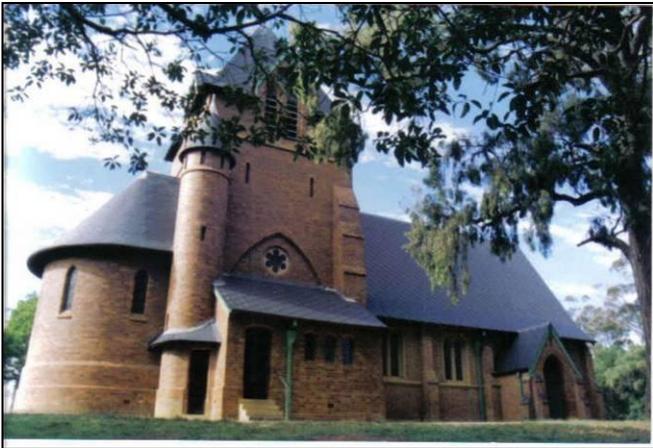


THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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

Now accepting reservations for
Columbarium Niches in our 2 new walls
Phone Brian 4633 8261

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

ALPHA

Explore who Jesus is:
Courses are running both
Tues morning and

Thurs evening.
Ph Alicia 4633 8006



St. Patrick's Church



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

Birthdays

2nd Robert George
4th James Porteous
4th Stephen Cross
9th Harry Warner
13th Patricia Costello
14th William Lamrock-George
14th Sue Lamrock
17th Reece Collison
18th Jimmy Anderson
22nd Natalie Hughes
22nd Timothy Malone
22nd Cliff Bonamy
25th Vicky Jeffree
26th Steve Collison



CAMDEN AGLOW JUNE MEETING

Wednesday 19th June
10am – 12.15pm
at Narellan Library (Upstairs)
This month's theme: First Love

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com

Add your special dates to our list...
or leave written articles at 10 Station St

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Science has discovered that the earth is held in its orbit by powerful, invisible forces. Our planet is positioned perfectly for life to not only exist, but to flourish.

What if life itself is also upheld by powerful, invisible forces?

Imagine a divine rope (an umbilical cord perhaps?) that connects each individual life to the powerful invisible force that upholds and sustains it.

Imagine that the three essential needs for human beings: the need for significance; the need for acceptance; and the need for security are perfectly supplied through that powerful, invisible cord.

But there is one flaw in the system – human beings have free will – each one can choose how much or how little they will rely on the cord.

As days and weeks turn into months and years, little children's hearts get wounded easily and unintentionally. There are no perfect parents!

Children can interpret hurts to mean that "my needs are not important", or "I don't really matter" or "you don't really love me".

And through this process the cord gets frayed. Self-reliance begins to assert itself, and can grow into proud independence and may even lead to rebellion. (Sound like the teens?)

We are all born into this cycle, because we are all imperfect!

So the rope frays apart, response by response, reaction by reaction.

BUT the cord can be restored.

The defining moment comes when we realise that people are not able to give us what we need.

Then – the restoration of the cord of relationship to God our Creator and the One who sustains all of life – can begin!

And that, my friends, is a wonderful adventure!

Every day I get to practice depending on God

– He knows me and accepts

me, exactly as I am. He values me – just because He chooses to do so!

He alone hears my heart cry – He alone offers comfort in the depths of my longings and desires.

So I am accepted, I am safe and my life has a purpose in God's great story.

Yours does too!

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock



LOCAL NEWS

WELL DONE SIOBHAN BURT

In May, Siobhan hosted a morning tea in honour of her year 1 teacher who has Cancer. She has 3 little children and has been sick for a long time. Siobhan raised \$200; a great effort!

MENANGLE RESIDENT LESLEY TRAVERSO TAKES PART IN HISTORIC FLYOVER

Days of rain cleared on Saturday morning as if on cue to present a picture-perfect day for thousands spectators watching the largest civilian flyover in Australian history.

From Glenbrook to O'Connell near Bathurst, people turned their heads towards the sky at 11 official vantage points to mark the bicentenary of the first European crossing of the Blue Mountains.

More than 70 aircraft, including Lesley in a "Chipmunk", the famed RAAF Roulettes aerial acrobatic team, a C-130J Hercules, Beavers, Yaks and Gyrocopters put on a two-hour show that roughly followed the same route the explorers Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William Charles Wentworth first forged in May 1813.

Dear Menangle Residents,

Over the next two months the RFS, the Menangle Community Assoc. and volunteers at St James Church, will be carrying out garden works at the school, next to the school, on the common and around St James. This will involve some clearing and burning of weeds, box thorn, African Olive and other dead and dying trees. This work is being carried out according to Council's Hazard Reduction certificates.

The burning will be of small piles and we will also attempt to burn when the wind direction will not carry the smoke across the village. However, some smoke may still be experienced in the village at times.

In order to assist the community, the Menangle brigade will display two burning off signs on the corner opposite the shop during this time but also the day before burning is to start.

Any problems call Maurice Blackwood, RFS Captain on 0417 218 462

POETS CORNER

These words attempt to express what I see as the true national identity of Australia (and her neighbours). Let me know what you think!

Sue Peacock.

ANZACs ARISING

(may be sung to the tune of *Waltzing Matilda*)

Father, Son and Spirit
Seated round the table
"What seeds of greatness shall we sow today?"
"What shall those seeds contain to
Blossom in the Great South Lands"
"How shall each one fulfil our awesome plan?"

"We'll make them fearless"
"We'll make them loyal"
"Horses to ride to their destiny"
"A double shot of humour"
"Full measure of resourcefulness"
"We'll call them ANZACs"
"They'll change history!"

Another generation
Is rising in the earth today
Pre-paring for the revival of love
Those mighty seeds of mate-ship
Have now produced the harvest
We say "have at 'em, the time has come!"

Horatio Spafford and The Night Seasons

from the June 04, 2013 eNews issue

<http://www.khouse.org>

Horatio Spafford was a prominent lawyer and real estate investor in Chicago when the 1871 Chicago Fire hit and destroyed almost all of his property. Two years later, Spafford sent his wife and four daughters ahead of him to England, where his friend DL Moody would be preaching. On the voyage there, the ship sank and all four children were drowned. His wife alone was saved. The couple went on to have three more children, but tragedy struck again when their four year old son died of pneumonia in 1880. Near the end of his life, Spafford moved to Jerusalem and ran charitable ventures like soup kitchens, hospitals, and orphanages. He died in 1888 of malaria and was buried in Jerusalem.

While Horatio Spafford endured crippling tragedy after tragedy, he is most famous for having written one of the most beloved hymns of all time: "It Is Well With My Soul." In the midst of serious personal sorrow, God brought Spafford to a place of peace and security wholly independent of his circumstances.

In 1 Peter 4:17, Peter tells us that as God begins to wrap up time as we know it, He will allow events to happen in the body of Christ that will try us and test us to the max. How will we make it through this time of testing, if we don't understand what God is doing, and if we crumble at

the first hint of suffering? We desperately need to have a grasp of what God's purpose is for allowing these kinds of trials and, most importantly, we need to understand what to do and how to act in them.

When the only thing we can do is cling to God, we come to that place where we see Him more clearly than ever before. That's when the fear goes away, and we can join Horatio Spafford in singing with greater appreciation:

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pain shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.*

*And Lord haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

JULY HOLIDAYS KIDS' CLUB

Run by:

St James Anglican Church
and
Douglas Park Evangelical Church

For School Years K-6

When: Mon 1st – Wed 3rd July

Time: 9am – 12.30pm

Where: Douglas Park Community Hall
(Camden Rd)

Cost: \$5 per day
or \$10 for the 3 days
(\$5 extra for

Wednesday family BBQ lunch)

We will have lots and lots of fun, morning tea, movie, singing, craft, games, story-time, activities, and Champions Olympics

For more details ring Steve on 4633 8594
or email: dougoparkkidsclub@gmail.com

MCA NEWS

Keep up-to-date with all things related to Menangle on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/MenangleCommunityAssociation>

Dan Robins attended the latest meeting of the Menangle Community Association committee to talk about coal seam gas wells. His advice is to stay informed and keep up to date so you can stop any future CSG expansion. And ask why these wells are allowed near homes.

To find out more about **CSG**, Google: Doctors for the Environment; National Toxics Network; Stop CSG Illawarra; Coal Seam Gas by the Numbers; Four Corners Program: "Gas Leak"; "What the Frack?" - Paddy Manning.

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Council have not responded to MCA's call to do something about the "**path to nowhere**". A little more lobbying may be necessary to ensure some action before anybody comes to grief trying to use it.

Landscape Conservation Area Plan

Will soon go to state planning – council have just put it on exhibition again. They have now increased the area to include Gilbulla but have cut off a small area past the F5 overpass which Chris Betteridge had included in his original suggested area. The inclusion of Gilbulla is appropriate, but losing the green hill from the St James' view is not good, but as it has the freeway in it I guess we can't complain. Don't forget that like the Village Conservation Area, this proposed Landscape Conservation area does not stop development - only controls itto be sympathetic.

Council are now writing to all landowners within the proposed Landscape Conservation Area and next to it, to inform them of the exhibition and the submission period.

These letters do not go to the village because it already has the Village Conservation Area in place. This has confirmed this with Alex Long at council.

MCA has already sent a letter to Council, which covers the committee's view and the village's view from polls, etc.

MCA proposes to modify the previous letter as a draft submission, and to include our call for a joint council conservation plan for the valley.

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A series of test holes have been dug around **the hall** site so that engineering tests can be conducted on the sub-surface. A deeper hole needs to be dug at the back of the site to determine the type of footings required for the hall's new floor.

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Durham Green have offered to provide the venue for our **Annual General Meeting** on 17th September at 7pm. Joining fee is \$1 and annual subscription is \$2: All welcome.

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CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am 3rd Wednesday each month
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

Hourly Rate: \$8; ph 46338543

References available

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