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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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6th Evelyn Terry
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9th Joanna
13th Rebecca Perentin
14th Shardanne Jasmine
14th Johanna Fulton
15th Jake Peacock
16th Christine
17th Joshua Charles
18th Amy Warner
18th Adam Taylor
22nd Alan Robertson
22nd Celtie Williams
23rd Rhiannan Perentin
24th Grace Culpan
25th David Gilyeat
25th Garry Butler
26th Meredith Wilson
28th Ray Jeffrey
30th Stephen Rochaix



Add your special dates to our list...

Articles and contributions welcome:

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or leave written articles at 10 Station St

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

I am becoming convinced that life, with all its problems and possibilities is really lived one choice at a time. And our choices are made according to our beliefs, attitudes and thoughts.

It stands to reason then, that the quality and potential of our lives will be limited by beliefs, attitudes and thoughts.

”Boredom is a mind detached from the imagination. Imagination sees possibilities.

A mind detached only sees problems.”

There are times, especially if I have just put in a big effort with a project or event, if someone makes an “observation” of how it could have been done better, heaviness hits, and life feels like a dry, dusty barren desert.

It’s just boredom!

Some people find therapy in gardening at such times – bless you all! I, however, only work in my garden when I see what’s wrong in it, so still focus on the problems. I distract myself at such times by listening to teachings about positive thinking etc.

Engaging in conversation offers me a creative opportunity. This is especially true when the conversation is about some aspect of connecting with God.

And creativity is the key!

Even though there have been many voices protesting the hand of a Creator God at the beginning of all that exists, nevertheless, “imagination” exists within each human being, and that is surely sufficient evidence that we have been fashioned in the likeness of a Creative Being!

Sadly, many of us entertain our imaginations most of the time, rather than exercise them the way they were designed to work. We let others do the hard work of thinking, planning and creating, which we then sit back and feed on what they produce. Some is helpful, and edifying. Some is trash that desensitises us.

Imagine you are engaged in the greatest story ever told. There is a key role you have been assigned by the Script writer, and the outcome of drama depends on your contribution.

You are, you know.

Check in with the Author – Father God, and the Leading Man – Jesus Christ, and find your part. It is truly a huge adventure story that will transport you through triumph, tragedy and all things in between, and you will learn the lessons of the greatest love, and the purpose for which you were made!

Blessings and love, *Sue Peacock*

LOCAL NEWS

Netball Champions 2013

Congratulations to our Menangle girls who have certainly done us proud in the Camden & District Netball Competition:

Gemma Nelson:

Bringelly KAOS 12Bs, Grand Final Winners

Sarah Howard:

Camden RSL Hurricanes 13Bs, Grand Final Winners

Laura Howard:

Camden RSL Jaguars Division 7, Grand Final Winners

Bridget McGrath:

Camden RSL Jaguars Division 7, Grand Final Winners

Nelson, McGrath and Howard families

When we were 'invaded' in 1896 — and Tom Roberts dropped in

From the Macarthur Advertiser

THE Macarthur region was under attack in 1896. But local mounted infantrymen from Campbelltown, Camden and Picton galloped into position, artillery was positioned on Sugarloaf (behind modern Rosemeadow, overlooking Menangle) and plans were made to repel the invading army from Bowral.

Far-fetched? No.

Huge war games were held around our local hills throughout the 1890s, with old news photographs suggesting hilltops now covered by suburbia were once covered in tents and parade grounds.

Why here?

Well, it is not a widely known fact but our region was for some years the headquarters of the NSW Mounted Rifles — which later evolved into the legendary Australian Light Horse of World War I.

Our local military history began in 1885, when a Campbelltown Infantry Reserve Corps was formed and volunteers practised drills on the town green (modern Mawson Park).

Three years later, Premier Henry Parkes created the NSW Mounted Rifles in Sydney, many of its original members coming from Campbelltown. Therefore the local men suddenly became mounted — and paid. The depression in 1890, however, forced the Sydney detachment to disband and Campbelltown became the new headquarters of the regiment.

Huge army exercises were held locally (thrilling the town's residents, shopkeepers and young women) as thousands of soldiers from across the state arrived to practise on the hillsides.

Colourful military balls were also held in the town hall and became a social highlight.

In 1893, however, the local commanding officer (and Campbelltown mayor) William Lyttle Moore, died and without his strong hand, squabbling set in and morale sank. The cost of shoeing and feeding 50 horses was also hitting the township hard and in 1895, the unit officially disbanded. But only in name.

The Campbelltown men simply transferred across to a newly-formed Camden unit which would soon become the social and political epicentre of the NSW Mounted Rifles, particularly after 1897 when Lieutenant-Colonel JW Macarthur-Onslow was appointed regimental commanding officer.

There was also an active unit based at Picton, raised in 1889 and commanded by the local squire of Jarvisfield, John Antill. So war games became a big local drawcard and the huge 1896 battle against Bowral would be remembered for years.

This four-day camp drew hundreds of uniformed men and thrilled local crowds as manoeuvres, mock fights and parades were staged across the region, unfortunately in blast-furnace January heat. One newspaper report noted "no less than four cases of sunstroke during the drill at Minto".

The most exciting moment came with word that an enemy was invading from the south — the Bowral company of the 2nd NSW Infantry Regiment — and had already reached Menangle.

The mounted men immediately jumped into the attack, galloping south and setting up its A Battery field artillery on top of Sugarloaf, between Rosemeadow and Menangle Park — where the scene was famously captured in an oil painting by Tom Roberts.

The talented artist — whose most famous work is *Shearing the Rams* — was living at an artists' camp at Mosman at the time. He had been commissioned to paint works depicting the NSW military forces, commanded by his friend, Major General Edward Thomas Hutton, and the result was the 'A' Battery oil painting, featured on the cover of this feature.

One reporter witnessing the local war game noted: "The

attacking party first sent out patrols of mounted lancers and riflemen, after which the artillery was brought into action from the top of a high hill adjacent.

"Firing took place for some time and skirmishing parties were sent out to support the patrols."

We can imagine excited local residents, and bemused farmers, watching on as the part-time soldiers galloped here and there, firing blanks at other part-time soldiers.

"An encircling and enveloping attack was made . . . and the enemy apparently harassed, was driven from its position and retired," the reporter wrote.

The mounted men made one last gallant charge as 'A' Battery relocated through the scrub and attacked the enemy's left flank.

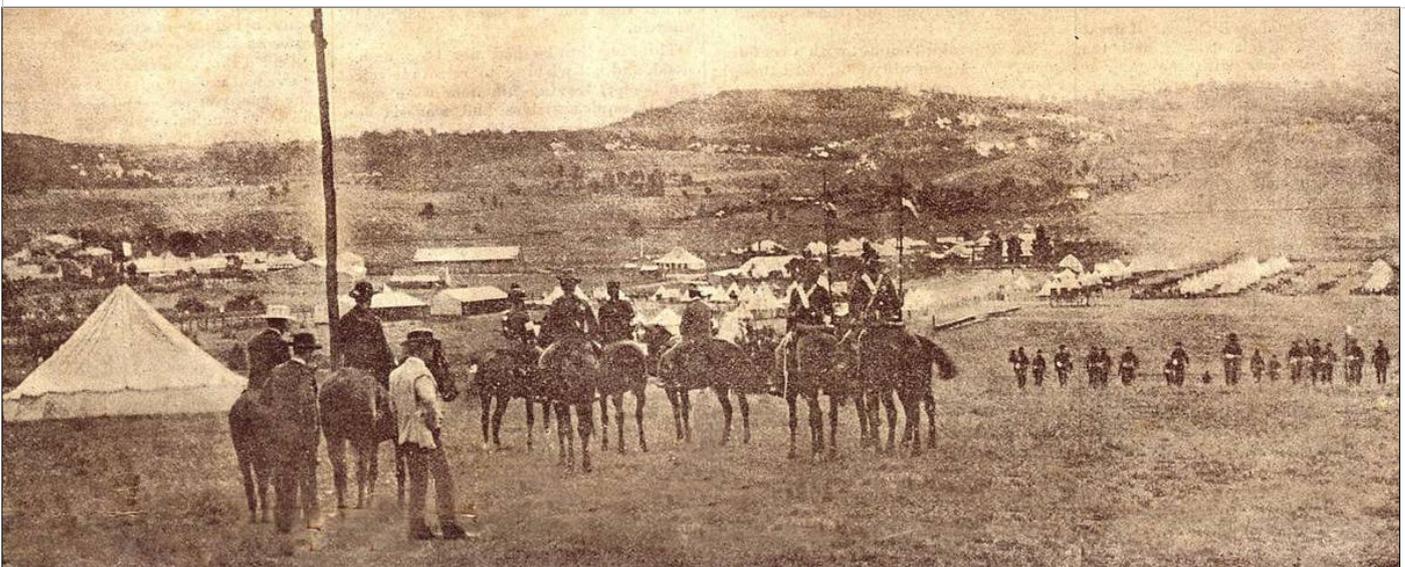
After victory was declared, the soldiers returned to Queen Street and a huge civic reception was held, as Mayor Thomas Gamble greeted Major-General Edward Hutton, as well as the NSW Governor, Viscount Hampden, who had been watching the battle from a hilltop.

"The [town hall] building and main street were gaily decorated with bunting in honour of the occasion," it was reported as a band played and crowds enjoyed an afternoon tea.

Major-General Hutton, when questioned by a Herald correspondent, said he was very pleased with the troops and their "intelligent" use of tactics, saying it would give them "a practical insight" into how war was waged.

Within five years, many of the Campbelltown men involved were indeed fighting for real — in the Boer War of 1899-1902, led into action by Major Antill from Picton. The local men excelled in battle — Sergeant-Major Richard Holman of Campbelltown would be awarded with the Distinguished Conduct Medal (second only to the Victoria Cross).

But it was in World War I, in 1915, that Antill's name was tarnished — as the commanding officer who refused a request to cancel the third suicidal wave of Light Horsemen at The Nek, a scene captured so famously in the 1981 film, *Gallipoli*.



LOCAL NEWS

NBN roll-out won't reach all at the same time

By Ben Chenoweth

RESIDENTS in Menangle, Douglas Park, Silverdale and Warragamba are being disconnected from the rest of Wollondilly shire when the national broadband network arrives.

While all other suburbs in the region have been included in the current roll-out plans over the next three years, those four have not.

As a result residents in Menangle, Douglas Park, Silverdale and Warragamba may have to wait up until 2021 — at worst — to be connected to the same network as those in neighbouring suburbs.

"The building of the NBN is a massive infrastructure project that is expected to be completed by 2021."

Councillor Ray Law — one of three councillors who look after the East Ward towns of Menangle and Douglas Park — was dumbfounded by the decision to not connect the entire shire simultaneously.

"It's very strange that you wouldn't do it shire by shire or area by area," he said.

"If you're having a roll-out, roll everything out.

"It's not fair for residents to be discriminated against either through negligence or design."

Wollondilly Council general manager Les McMahon said he was hopeful that the network, when it was connected, would provide more job opportunities for locals.

"I hope this is going to allow better access to internet and result in an employment boom to the area so people don't have to commute," he said.

"I'll be asking NBN Co [for a meeting] about what they are providing and about the expected benefits to the local populace."

MCA NEWS

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

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

Durham Green has offered to provide the venue for our **Annual General Meeting** on 18th September at 7pm.

Joining fee is \$1 and annual subscription is \$2; new members need to have a seconder and arrive one half hour before the meeting.

All welcome.

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