

# 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  
7pm: Contemporary Service

[www.menangle.anglican.asn.au](http://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

### MUSIC TIME

for mums with pre-schoolers

9.30am Tuesday June 14, 21, 28

Tuesday July 26

Looking forward to you joining us  
at the Rectory  
5 Sulman Place



## St. Patrick's Church



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

### Birthdays

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



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

### 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.

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Winter has arrived quite suddenly, after a very warm autumn. It amazes me that the relatively small difference in our summer distance between the earth and the sun, and our winter distance could cause such a difference in our temperatures. Only a powerful, benevolent Creator could cause that and sustain it, as He indeed sustains all things!

What a gift to have stories in the bible about this Creator God and His loving involvement with the people who inhabit His creation.

One fascinating story in John's gospel is about a man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany along with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Jesus was welcomed warmly into their home, and often visited them, becoming a close friend. When Lazarus became seriously ill, Jesus was summoned by the Sisters to come urgently "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

But Jesus deliberately delays going until after Lazarus is dead and buried. To all intents and purposes it looks like Jesus really does not care after all, and all sorts of accusations are made against Him by the Sisters, neighbours and even His own disciples.

I am so thankful Jesus is not influenced by all that gossip – and He continues to steadfastly work out the plan God had shown Him.

He weeps with those who are grieving, but then He performs a most amazing miracle. He calls to Lazarus – dead four days, and decomposing in the grave "Lazarus, come out!" At His voice of command, to the utter astonishment of all present, even death yields its prey and Lazarus emerges still wrapped in the burial clothes.

Then Jesus says to the people "Loose him and let him go".

Lazarus came out of his grave still wrapped in grave clothes. Lazarus had to discard the grave clothes to enter into life.

The grave clothes could represent for us a cocoon of death and sin - all the things that drag us down and connect us to death. The things that hinder us from being fully alive and totally free. Things like guilt, sin-consciousness, shame, anxiety, frustration, pride, bitterness, impatience.

Sin is just a mindset of unbelief – not believing God. All sinful attitudes and actions are a manifestation of unbelief.

When Jesus came out of His grave, he left all His and

our grave clothes inside the tomb.

He came out totally free. All sin, all sickness, and all the consequences of mankind's slavery to sin were left behind – dead and buried.

Is Jesus saying the same thing to us today as He said to Lazarus 2,000 years ago?

I believe he is – "Child – discard all the burial clothes, and come out of the shadow of death, into My brilliant, holy light. Leave all defeat, all struggle with sin, all fleshly self-effort behind, in the grave where it belongs. Come out into the LIFE of My Spirit, where My victory displaces your defeat, where My glory displaces your shame, where My power is made perfect in your weakness."

Grace and blessings

*Sue Peacock*

## MAURICE BLACKWOOD

A very smart looking park bench was dedicated in memory of Maurice Blackwood on Saturday 4th June in the Dean McGrath Park on Station Street.

A hardy group including Wollondilly mayor, Simon Landow, braved the wet weather and heard moving tributes from Robyn Craig, Neale Ray [Inspector, NSW Rural Fire Service, Southern Highlands Team] and Anne Blackwood. Cr. Kate Terry did a wonderful job as M.C.

Thanks to Robyn for her initiative and to those who erected the shelters, provided the bbq or helped in other ways.



## NAIDOC

### William Cooper – Australian Aboriginal activist

NAIDOC represents the National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee and is celebrated each year.

NAIDOC WEEK is a very significant event in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders calendar. It is the time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions, both past and present that Indigenous Australians have made and continue to make to our country and society.

One such person is William Cooper, a Yorta Yorta man. He was not only an advocate for his people but is remembered and celebrated in Israel in the Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. His public opposition to the initial Nazi attack on Jews was the only known non-government protest. For this the Jewish nation has established the Chair for the Study of Resistance during the Holocaust in tribute to William Cooper.

Before the 1960s, Australia's indigenous people were not Australian citizens even though they had been born in Australia and their ancestors had lived here for generations. They were not allowed to vote, not counted in the census figures and didn't have the same rights as white people. They were like nobodies in their own country. That's something that's very hard for those who are part of the majority to imagine. But one man, William Cooper understood it well. William was an Aboriginal who grew up in the early 1900s in NSW. He was taught to read and write by missionaries who ran a school for aboriginal children. From the Bible he learned that all people are created by God and are children of God. William also learned the words of Jesus 'Treat other people the way you want them to treat you.' He became a Christian and accepted these truths.

As he grew older he realised that Aboriginal people were not being treated this way. He wrote letters to government leaders protesting the inequality he saw around him and formed the Australian Aborigines League. On one occasion he gathered over 1800 signatures on a petition to King George V and VI of England to improve the rights of Aboriginals but the Australian Government did not forward it on because the Australian Government and its laws did not accept them as Australian citizens.

William as a member of the Australian Workers Union had many friends within that organisation that helped him in his cause. He persuaded some church leaders to

recognise an Aboriginal Sunday starting in 1940 on the day before Australia Day. This became National Aborigines Day, which was changed to July and became a celebration of aboriginal culture, which we now know as NAIDOC Week.

On 9 November 1938 Nazis in Germany terrorized Jewish people, burning synagogues and smashing their homes and businesses. Ninety one Jews were killed and 30,000 deported to concentration camps. People around the world were shocked, but William knew that he needed to protest the injustice that was happening. As someone who had experienced oppression himself, he spoke passionately against it and led a deputation to the German consulate in Melbourne. The resolution they left there voiced "on behalf of the Aborigines of Australia, a strong protest at the cruel persecution of the Jewish people by the Nazi Government of Germany". It asked that this persecution be brought to an end. This was the only known non-government protest worldwide against the initial Nazi attack on the Jews. In recent years, Jewish communities in Israel and Australia have honoured William Cooper, whose Christian beliefs led him to action on behalf of those who were oppressed. (ref 1)

What a legacy! What a challenge! How active are we in speaking up for those who are unable to speak for themselves?

<http://diduno.info/>

### **MENANGLE NEWS Thursday 6/7/1950**

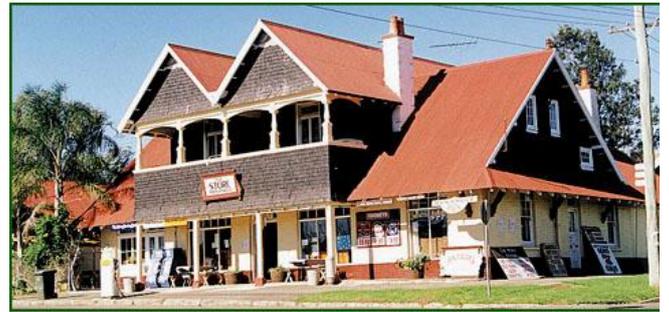
The abnormal rainfall registration of almost 41 inches for the first half of the year is probably a record for Menangle. It certainly is within the memory of any resident. During that period, the bridge over the river was under flood water for thirty-nine days, due mainly to the fact that all the Sydney water supply dams on the upper reaches of the river were overflowing for the greater part of the time. When last week's flood subsided a large log was found lying across the bridge and had broken both handrails. This blocked traffic from using the bridge for a further twenty-four hours, until the obstruction was removed by the Wollondilly Shire.

#### **Menangle Rainfall**

Recorded by Mr. Bert New at Menangle Factory

	Points
JANUARY	721
FEBRUARY	544
MARCH	793
APRIL	569
MAY	326
JUNE	<u>1134</u>
	4087

## ADVERTS



### THE MENANGLE STORE

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## How to wash a cat

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl...
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power-Wash' and 'Rinse'.
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours Sincerely,

The Dog

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Please contact me on 0418 963 291

### CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Upstairs at Narellan Library  
All Welcome  
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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### The Forbidden Dance Company

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Currently held in our personal studio in Haines Pl, Menangle or at your home. Private lessons: 1.5 hour basic classes: \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Discount for groups or multiple pre-booked lessons. Call Claudia on 0430 460 205 to book in or email: [Forbiddendancers@hotmail.com](mailto:Forbiddendancers@hotmail.com)  
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