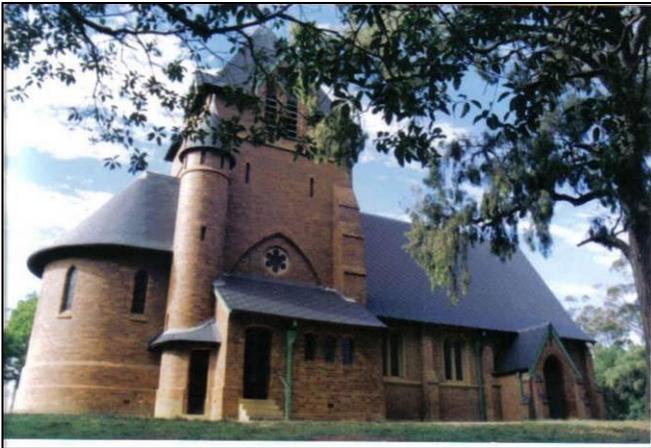


THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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.

Contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com
or leave written articles at 10 Station St

You can also elect to receive a copy of the Menangle News by email.

Anniversary

1st Jason & Brenda Kyle-Brown
4th Troy and Katie Mealing
17th Robert & Melissa Lamrock-George
23rd Geoff & Christine Hughes

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

St. Patrick's Church



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

Birthdays

4th Clayton Butler
5th Andrew Black
5th Michelle Campbell
6th Carol Redmond
11th Nancy Caffyn
12th Margaret Ritchie
14th Christine Hughes
19th Vicki Blight
21st Brittanie McFarlane
23rd Emily McFarlane
23rd Monica Symons (nee Charles)
24th Nikita Reece
27th Paul Shipley
29th Katie Mealing
30th Peter Gordon



CAMDEN AGLOW APRIL MEETING

Wednesday April 17th

10am – 12.15 at Narellan Library (Upstairs)

“Lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

Even though the sin nature has been crucified when we entrusted our lives to Jesus, sin habits can still ensnare us.

At our April Meeting we have brilliant teaching by Graham Cooke that will empower us to lay aside every weight and sin so our lives run freely and well.

If you are weighed down by resentment, or unworthiness, or anger, or doubt – you can be free of them all – now that is good news!

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

If we see earth from earth's perspective, we see problems, and set about finding solutions. The most successful people in this scenario are the best problem solvers, - hardworking, focussed, passionate people and they often have lots of money.

If we see earth from Heaven's perspective we see opportunities and possibilities and permission to have fun exploring them. The most successful people in this scenario are full of joy, carefree, risk-takers who delight in living life abundantly. They laugh a lot and celebrate life majestically!

The Easter Story is often limited to Earth's perspective: a problem to be solved.

People's sin had separated them from God and they needed forgiveness and saving from its penalty – which is death. The reason Jesus came is so people can go to heaven when they die.

From Heaven's perspective it is so much more!

In the beginning God created the Earth to be a colony of Heaven. God made people in His image (to THINK like God thinks) and His likeness (to ACT like God acts). People were created to govern earth as a colony of Heaven – and the Governor was the Holy Spirit. God wanted the earth populated with people who thought and behaved just like Him, and people who carried His glory.

Sadly, people were deceived and chose independent government of their lives as a better option. So the Holy Spirit went back to Heaven. History records the sad outcome of this choice that we have all been born into.

The Easter Story is certainly a rescue operation but on a far bigger scale than we often realise. The One through whom all things were made, and for whom they were made – Jesus – entered into His creation and incarnated (made human) the image of God (thinking like God) and the likeness of God (acting like God). He went about doing good – because God is good; He loved all people, because God is love; He healed all who came to Him, because God is Life.

Then – He offered His human life back to God, as the sacrifice for all that had ever, and will ever fall short of the glory of God in mankind's thinking and behaviour. He purchased all the sin, all the shortfall – it belongs to Him now.

This Divine-Human life of Jesus was a seed, falling into the earth, and dying. It has not remained alone but has come forth as resurrected life in the lives of all who put their trust in Jesus. Not "pie in the sky when we die", but Divine-Human life now, here on the earth. People who think like God and act like God, truly KINGDOM living people - people who WANT the Governor – the Holy Spirit to be in charge of their lives.

And all of this is in preparation for a People who are fully matured into the image and likeness of God (Christ-likeness) so that when Jesus returns He will govern earth as God always planned, right from the beginning. Earth will be populated by people who think like God thinks and act like God acts.

You can be one of them – the choice is just a prayer away.

Blessings and love, *Sue Peacock*

CORRESPONDENCE

The following delightful letter was sent to Maurice Blackwood...

What a joy I have just had. I watched your video on Menangle [on the website www.menangle.com.au].

My name is Esma Thorman. I grew up in Menangle Park my name then was Tobin. I am now 80.

So many memories, my parents were married in St Patricks in 1913 I was married there in April 1953.

My dad worked at Gilbulla during the war years. I worked at Menangle Store 1952-53.

My grandfather Michael Lynch was Station Master at the then North Menangle Station. He planted a Kurrajong tree on the site which was still there a few years ago.

Buildings like the "Pines", "Menangle Park House", "Gilbulla"; I have been in them all. Been to many dances in the Menangle Hall, young ones at the time were Starrs, Cummins, Biddles, Hunts, Rideouts, Crisps, McLarty's, News; to name a few.

My dad was born at Mt. Gilead Hill.

Thank you for the memories.

Esma Thorman

P.S.

My mind is just working so much, now I have started.

In St Patrick's Church there were two stained glass windows in memory of my grandparents, Michael & Mary Lynch. I wonder if they are the ones mentioned in the History on Menangle.

There is a blue book "History of Campbelltown" on page 96 a photo of Menangle Station June 1963. My husband is well in the front, I am at the back in the crowd.

I have a piece of broken cement off Mt. Gilead Hill.

I have a cedar sofa, once belonged to Macarthurs then Mrs Ibitson owner of "The Pines" she gave it to my grandparents when they were her next door neighbours at North Menangle Railway Station.

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Poll

The poll is now finished and had a high participation rate. 271 people responded from 122 houses including Durham Green and Moreton Park Road thru to Blades Bridge. In summary, 220 people or 82 percent of respondents thought that housing to the east with the road extension and the developers promises, was best option if we have to have more housing. The details are on the web site in a covering letter to council.

We also sent council copies of the other two polls from previous years, which together confirm community opinion that Menangle heritage should be saved, planned for, and protected. We think these three polls are sufficient for council to consider revising the LEP and the DCP's, to reflect the communities views.

Finally we requested consideration be given to a "Joint Three Council Conservation Plan" for the Menangle Valley to provide both security and direction for future development. This was suggested by the community at the January public meeting. Currently, all councils and the community suffer from "proposal after proposal" that are treated in a "piece by piece" method which is very inadequate planning in our view. We have urged council to consider this joint council conservation plan, which would be a proactive approach that considers the whole valley across three councils, who each have parts of the original Cowpastures, Camden Park Estate and the birthplace of Australian Agriculture. Please talk to councillors about this approach to save us from future battles!!

Hall

Thanks go to many people who have helped so far. Council have given us a grant of \$25,000, we saved \$2,500 in stamp duty by "prizing" an exemption from State Revenue. We tracked down the Menangle Recreation Club money, some \$2,057, raised by the community in the 1990's and lost in the Commonwealth Bank in Camden. Finally the legal's were completed on a pro bono basis by Fulsham and Geddes in Sydney for \$347. The subcommittee of Maurice Blackwood and Jason Burt have been negotiated with builders and with the help of Mick Abberton, we removed the main hall floor and some of the outside wall cladding, to enable an engineer to inspect and then to write a specification of the work required for the footings and flooring repairs. Thanks Mick for giving the community a couple of days of free carpentry and labouring. From here, the engineer's specifications, quotes will be obtained and then funding sought from BHP and other local organizations to assist us in the cost of the works. David Hunt and Assoc from Picton are the specifying engineers which will cost some \$1500. Airsafe evaluated the building for asbestos and some exist in it several places, so we are examining the removal cost. More news next month...



Photos clockwise from top:

1. Lower cladding removed for inspection
2. Evidence of termite activity
3. Crumbling foundations due to drainage issues

MCA NEWS cont.

4. The floorboards have been removed so that proper foundations can be constructed



School

The School subcommittee of Jason and Laura Burt, Maurice Blackwood and Lesley Traverso, are writing to council requesting their involvement in the decision making process in the schools future and perhaps establishing a council Section 55 Committee.

Path to nowhere

We had a suggestion from the community that a pathway would be better than stairs for disabled access on the hill, so we have written to council requesting this change.

AGM

A tentative date is set for 18th September at 7 pm at Durham Green, which is yet to be confirmed. Joining fee is \$1 and annual subscription is \$2

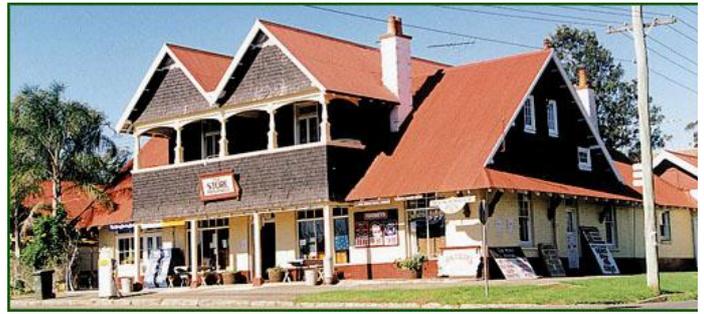
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Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden
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