

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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St James – *the light on the hill*



Photo by Steve Braiding

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

What's on at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

Columbarium Niches

Reservations ph 4633 8261

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.

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com

or leave written articles at 10 Station St

St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

Birthdays

- 1st Steve Charles
- 2nd Troy Mealing
- 4th Lauren Bell
- 4th Stuart Leigh Baxter
- 5th Siobhan Burt
- 7th Ernie
- 8th Lily Margin
- 8th Kate Porteous
- 10th Tiarne Holz
- 12th Rowan Shiner
- 12th Nicholas Lamrock-George
- 16th Christine
- 16th Cameron Halfpenny
- 16th Sky Samantha Kyle
- 17th Edward McDonald
- 21st Abe Peacock.
- 27th Ethan Campbell
- 29th Kerry Charles
- 30th Steve



Anniversary

- 7th Robert & Debra Malone

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

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

The sun peeped out this morning at the same time the rain was pattering steadily down. The result was a gorgeous double rainbow that ended right in the paddock in front of us!

Brian tells me from reading his favourite book at the moment "The Big Book of Numbers" that we each perceive a rainbow differently, because we are each seeing it through a different raindrop!

Sounds a bit like life doesn't it? Looking from a different angle, or through a different lens certainly gives us a different perspective on situations and circumstances.

About thirty years ago I read a statement "Jesus wants to live your life for you". I was intrigued by it then and have pondered it off and on, ever since.

It goes so far beyond God helping me to be a nice person. The implication is that I no longer live my life but Jesus replaces my life with His life as a kind of cosmic exchange. It's quite alarming really because Jesus lived a very radical life: while He worked the most amazing miracles to help people – even raising several people from the dead, at the same time He upset church leaders so much they eventually had him executed.

If I give Jesus my very ordinary life for Him to live for me, I will begin to see life from God's perspective. Difficulties will become possibilities, challenges will become opportunities, and every circumstance will somewhere contain the potential for God's glory.

The most powerful change will be that the love Jesus has for both God and people will influence how I think, the words I say and the things I do. That love has been tested to the very last drop of His blood. Love alone sustained Him during His execution. While hanging naked from a wooden cross He gave Mary, His mother into the care of His best friend John; He gave a thief a free passage to heaven, and finally He forgave His murderers. He died utterly selflessly – a perfect offering of love for both God and people.

The question is "Am I prepared to let that kind of love control my life?" It will mean yielding my agenda, my character, my talents, my energy and my relationships to Jesus to use however He wants to.

Since I answered "Yes" to that question I have been on a magnificent adventure. Love is the greatest quest and the greatest reward. Is it easy? NO! But it is thrilling and satisfying. Jesus is worth dying for!

Blessings and love,
Sue Peacock

MCA NEWS

Community Hall

Council have been consulted about the repairs needed and the layout and engineering drawings are now finalised. The association would like to thank Accurate Design and Drafting and D&M Consulting Engineers, both in Narellan, for the donation of their resources to help Menangle. The next step is the preparation of the DA for the works.

Menangle School

MCA and the RFS have combined to clean up the school of privet, lantana and olive trees under an RFS Hazard Reduction Certificate, which will hopefully to be completed this winter. Council will soon own the site formally and we have received many suggestions for its use. They are:

1. Installation of a tennis court for community use at the back.
2. A museum for Menangle and/or Menangle's role in Australia's first pastoral company, the Macarthur's Camden Park Estate.
3. A Men's Shed
4. A relocation of the Macarthur Model Railway enthusiasts who look after the working model of the Menangle Station, spur line and Rotolactor.
5. The requests from many schools for a Georgian Day School Experience for school students.
6. Lastly it could be used by the community until the hall is repaired. Any further suggestion email Brian Peacock at byp257@gmail.com

School Sign

As our village walking tours have been so popular with over 150 or more given to the public with a gold coin donation, the committee is suggesting the school sign be altered to identify the school and the walking tour availability. It is intended to just stick over the existing sign and to be the same heritage colours as the Menangle Welcome sign in Menangle Rd. Any suggestions, again email Brian Peacock at byp257@gmail.com

Historic Menangle School

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the history of this famous c1850's village*

Free Village History Walking Tour brochures are available from the General Store or online at www.menangle.com.au

St James Church

Progressively the RFS and volunteers have cleared privet, lantana and olive trees on the northern boundary of the church on Riversford. They have now started on the eastern boundary to open up the church to the public's view and re established the view that council have identified as important to Menangle.

“Path to Nowhere”

Council have this on their Capital Works “to do list”, but their latest update reads “ Council’s current priority is maintaining and renewing existing assets and there is currently no budget allocation for the these works and it is not programmed at this time. There are also significant design issues on the site due to the steep grade down to Riversford Close and we are not sure that it will be feasible to construct a path at a reasonable cost for the community. Nonetheless, the project will remain on the priority list such that is eligible for funding under a future budget cycle so that we can undertake a feasibility assessment to confirm whether the path is deliverable.”

From WSC Director Infrastructure & Environment

New Idea

A suggestion has been made to place small plastic plaques around the village that coordinate and provide brief information in relation to the walking tours. This is a good idea, and the committee would like to know if anyone would be interested in arranging this? It will entail seeking permission from building owners to put a small plaque on their fence and then later fixing it to the fences, etc. The committee will supply the plaques. Again, please contact Brian Peacock at byp257@gmail.com

LOCAL NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS – Siobhan Burt

Winner:

Young Achiever Performing Arts/Creative Arts
Rotary Club of Campbelltown
Youth Excellence Awards 2015

Menangle Social Golf Club

Round 2

Our next round will be at Gerringong Golf Course on 17th May 9:30am tee off. I have booked for 16 players and the cost includes the cart. It is a beautiful course, right on the coast just after the town of Gerringong.

David Howard

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Spring Farm Link Road

Newly elected Labor Campbelltown MP Greg Warren he would be like a “dog with a bone” when it came to ensuring vital infrastructure projects — promised before the election by the Liberals — were delivered.

“To say I’ll be on the government’s hammer is a understatement,” he said.

Mr Warren said one of the most vital projects was the Spring Farm link road — which would run from Camden Bypass, passed the southern side of the Australian Botanic Garden, through Menangle Park, and eventually linking to Appin Road south of Rosemeadow.

Importantly, the road would also link up to the Hume Highway and provide an alternative route to the congested Narellan Road.

“The Spring Farm link road needs to be delivered sooner rather than later,” Mr Warren said.

“Narellan Road is not the solution.

A Roads and Maritime Services spokeswoman said a location for the road had been established.

“The location for a potential future eastern section of the Spring Farm Link Road to the Hume Highway with north facing ramps has been agreed,” she said.

“Roads and Maritime Services is working with Transport for NSW and UrbanGrowth NSW to investigate connecting the Menangle Park Urban Release Area to the broader State road network.”

The spokeswoman said the road would be developer-funded.

Campbelltown mayor Paul Lake was livid the RMS had only planned for north bound exit and entry ramps.

“These people are dumb, I don’t know what century they are living in,” he said. “We need north and south [ramps]. “The Spring Farm link road is not only important for Campbelltown residents to get in and out of Macarthur Square, but also Camden residents. “Narellan Road is a nightmare.”

Mr Warren said a Campbelltown Station commuter car park upgrade was also a necessity.

“The commuter car park is a huge issue.

“Anyone who uses that car park know it’s full by about 7am.” Mr Warren said car parking spaces would become more scarce as the region’s population grew.

Camden MP Chris Patterson (Liberal) said he was “very supportive of increased parking at our stations”. “We will be pushing to get a good outcome” he said.

- Ben Chenoweth

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CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am Wednesday 20th May

in the **Red Gum Room** at Narellan Library

Guest Speaker: well known local Indigenous artist
Jenny Shillingsworth

\$10 cover charge All Welcome

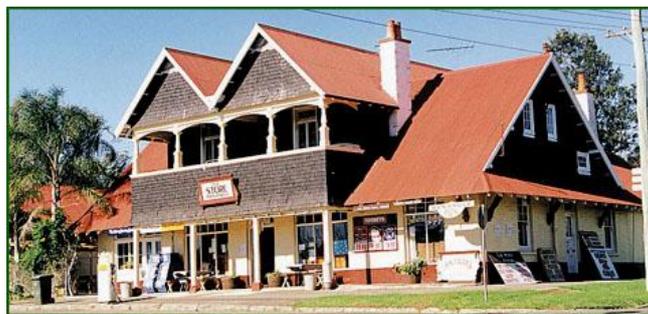
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References available

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