

# 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  
[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

#### KIDS' HOLIDAY CLUB BOOT CAMP

At St James' Church  
1<sup>st</sup> week of School Holidays  
9am – 12.30pm 24-28<sup>th</sup> September  
Cost: \$15 for the week  
Registration form available on church  
website or from 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](http://www.menangle.anglican.asn.au)

## St. Patrick's Church



**Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm.

### BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Holz  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Maher  
6<sup>th</sup> Mick Starr  
6<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Terry  
9<sup>th</sup> Sue Black  
9<sup>th</sup> Joanna  
13<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Perentin  
14<sup>th</sup> Shardanne Jasmine  
14<sup>th</sup> Johanna Fulton  
15<sup>th</sup> Jake Peacock  
16<sup>th</sup> Christine  
17<sup>th</sup> Joshua Charles  
18<sup>th</sup> Amy Warner  
18<sup>th</sup> Adam Taylor  
22<sup>nd</sup> Alan Robertson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Celtie Williams  
23<sup>rd</sup> Rhiannan Perentin  
24<sup>th</sup> Grace Culpan  
25<sup>th</sup> David Gilyeat  
25<sup>th</sup> Garry Butler  
26<sup>th</sup> Meredith Wilson  
28<sup>th</sup> Ray Jeffrey  
30<sup>th</sup> Stephen Rochaix



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or by dropping a note to 10 Station St.

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS by Sue Peacock

Spring has arrived – beautiful blossoms and buzzing bees abound! Spring is the time when nature’s face really shines, and colours are at their most intense – a feast for the eyes and the heart!

Even though the natural world has been awakening, I have been feeling dark and wintery on the inside. I KNOW that Jesus died for my sin, that He rose again to give me new life, and that He sent His Spirit to dwell within me to live my life for me, filling me with righteousness, peace and joy.

So, having taken all the prescribed steps of faith, why do I not have the results promised?

Of course the answer is all about mind-sets, and thinking patterns, about being transformed and renewed, learning to see life from God’s perspective – the BIG PICTURE!

I have heard this message about “renewing my mind” many, many times. The way most often taught is to read the bible more, pray more, have a daily time with God. I have practiced these things for over 30 years. They are all good habits, but they have not thawed out the permafrost in my soul this spring. I honestly cannot try harder! Praise God for REVELATION when self- effort is exhausted!

I read an article by Graham Cooke called “The Blueprint of Renewing Your Mind” and it has done what was needed for me. Especially when he added the comment “It’s not that hard!”

Graham tells a parable about a man moving to a new house after living 20 years in his old house. As he leaves work the first afternoon, old habits kick in and he heads down the road for his old house. He arrives and remembers he no longer lives there, so he turns around and drives to his new house. Over a period of time he wastes less and less time going back to the old address, until one day he navigates straight to his new home and never looks back.

Believers in Jesus live at a new address now. We live in a new house. We have moved from the old house where we experienced fear, worry, envy, bitterness, pride, gossip, and discouragement (make your own list!!!)

We live in our Father’s House where love, contentment, kindness, humility, gratitude, and courage abound.

Graham also points out that moving house means we travel a different way to the shops, the gym, the service station etc. All aspects of our lives will be affected by our change of address.

I have taken the time to identify all my “Old House” attitudes and find a “New House” blueprint – e.g. “Ingratitude” – All things are for my sake, that grace may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 4:15)

Below is the link to the full article: may you also find rest for your soul!

<http://www.iamaspirit.org/archives/2432>

## BEERSHEBA DAY

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

CELEBRATING

THE AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE CHARGE

4pm watch the film “The LightHorsemen”

Followed by a sausage sizzle

At the Peacock’s House.

10 Station St, Menangle



RSVP 4633 8261 by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## HISTORY SNIPPETS

Horses and Menangle Park have always gone hand-in-hand. Racing events had been held on the site of the modern course as early as the 1860s.

After the opening of the racecourse in 1914, it became a makeshift army camp and was used to train troopers in the famous Australian Light Horse. As World War I drew to an end in 1918, a host of new housing estates were launched across Campbelltown. And the grassy paddocks adjoining the popular racecourse were no exception.

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The following is taken from Wikipedia:

The Menangle Park Racecourse was opened in 1914 and after the outbreak of World War I, it was requisitioned as an army camp used for the Australian Light Horse. The facility was returned to the owners for horse racing, until 18 November 1941, when the racecourse was again taken over by the military during World War II.

The racecourse was converted into a military camp, providing camping and training facilities for Royal Australian Air Force constructed an aerodrome at the site in 1942, which went through the middle of the racecourse, which was known as Menangle Aerodrome. The aerodrome was a satellite aerodrome for RAAF Station Schofields and the runway was 5,000 feet (1,500 m) long and 150 feet (46 m) wide. Seven splinterproof pens and five concealed hideouts were constructed at the aerodrome. The site was also used as an aircraft park for HMS Nabthorpe, a Royal Navy Mobile Operational Naval Air Base, based at Schofields.

Units based at Menangle Aerodrome

No. 1 Squadron RAAF

No. 15 Squadron RAAF

No. 23 Squadron RAAF

No. 83 Squadron RAAF

No. 164 Radar Station RAAF

After the abandonment of Menangle aerodrome, the site was a location for scenes for the film *Smithy* based on the historic flight of Charles Kingsford Smith.

Colin Renshaw

# Menangle Heritage Open Days

<u>Buildings and tours</u>	<u>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</u>	<u>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Camden Park House	12 to 4.00 pm	10 to 4.00pm	\$10 per head
St James	10 to 4.00 pm	12 to 4.00 pm	Free
Gilbulla	10 to 4.00 pm	10 to 4.00 pm	\$5 per head
Menangle General Store	7 to 5.00 pm	7 to 5.00 pm	Free
Menangle Self guided walking Tours	Available from the Menangle Store	Any time	Gold coin donation.

There are many historic buildings and places in the Menangle Valley from Douglas Park to Camden and from Razorback to the Nepean River. This area is famous for many reasons but the major ones are:-

1. It is the site of the 1788 First Fleet "Cowpastures", (where the escaped cattle that had much multiplied, were discovered).
2. It is the area of Australia's first pastoral company, the "Camden Park Estate", which by 1930 was a vast 28,000 acre pastoral property.
3. And lastly, it had the famous Australian "Rotolactor", at Menangle, a revolutionary rotary dairy milking machine.

## 1899 Gilbulla

- Built by Major-General the Hon. J.W. Macarthur-Onslow as a home for his family.
- Architectural design Sir John Sulman and his partner Joseph Porter Power
- The large homestead is well preserved and is a fine example of Federation Arts & Crafts architecture
- Property set on 54 acres with beautiful gardens, and heritage trees such as English Oaks and Bunya Bunya Pines
- Tracts of the critically endangered Cumberland Forest
- Chapel built from logs with bark attached, and a striking northern glass wall
- From 1943 it served as a Red Cross rehabilitation centre for WW2 veterans.
- Sold to the Anglican Church in 1949 and then to Ellel Ministries in 2002
- Now a beautiful retreat and conference centre owned by Ellel Ministries

## 1876, St James Anglican Church "the church on the hill"

- Foundation stone laid 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1876 and built by the Macarthur family as part of Camden Park Estate.
- The chancery, sanctuary and tower were built to John Sulman's design in 1898, to harmoniously blend with the earlier section of the church built to Horbury Hunt's design (who also designed the "fairy tale" Camelot, in Camden).
- It was consecrated 25<sup>th</sup> October 1923 and given to the local Diocesan Property Trust.
- Chancel was built by Elizabeth Macarthur Onslow in 1898.
- Organ 1902, purchased by Elizabeth Macarthur Onslow, was hand pumped till 1947 when an electric motor was installed.
- Significant stained glass windows, Polished oak interior panelling.
- One of few churches with a weather vane instead of a cross on the steeple.
- Peel of six bells installed in 2005, and augmented to a peel of 8 in 2011.

## 1904 Menangle Store

- The Menangle Store built in 1904, also to the design of the prominent architect firm Sulman and Power.
- The Store Manager bought provisions, stores, seed, fertiliser and fuels used across the area and having a liquor license, was a centre for community gatherings especially with the community hall next door.
- Cool rooms, domed brick well, butcher room and chill room and baker's ovens are still to be seen.

## Menangle Self Guided Walking Tours

The self guided Tour Sheets are available from the General Store for a gold coin donation. There are three short 10 to 15 minute walks, which explain the area and Menangle's history. These tours are becoming more popular as they get more publicity in the press and via the website.

## LOCAL NEWS

### AGL gas emission checks fail at Menangle

BY MEGAN GORREY

AGL ENERGY says there are no negative effects on the air surrounding its Rosalind Park Gas Plant despite admitting it failed to properly monitor the site for the past three years.

In a statement last week, the company revealed it had breached the conditions of its environment protection licence by not monitoring the plant's gas emissions regularly enough.

It is believed monitors on the Menangle mining plant's exhaust stacks became erratic and failed in 2009 and were not replaced.

Instead, AGL carried out only quarterly monitoring at the site, which is part of stage two of the Camden Gas Project. Continuous air monitoring is used to ensure gas emissions do not exceed the allowable limits.

AGL said senior managers learned of the error during an internal review and notified the Environmental Protection Authority.

Scenic Hills Association spokeswoman Jacqui Kirkby said the organisation was deeply concerned by the oversight. "Who knows whether it's a cultural attitude there or incompetency," she said.

"But it [went on] for three years and no-one picked it up. "Despite a massive failure of the system to monitor the coal seam gas industry, AGL is now being allowed to engage its own consultants to self-investigate and self-report.

"We are not convinced by assurances from AGL's consultants that cars are a far greater polluter in the Campbelltown area than industry." Ms Kirkby said plans and submissions for the Project's proposed northern expansion, affecting parts of Campbelltown's western hills, were still being reviewed.

### Menangle proud to be stuck in 1800s

WOLLONDILLY Council has submitted a draft proposal to the state government to try to protect Menangle village's historic buildings and landscape.

Councillor Benn Banasik said the proposal takes in about a kilometre radius around the town. If approved, the proposal means future development cannot have an impact on historic buildings and ensures new buildings must be consistent with Menangle's 1800s look.

During the past decade residents have fought proposals for a rail port and industrial park in the rural village. The Menangle Association has pushed to see the area recognised as historically significant for three years. President Maurice Blackwood said Menangle was an isolated setting that was sensitive to Australia's agriculture heritage, through its connections to the Macarthurs.

"We're very happy with the report as it strengthens the protection for the heritage village and its setting, as it was the Camden Park employees' village, and the centre for Camden Park dairying and a major part of Australia's rural history," he said.

## ADVERTS



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### CAMDEN AGLOW AUGUST MEETING

10am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sep

in the **Ironbark Room** at Narellan Library

\$10 cover charge All Welcome

Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

### MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden

ph. 4655 7735

### BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area

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References available

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