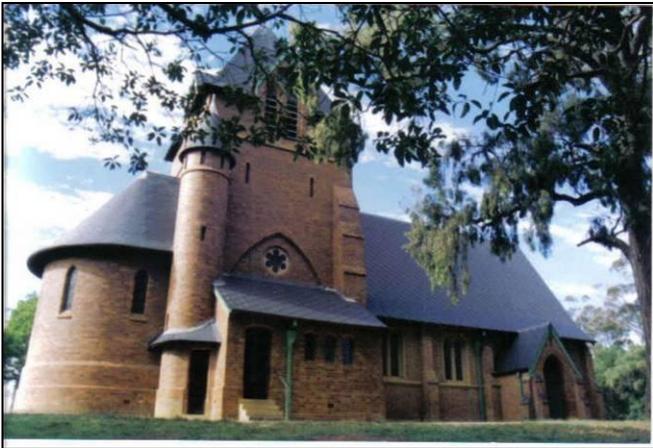


# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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.

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)

### Contributions welcome:

email: [byp257@gmail.com](mailto:byp257@gmail.com)  
or [charlesksmj@bigpond.com](mailto: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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm.

## Birthdays

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



## Anniversary

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

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: [byp257@gmail.com](mailto:byp257@gmail.com)

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
8am – 4pm

One or two hours work each  
will transform our village.

Pick a small area and make a difference!

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS by Sue Peacock

Love is patient and kind

There is a very popular passage about love in the bible, often read at weddings – it begins: “Love is patient and kind” and can be found in 1 Corinthians 13. If we could all somehow manage to consistently practice patience and kindness, marriages and families, classrooms, playgrounds, shopping centres and workplaces would all be heaven on earth! Maybe John Lennon was onto something after all! “All you need is love”.

Sadly, it is so much easier, more natural, more instinctive to be impatient, and unkind. To see what is wrong in others, rather than affirm what is right. And it is natural – “of a nature”, but not God’s nature, God’s nature is love. Think of His patience – those of you who have accepted His offer of salvation from your sins through putting your trust in the finished work of Jesus at Calvary. God patiently drew you through many years, and often many heartaches, to that point. And it was His kindness that lead you to repentance. (i.e. turning away from self-centred living towards God-centred living.) So – if we have been created in the image and likeness of God (who IS love) where does this other nature come from? The one that finds it “natural” to be impatient, and find fault. The fallen nature comes from the fallen one – Lucifer: the worship leader in heaven, who aspired to be greater than God, wanting self-rule, and fell from the presence of God in utter disgrace.

O.K. But how do we come to be in possession of this fallen nature? Sadly, we inherit it because our first parents brought into the lie that self-rule would be better than trusting God. They exchanged their birth right as God’s children, for the illusion of self-rule. The utterly amazing kindness of God is that our lives can be redeemed. The fallen nature can be displaced by the whole, loving, kind, patient nature of God Himself. We can be “born again” into a new nature, the Divine nature, the Holy Spirit.

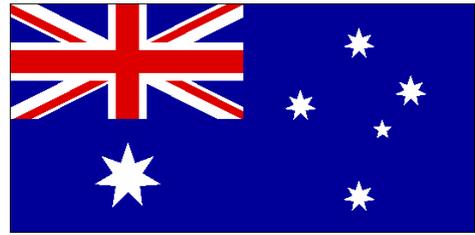
How?

1. Acknowledge to God that self-rule is sin – rebellion against Him and ask God’s forgiveness
2. Accept His forgiveness that is available through the sacrifice that Jesus paid for all our sins, all our sickness, all our troubles.
3. Make it public by the sacrament of water baptism.
4. Ask God the Father to fill you, and immerse you in Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Truth and Holy love.
5. PRACTISE, PRACTISE, PRACTISE!

Blessings and love

*Sue Peacock*

## MENANGLE COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



Local residents who gathered in The Fire Shed for the Great Australian Bite Breakfast on Australia Day enjoyed the best of company and good Aussie tucker cooked by the Fireys (a huge thank you to all the cooks and bottle washers!)

Several families kindly donated breakfast items which covered all costs, so we have contributed \$415 to the Fire Relief effort.

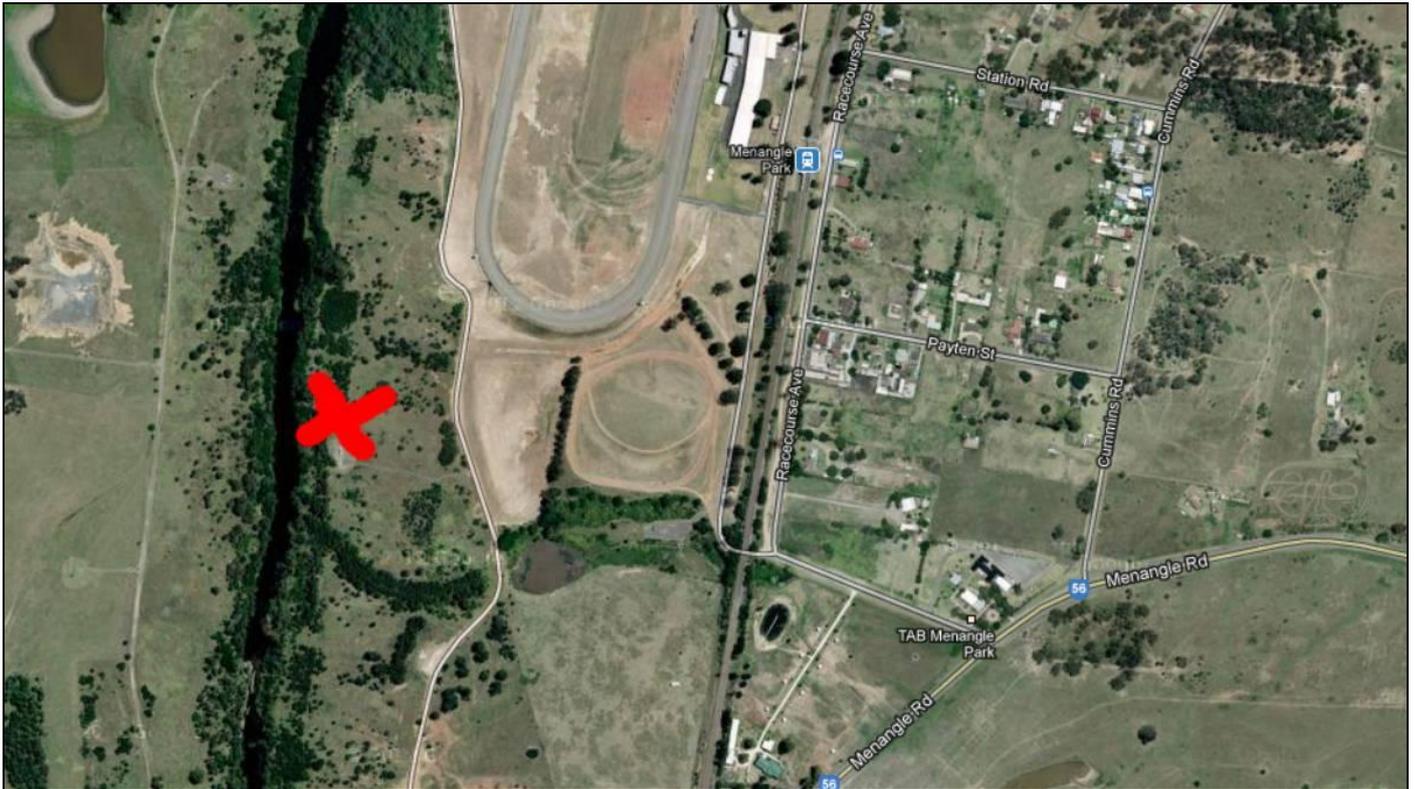
WELL DONE MENANGLE!

*Sue*



## Bubbles from Menangle Park well 'no risk' says AGL

By Megan Gorrey



The Menangle Park well location

SUSPICIOUS bubbles which emerged from a flooded AGL coal seam gas well beside the Nepean River at Menangle Park during last week's heavy rains have raised concerns over the industry's ability to monitor itself. Members of The Greens filmed the bubbles coming out of water surrounding the production well after it was inundated last Tuesday. Greens MP Jeremy Buckingham said it was "outrageous that it has been left to the Greens and the community to police this industry". "The company acknowledged that one of those wells would go underwater and when it did there was nothing done." AGL insisted the bubbles did not contain any methane gas and said the wells were sealed, secure and posed no risk to the community. Site inspections by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority and the state's gas distribution system owner Jemena did not find any traces of gas, AGL said. "[The bubbles] were due to the river bank being dry and when it has been soaked with rain, air trapped in the soil has been released to the surface," the spokeswoman said. Campbelltown Council strongly objected to one of the wells being drilled in the first place. This was due to its proximity to the river and the fact it was in a flood zone. General manager Paul Tosi said the council had called for a report into the incident. "Coal seam gas is still a matter that the council is concerned about and we always objected to that well," Mr Tosi said. "And we would still have concerns if serious flooding was to occur like we had in the late 1980s which would put the well metres under water." The incident comes one week after AGL announced it would introduce more stringent air and water quality monitoring measures as the EPA investigates a series of breaches of its licence. The company will work with the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Land and Water Commissioner Jock Laurie and the EPA to expand the current monitoring program. It would announce details of the new program on March 1. Jacqui Kirkby from the Scenic Hills Association said AGL had admitted it failed to carry out continuous air quality monitoring at its Rosalind Park Gas Treatment Plant for four years. She said the latest incident showed AGL should not be allowed to self-investigate and self-report. An EPA spokeswoman said: "The EPA's thorough investigation into potential breaches by AGL at Camden is near completion and the regulatory response will be made public when the process is completed." "The NSW Government is working to ensure that the coal seam gas industry is properly regulated and operates in a manner that minimises impacts on local environments and the community." Time is running out for residents who want to have their say on AGL's proposed expansion of its coal seam gas operations in Macarthur. Plans for stage three of the Camden Gas Project, which will cover most of Campbelltown's suburbs, are currently on public exhibition. Submissions close on Friday, February 8, and public hearings will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, February 25. Make a submission and view details of the hearings at [majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au).

## MCA NEWS

### Developments

The original application to build a business park and to develop land around Menangle for residential purposes is still current and being considered by the Joint Regional Planning Panel [JRPP].

Meanwhile...

The developers have submitted a second proposal to Wollondilly Council for widespread residential development in the "Rotolactor Paddock" and to the east of the railway station.

This plan has been modified, after negotiations with members of MCA, to restrict housing to the east of the railway station – although nothing has been officially submitted to council.

The advantage of this proposal is that it leaves the Rotolactor Paddock free of further housing and provides for the restoration of the buildings in the station precinct, including the Rotolactor itself. There is also a plan to utilise the site for an education facility highlighting the importance of agriculture. Once a formal submission is put before council residents will have opportunity to comment and lobby for any alterations. At this time traffic flow and other possible impacts on the village will need to be addressed by council and by residents.

MCA appreciates the developer's willingness to compromise on their plans to accommodate the preservation of some of Menangle's heritage sites. At the same time MCA reserves the right to be representatives of community opinion.

To this end we ask members of the community to carefully consider and respond to any further polling that is needed so that your voice can truly be heard and represented.

### School Land Auction

The block of land adjoining the Menangle School is to be auctioned on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.30am. As far as MCA is aware Wollondilly Council is proceeding with the acquisition of the School site.

### Menangle Hall

Preliminary inspections have revealed that many of the problems affecting the hall are related to poor drainage. The site is in need of major redirection of surface water before the foundations can be renewed and the floor replaced.

Hopefully, a subcommittee of MCA will be actively pursuing plans and funding to address these issues.

[www.menangle.com.au](http://www.menangle.com.au)

## ADVERTS



### THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

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### LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

from 7:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
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[next to Camden Showground]  
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### CAMDEN AGLOW JAN MEETING

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in the **Ironbark Room** at Narellan Library  
\$10 cover charge All Welcome  
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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### MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden  
ph. 4655 7735

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### BABYSITTING

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

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