

# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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## St James – *the light on the hill*



*Photo by Steve Braiding*

**Minister: Steve Davis**

### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.30am: Traditional Service  
10am: Family Service and Sunday School  
6.15pm: Evening Service

### What's on at St James

#### BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM  
New members welcome.  
[www.menangle.anglican.asn.au](http://www.menangle.anglican.asn.au)

### Menangle Social Golf Club

Round 7 – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014  
Antill Park Picton

Very cold start this morning with the temperature reading -3 degrees at tee off time. It very quickly warmed up and turned into a beautiful day for golf. We had 11 players today and the winner of the "Flag" competition was Steve Pitt. He should also get an award for wearing shorts. Longest drive was Mark Matthews, and nearest the pins were Shane Wylie on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Pat Clarke 6<sup>th</sup>, Neil Hierlehy 15<sup>th</sup> and David Howard 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our next round is on the 31<sup>st</sup> August at Studley Park Camden with a 7:37am tee off time. I hope to see you all there.

## St. Patrick's Church



**Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm.**

### BIRTHDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> Coopa  
4<sup>th</sup> Samuel Black  
8<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Holz  
10<sup>th</sup> Doug Worthington  
11<sup>th</sup> Taylor Haines  
12<sup>th</sup> Sue Peacock  
17<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Anderson  
23<sup>rd</sup> Meredith Cross  
24<sup>th</sup> Megan Ashton  
25<sup>th</sup> John Rowells  
26<sup>th</sup> Karen McFarlane  
26<sup>th</sup> Lilian Borg  
26<sup>th</sup> Jasmine Haines



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

The schedule for the rest of the year is

- 31<sup>st</sup> August Studley Park Golf Club Camden 7:37am
- 28<sup>th</sup> September Kiama Golf Club Minnamurra 7:10am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November Anthill Park Picton 6:32am
- 7<sup>th</sup> December Campbelltown Golf Club 7:30am (Final Round) Ambrose followed by the Christmas Party.

David Howard  
0409 993 453 [dhoward@stmc.com.au](mailto:dhoward@stmc.com.au)

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Winter has been mostly dry and sunny - good for us cottage dwellers with north facing verandas, and enviro cycles. But hard for our Farmers.

A DVD we like watching is called "Faith Like Potatoes".

It is the story of Angus Buchan, a farmer in South Africa.

In the middle of a drought Angus heard God tell him to plant potatoes. No one else heard of course, and most others thought he was crazy.

If the rain didn't come, he would be deeply in debt.

And a laughing stock.

The rain didn't come.

There was no evidence above the ground that potatoes were even planted under the rows of mounded dry earth.

That is the time when faith in God's word is tested - when the thing hoped for is still unseen!

When harvest time arrived, the largest, best quality, most abundant number of potatoes was gathered in.

A bumper crop!

One man's faith in a miracle working God inspired many others to believe in Him too.

I have heard it said that the other way to spell 'faith' is r-i-s-k.

The stories that lift our hearts are the David and Goliath stories - stories of someone who rises up to an impossible task, with a boldness of courage that runs to the battle, and then kills a foul-mouthed giant!

Stories that redefine our prejudices into possibilities.

"Only a seasoned warrior can kill a giant" becomes "A promise from God kills every giant!"

"Only rain can make potatoes grow" becomes "With God ALL things are possible".

"Only enough income can sustain you", becomes "God is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you, always having all sufficiency may have an abundance for every good work".

Risk the thrill and excitement of taking God at His Word and become the hero in the story of your life!

Blessings and love,

*Sue Peacock*

## Heritage at the Cost of Housing

In response to the article 'Preserving Menangle Heritage', (TDR July 4), I believe the proposed housing development in Station Street, Menangle has a lot going for it; it will be within easy walking distance to Menangle railway station and less than 10 minutes by train to one of the largest shopping centres in the Southern Hemisphere. It will bring

sewerage to Menangle, which is badly needed.

This talk about heritage was never mentioned until the Menangle Pastoral Company submitted its planning proposal to Wollondilly Council in October 2012 for 450 homes in Station Street - the question should be asked is this about heritage or stopping the housing development?

I note the proponents of the development if approved, will restore the Creamery building to be utilised as a possible boutique brewery, and the Rotolactor building as a conference centre and restaurant, creating employment. But apparently this is not good enough for Maurice Blackwood and Co, they want the whole nine hectares of the housing development to be heritage listed, which will suppress the development. If no housing takes place on the western side of the railway station then the developers have no obligation to restore the Creamery and Rotolactor buildings, this would be a great shame as these buildings are in total disrepair.

If Mr Blackwood and Co, are serious about heritage then they should accept the housing in the so-called Menangle paddock, so to ensure that these two unique buildings the Rotolactor and Creamery are not left in a state of total disrepair.

**Brian Redmond, Menangle**

## MCA NEWS

### Planning panel to decide development fate of 'heritage' link - By Ben Chenoweth

IT'S the final piece of the puzzle when it comes to protecting the heritage of the small village of Menangle. MCA chairman Maurice Blackwood says the paddock to the west of the railway line and north of Station Street, Menangle provides a vital link between existing heritage listed items. However, a development proposed for part of the land looks likely to be given the final tick of approval. The Joint Regional Planning Panel has given initial approval to the proposal after the developer bypassed Wollondilly Council. The plan will come before the council at the August 18 meeting for the council's input but the five-member panel has the final say. With the general store, church, school, rotolactor, Menangle Hall and weir all heritage listed, Mr Blackwood said the land to the west of the railway line that stretched from station street north to the Nepean River, was also an important part of the Camden Park Estate history. "It [Menangle] is the story of the first and pioneering agricultural property and it would be a great shame to lose it," he said. "It would be like putting a 10-storey block of buildings in the middle of Parramatta Park which is also heritage listed. "You may as well forget about all the heritage if you lose the landscape link between them all." Mr Blackwood said the community had consented to housing east of the railway line. But a council spokesman said that proposal for housing could result in triple the number of houses being built.

The result would place extreme pressure on the intersection of Station Street and Menangle Road and a widening of the railway bridge would be required.

Developer Ernest Dupere, managing director of Benedict Industries, said the "proposal has taken a long and tortuous pathway to get to where we are". The company was committed to preserving the village's heritage. "We propose to use the funds from the sale of the proposed 350 housing lots, the majority of which are east of Menangle railway station, to fund the restoration of the creamery and rotolactor buildings and adaptively re-use them so that the public can once again enjoy them," he said. [From the Wollondilly Advertiser]

## OTHER NEWS

### Trucking company fined \$1.3m following crash that claimed three lives

By Kelly Fedor

A Sydney-based trucking company has been handed the largest fine in Australian transport law history after failing to stop its drivers from speeding.

Sydney-based Lennons Transport company has been handed the largest fine in Australian transport law history after being found guilty of almost 200 speeding offences.

The trucking company was slapped with a \$1.3 million fine in Sydney's Downing Centre today following the Menangle truck crash that killed three members of the same family in 2012.

The company was repeatedly busted for speeding, recording a total of 172 offences over a 13 month period which saw some drivers going as fast as 124km/h on busy NSW highways.

Two trucks were also found to have speed limiters that had been tampered with.

Calvyn Logan and his 81-year-old parents Donald and Patricia were killed when a drug-affected, sleep-deprived truck driver slammed his B-double into their sedan in January 2012.

Vincent George, the drug affected Lennons driver who killed the trio was among the drivers caught speeding.

Gary Logan said the penalty handed to Lennons won't bring his parents and brother back but said he hopes it serves as a warning to others and will help end the carnage on our roads.

But Road and Maritime's Paul Endycott has savaged Lennons.

"This company needed to be put before the court and a clear message delivered in relation to the serious risk that this company was posing," he said.

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Read more at

<http://www.9news.com.au/national/2014/08/01/19/53/lennons-slapped-with-record-fine#k4hFRR00It6Z1QP.99>

## ABC News: Your workplace and its impact on your mental health

Most of us spend the bulk of our waking lives at work. So wouldn't it be great if we could all work in an environment where we felt valued, acknowledged, respected and supported?

Unfortunately, this is often not the case. Job stress puts many of us at risk of developing a mental health issue and figures suggest almost half of us feel our workplace is mentally unhealthy.

But this is not just a problem for employees. It's estimated that mental illness costs the Australian economy \$20 billion annually in lost productivity and labour participation. Mental illness is now the leading reason for absenteeism, with one in five of us taking time off due to mental health issues in the past year.

Ingrid Ozols, managing director of MentalHealth@Work (a provider of workplace mental health education, training and strategic program development) says presenteeism, when people go to work despite being injured or unwell, also hurts business's bottom line.

"Presenteeism is when the lights are on but no-one is home. Someone is staring at the computer but on autopilot. It is hard to observe and quantify but is a great burden to workplaces of all shapes and sizes," she says.

But it's not a simple equation of a problematic workplace damaging staff mental health. Dr Sam Harvey, consultant psychiatrist and head of the Workplace Mental Health Research Group (a partnership between The Black Dog Institute and UNSW), says "workplace mental health is a complex interaction between individuals, their coping and resilience skills, and their jobs."

"Many people work in stressful situations and they don't get unwell. We are only now starting to look at what it is about their resilience and coping mechanisms."

Read the full story

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/features/stories/2014/07/07/4040588.htm>

## MEN @ SHOP

...an opportunity for men to relax, with other men, over a cup of coffee or tea in a friendly atmosphere once a week at 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Menangle Store. The meetings usually last about an hour and if you would like further information, please contact Warren de Montemas on 0410 689 474 or Graham Noyes on 4633 8810.

I was wondering if anyone knows anything about or can steer me to information about the 1963 train crash at Menangle Station. My cousin sent me a picture of it but I can find no record of it in a list of NSW train crashes.

Thank you, David Philips  
david.philips2@bigpond.com



## PUZZLE ANSWER

A man left \$650 to be divided up amongst his five grandchildren, all of whom were different ages. The money was to be divided in order of age, each child receiving \$25 more than the next youngest child. How much did the youngest child receive? \$80

## ADVERTS

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### **CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING**

10am 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month except Dec  
in the **Red Gum Room** at Narellan Library  
\$10 cover charge All Welcome  
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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1. Feeding your pets while you are away. For a negotiable fee
2. Walking your dog for 20 mins. Fee \$5.00

Please contact me on 4633 8543

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from 7:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
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### **BABYSITTING**

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Hourly Rate: \$8; ph 46338543  
References available

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