old times."

Then there's Peter Murray, of Red Hill: "By now a RAAF historian should have told you of the RAAF air defence system for Sydney during World War II. Your tree house is a surviving relic of that system and was originally built as a watch tower in the days before radar to detect enemy aircraft approaching Sydney from the west."

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/travel/blogs/yowie-man/getting-tanked-20120707-21nud.html#ixzz20AK3OsCd>

Menangle Village Hall Working Bee

A very special thank you to our volunteers, for donating their time and labour during the first Menangle Village Hall working Bee.

These wonderful volunteers were: Kate Terry, Angus Terry, Evelyn Terry, Graham Noyes, Steve Davis, Maurice Blackwood, Alicia Eirth, Laura Egan-Burt and Jason Burt.

The Menangle Community Association Inc. has recently re-acquired the Hall. There are many planned uses for the hall, however it needs quite a lot of work.

We urgently require volunteers to help fix the hall.

If you can provide time, expertise or both, please contact Laura Burt on 0410515621



From this
to this...



Update: Menangle Heritage, School, Hall and Development Proposals

You may recall in 2011 the association called for a Landscape Conservation Area around the village, following the proposed Industrial Park on Moreton Park Road. Another proposal followed this year, for 450 houses on both sides of the railway station, called the Station Street development, by the same proponents.

Council accepted our suggestion of a landscape conservation area, and applied to the Department of Planning. They were then instructed to do more research, and so they invested \$12,000 in a second report, which is now on our web site website www.menangle.com.au in "pages" and towards the bottom "Chris Betteridge-landscape Conservation Area Report."

This is an extensive heritage report, with comprehensive detail about Menangle's heritage as well up to date interpretations of the acts, the heritage charters, and importantly it confirms the need for a Landscape Conservation Area, to protect the village's rural heritage and character. The suggested conservation area is essentially across the ridges, and stretches across the EMAI, to Mt Taurus, to Spaniards Hill, and across the F5 going behind Gilbulla and following the river.

Unfortunately, the report does say in the Executive Summary Parr 7 and 9, that there are some opportunities for residential and rural developments in three specific areas with controls. Council have then gone on to list three potential areas for limited development in their application to the Department.

Another major point the report makes, is the need to preserve the Rotolactor paddock, as it provides the village's rural setting, and of course, it links together all the heritage assets around it, and in our view is very important to the village's preservation.

We now own the hall again and Council are progressing with the purchase of the heritage school, so this is all good news, but it is the committee's view, that at some point in the future when the Council elections are over that things will hot up as decisions are pending on these two developments, so we will again need to give Council a clear mandate depending on what emerges.

Menangle Community Assoc. Inc.

LOCALS STAND FOR COUNCIL

The 2012 Wollondilly Shire Council election is shaping up to be different from past elections with Kate Terry and her independent team calling on everyone to be a part of the conversation and have their say.

Kate Terry, who lives in Menangle with her husband, Jason, and two children, has stepped up to the plate running as an East Ward candidate in the upcoming Wollondilly Council election on the 8th of September and has got the drive to get things done. Her experience has included successfully lobbying both Local and State government in protecting our local area from large scale developments and fighting to conserve local assets that need protection to preserve all that is beloved about Wollondilly.

Kate is the founding member of Menangle Action Group, and is a member of the Menangle Community Association. She also currently serves as a Member of the Agricultural Reference Group – Sydney Region; and contributes to the Planning Review Panels, discussing the flaws with “community consultation” processes (State Government).

With the election just four weeks away, Kate is optimistic about the possible outcomes. "There is a real sense that we are the underdogs going into this election but our goal is to really make sure that there is a strong local voice for our villages and also the shire that people will sit up and take notice of. We need to raise the level of debate so that new ideas and approaches can be discussed with the community and they can have their input."

The other members of Kate's hard-working and committed team are Jason Burt and Matthew Deeth. Jason is a police officer and lives in Menangle along with his wife, Laura, and two daughters.

Jason's motivation for becoming a councillor stems from a desire to make sure the area is looked after for his two daughters well into the future and, in turn, making sure the best outcome is reached for everyone. "Someone needs to stand up and make sure that whatever changes happen in Wollondilly, they will benefit our kids of today and our future generations."

Jason has been successful in lobbying local and state government in protecting local assets like the old Menangle School and Menangle hall. He also has a strong focus on infrastructure in Wollondilly, from better roads and positive action programs to reduce road trauma, to social infrastructure within the shire and improving existing assets. "We need to be looking at what resources we have, how we can we be more efficient with those resources to make sure that our roads and shire are safe places for everyone. There is no silver bullet to solve all these issues – but we need to have fresh ideas and new thinking to tackle them."

Matthew has lived in the shire his whole life, and now lives in Menangle with his wife, Sarah.

"There is nowhere else you would want to live! Wollondilly has so much that the greater Sydney area can't offer. Our quality of life is unbeatable. We should be proud of our shire and looking to really capitalise on promoting and enhancing existing opportunities." "I remember growing up in Wollondilly and the opportunities that I had as a kid – from riding your bike around freely, to knowing everybody in town. I think we need to make sure that those experiences we sometimes take for granted are valued and built upon when looking at how we might have sustainable and consultative growth."

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