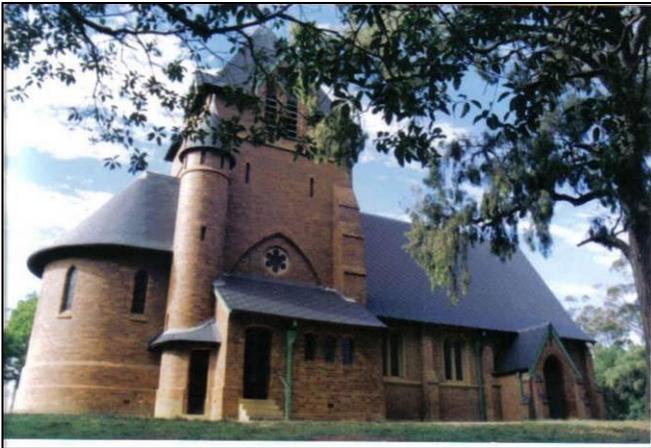


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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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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At the Rectory – 5 Sulman Place

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm Fridays

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday
8:30 am Traditional Service
10am Family Service
Hot cross bun morning tea!

Easter Sunday

8:30am Traditional Service
10am Family Celebration
Special morning tea will follow the service!
Bubs club / Sunday School for the children
6.15pm Evening Church

What's On at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
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or leave written articles at 10 Station St

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

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: byp257@gmail.com

Farewell to the Robertsons

Bill and Helen leave for Cowra in a few weeks; they have bought a house there. We all wish them well.

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS by Sue Peacock

Busy or Blessed?

Since we decided to buy the Franchise for Curves Narellan the number of things we need to do has, of course, increased. Like everyone else on the planet, we have a quota of just 168 hours each week. Prioritising, setting some boundaries, and following through have helped us keep afloat.

But, a revelation that has been of immense value to me has been a fresh, new concept of time.

Time, as we know it, is incremental, hour follows hour, day follows day etc. The way I imagine time unfolding is horizontal, like walking down a road step by step.

And that is true of natural, or physical, or created time – time as we know it.

But what of Eternal Time – is there such a thing? Or is God in every moment already and eternity intersects with natural time, a little bit like the cogs of 2 wheels turning, meeting and parting?

Or, and this is the bit I've been coming to, is Eternal Life a vertical concept? Heaven opening above us, and creating a capsule, around us, so that we live in the present, In God's presence, moment by moment, continuously.

The bible says that if we have Jesus, we have Eternal life. It doesn't say we will get eternal life when we die, but that we HAVE it NOW! (see 1 John 5) Eternal Life – life without beginning or end.

Embracing this concept means I can be lifting the eyes of my heart upward for provision for every task, every need, in every moment. Instead of planning, preparing, hunting and gathering, I can simply look to my Heavenly Father who has already stored up all the riches of Heaven for me to use here, on planet earth, now.

Am I any less busy? No and yes.

No, the tasks needing attention have not lessened, in fact even the grass seems to need mowing more often at the moment!

But, trusting in Heaven's supply of energy, wisdom and peace, I am less driven and more peaceful as I perform those tasks. I am at rest, even while I am working hard, and it is so much more fun!

If you have had enough of the rat race called time, perhaps you would like to enjoy the blessing and fulfilment of Eternal Life in Christ Jesus. It is only a prayer away!

LOCAL NEWS

Menangle Park land release needs link road first, says Lake

By Michael Cox

A proposed Spring Farm link road to the Hume Highway should be built before a plan for more than 3000 homes at Menangle Park goes ahead, Campbelltown councillor Paul Lake says.

He said the plan for the link road had been in the pipeline before the current state government was elected.

Cr Lake said the road, effectively connecting Campbelltown with Camden, would help ease the traffic snarls on Narellan Road.

A draft development control plan for Menangle Park and a planning proposal to rezone land in the area went on public exhibition yesterday.

The planning proposal seeks to rezone land within the Menangle Park urban release area for 3400 lots, a small commercial centre, employment land, community and recreation facilities and open spaces.

Cr Lake said it would be a case of "putting the cart before the horse again" if housing was released before connecting infrastructure was built.

Landcom general manager Robert Sullivan said the housing plan was in the feasibility stage and was moving towards a concept plan to present to the council.

IS THIS DEVELOPMENT IN A FLOOD ZONE?

In his submission to Campbelltown Council, Peter Ryan of "The Pines" writes:

The majority of this area (or was, until council changed the methodology for defining the flood zone) is located in a One-in-a-100-year Flood Zone. The last big flood that I am aware of was in 1988. The pictures I have of this flood clearly show the 'RIVERVIEW' Precinct underwater. In fact the floodwater extended as far north to line up with MENANGLE HOUSE (Horse & Jockey Hotel), to a level that the ground floor of the hotel was flooded to half way up the wall. The water level was so high to lap the top of the railway tunnel that is the vehicle entry into the racecourse (Cnr Racecourse Rd). If the 1988 flood were to be repeated, 90% of the 'RIVERVIEW' Precinct would be underwater. As this precinct is also subject to flooding what impact will flooding have on any proposed sewerage disposal in the 'RIVERVIEW' precinct? What protection from sewerage contamination of the Nepean River and Sydney's water supply from the dams up stream on the river being back filled with contaminated water are proposed? As most of the sewage infrastructure will be underground and below the water table of the river, even when it is not in flood, how will seepage be contained and any pumping stations be flood proofed?

POLL

Thank you to those that responded to the February poll about the alternative Station Street Development the committee has proposed. 77 homes and 154 people replied. Previously in the Moreton Park Road Industrial Park rezoning poll in April 2009, 239 homes and 466 people responded, which was over the whole valley. It found 95% were against the rezoning application in the school poll in April 2011 which was just the village, 117 households and 194 people responded. It found 95% were in favour of option A, "to save more or all the school by relinquishing the eastern common to the education Department.

The committee is concerned there has been a drop of about 25% in people responding to this poll compared to previous polls, so we are either not asking the right questions or people are confused or too busy to answer. Either way, the issue of this development and other probable development proposals, makes this an important poll to get right. We have all voted in the past to get the correct message to council, so next week will be asking those that did not reply what their views are in person.

The results so far, are that 60 homes and 118 people are in favour of saving the Rotolactor, etc and extending Moreton Park Road in exchange for housing to the east of the railway. The number of houses people want vary, but mostly the minimum number is requested. On the other side against development of any sort are 15 houses and 34 people totally against any more development other than the 17 lots already approved in 1970, and 2 people did not wish to offer an opinion.

SCHOOL

Council now own the half the school with the buildings on it including the toilets and the weather shed. The Education Department last weekend auctioned off their half of the land, and there were only two bidders on the day. We are pleased to hear that local builder, Jim Nelson, has bought it and plans to put one house on it, to give him more room for his family. He has to demolish the school residence as part of the contract as it is on both blocks. He had previously offered to help the community with the hall and is now wants to help with the school, as has the Campbelltown Wood turners and the local Men's Sheds. It's great that Jim and others are so prepared to help with the community projects.

HALL

The association has so far since May 2012, made the hall secure, cleaned it out, controlled the weeds, established that the drainage problems have caused the movements as well as the non-existent downpipes, that are causing the footings to move and collapse. We have organized temporary access through St Patrick's to do earth works and to put in a retaining wall at the back with proper drainage around the building. Quotes for termite spraying have also been received and there are no active nests in the building. Unfortunately the whole outside planking has borer, so we will be starting from the bottom up. Watch this space.

THE PATH TO NOWHERE

The Association has again contacted council about finishing the path below St James that just stops at the top of the hill down to Riversford. Mr. Dick Webb, Manager Infrastructure and Planning, is looking at it. We are suggesting the pathway be continued around St James following the contour height to the line of the St James gateway and then turn 90 degrees down to line up with the centre of the roadway as you look up Riversford to the church, so the view is leading up the road and up to the church. It would also add to the immediate area if the steps were a generous width, not a tiny width or they will look very out of place considering the large area around and the prominent large 1876 church behind. This will improve the barren hill we have now. This view is an identified view already in the Station street development approval in the 1970s. The hill is very steep and drainage problems have been experienced by the neighbours, so keeping the pathway away from them and possibly ensuring this extension is not a drainage problem in extreme events also to across the road would also be a help.

See all the photos of Australia Day breakfast at www.menangle.com.au

AROUND MENANGLE

The following article is an excerpt from a report for Illawarra Coal prepared by Michael Pearson [Heritage Management Consultants PTY LD].

MENANGLE RAILWAY STATION GROUP

Built in 1864 on the Great Southern Railway Line at South Menangle, the station is one of the earliest in the district and pre-dates the construction of the Picton Loop Line and the Picton-Mittagong loop line. The construction of the rail line opened new markets to local farmers and businesses as well as allowing the influx of goods from other areas, including Sydney. The coming of the railway resulted in the social and economic growth of the region and ventures such as the Menangle Creamery were dependent upon it for the transport of their product. One of the buildings in the station group is a small, single storeyed building complex of painted brick and weatherboard components.

The earliest buildings (in the centre of the group) include a square, planned, hipped roofed residence with central 4-flued chimney flanked by a pair of hipped roofed station buildings which front onto the main platform. The two wings are linked to each other by a skillion roofed verandah. All of these buildings are of painted brickwork with timber-framed sash windows (a mix of 4 x 12 pane sashes) and 4 panelled doors.

Later additions (generally of weatherboards) with a mix of hipped and gabled roofs have been added to the north, south and west of the original buildings.

Menangle station group is one of the earliest station complexes to survive in the state. It is a combination station building and residence which has had substantial additions. Although the second platform and building have been demolished for a new platform the remaining up buildings and platform are of very high significance in the development of railway buildings.

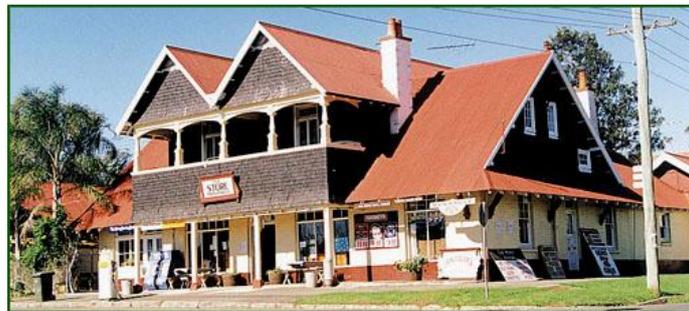
Significant features of this building are its lack of awning to the platform, the unusual planning of the building with detached wings, room for porters, no waiting room and the asymmetrical elevations. The remaining structures are of national significance in conjunction with the railway underbridge listed separately.

Menangle Railway Station is significant through its historical associations as one part of the early stage of development of the Main Southern Railway Line. The location of the station at South Menangle also encouraged the growth of the southern village at the expense of the settlement on the northern side of the river. The station also has aesthetic significance as a good typical representative example of a small 19th century country railway station building of the combined 'residence and station offices' type. This significance is enhanced by the high degree of intactness of the buildings form and fabric, including such features as the early platform weighing machine.

Additionally, the station has aesthetic significance as a notable and attractive landmark in views both to and from the adjacent Menangle Village.

Check out the station buildings as part of the Menangle Walking Tour – available at The Store.

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