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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

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What's on at St James

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- 23rd Laura Burt
- 24th Dave Black
- 25th Elizabeth Cross
- 28th Brian Peacock
- 30th Rhiannon



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...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.

Library

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Friday between 11am and 12noon. You will find it parked in St James Ave.

...AND don't forget the Little Library at 12 Station Street; available whenever you're passing by!

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Christians and Politics

It is Election Day as I bask in my sun-filled upstairs study, deeply thankful for a north facing window.

We had a quick, over-night trip to chilly Canberra on Wednesday to gather at Parliament House and pray for our Nation, and her Government. Of course we can, and should pray at home as well!

Some Christians are called to be involved in Government – at Local, State and Federal levels. How they need our prayers for wisdom and strength as they handle all the issues they face.

Jesus only ever made one “Political” statement, and it happened when he was challenged about the Jewish people serving the Roman Caesar. He took a coin with Caesar’s inscription on it and said “Give to Caesar that which is Caesar’s, and to God that which is God’s.”

Timeless, wise counsel which we do well to heed even today.

What is required of us as citizens of Australia? Democratic Government is the voice of the people – we elect representatives of the people, and each adult has a voice and a vote. It is a privilege and a responsibility, and it makes sense to pray and to vote according to your conscience. Discerning truth is important – and quite a challenge in the many and varied perspectives coming through the media.

Jesus stated many times that he had come to bring a Kingdom – the “Kingdom of God” or the “Kingdom of Heaven”. Only a King can establish a Kingdom. He was arrested and killed because He claimed to be a King, and the Roman Governor had a sign written in 4 languages nailed to his cross “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS”. In his mind perhaps he was condemning the whole Jewish race to death along with their King.

So what possible relevance is there in this for us? We don’t live in Israel, and I suspect most of us are not Jewish. Again – Jesus gives us the answer – “My Kingdom is not of this world.” Or – to paraphrase “My Kingdom is not like anything you see operating in the world today. It is not a democracy, it is not a dictatorship, it does not rely on military power, or even the power of the people. My Kingdom is built on sacrificial love, on faithfulness, on humility, on integrity. I, the King not only demonstrate these qualities, but I make them available to you through my Holy Spirit who will come and live within you when you come to trust in me.”

Give respect to this wonderful land of Australia, pay taxes, and obey the laws of the land.

But also consider what it means to “give to God, what belongs to God.”

Grace and blessings

Sue Peacock

The State Government has announced \$30 million for stage one of the Spring Farm to Menangle link

By Daniel Zautsen, Macarthur Chronicle Camden

THE long-awaited link between Camden and Campbelltown at Spring Farm could be just around the corner after the State Government announced \$30 million for stage one of the Spring Farm Parkway in yesterday’s State Budget.

The road will connect Spring Farm with Menangle Rd at Menangle Park and will link with the Hume Highway via new entry ramps.

It follows a long campaign by the *Macarthur Chronicle*, Campbelltown and Camden Councils and politicians to build the link as an alternative route into Campbelltown, relieving pressure on the congested Narellan Rd.

The Spring Farm Parkway had previously been referred to as the Link Road.

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian announced the funding from the government’s Housing Acceleration Fund.

“We need to ensure we have enough housing to cater for the growing population, that’s why it is so important that we keep unlocking new land by providing funding for the necessary infrastructure,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The project to widen Appin Rd also received \$10 million in the budget.

Camden state Liberal MP Chris Patterson said the funding would allow for the planning stage of the development of the link to Menangle.

“It’s going to be a major link and it’s important that not one single road services the area and they all work in synergy,” he said.

Mr Patterson said a further link from Menangle to Appin was not part of the initial planning stage but wouldn’t rule it out in further stages.

“The problem is every electorate needs these link roads and you’ve got to find the funding for that,” he said.

“It’s great news for the area and a great step to linking Camden and Campbelltown, easing congestion on our local roads.”

Campbelltown Councillor Paul Lake is a long-term advocate of a link road and was relieved the funding arrangements had finally been announced but urged

the government to hurry the road's construction along.

"At least it's a start, this road's been spoken about for a long time and it's long overdue," Cr Lake said.

"Let's hope they get moving once the planning is out of the way because it's a road that we need."

Campbelltown state Labor MP Greg Warren welcomed the announcement but wanted to ensure the road upgrades would extend to include an Appin connection.

"This is a solution to the southern development areas of the region and I will welcome any announcement but it needs to benefit the entire region and be planned properly," Mr Warren said.

"It's got to include that Appin Rd connection."

AGL's coal seam gas wells flooded at Sydney's south-west, shifting water tanks

by Peter Hannam

Environment Editor, The Sydney Morning Herald

Flooding has inundated a number of AGL's coal seam gas wells near the swollen Nepean River, and sent two tanks containing CSG waste water adrift.

AGL, though, said gas bubbles surfacing near one flooded well site were not methane leaks, disputing concerns raised by anti-CSG activists.

The floods have covered "a number" of AGL's CSG wells in the region, including at Menangle Park and Glenlee, following the torrential weekend rains, the NSW Environment Protection Authority said.

"The EPA has requested AGL continue to provide updates as the flood water recedes and work to bring the wells back into operation begins," the agency said, noting it had not yet been able to access the site because of safety concerns.

AGL said it was yet to determine the number of wells inundated because some remained off-limits because of road closures.

"In the order of 10, out of 96 operating wells, may have had varying levels of floodwater in their proximity," an AGL spokesman said. "The wells are watertight, robust and designed to automatically close down when flooding occurs." The spokesman rejected claims that gas bubbles filmed near the Menangle Park well could be methane, saying they were carbon-dioxide.

"Our technicians have used highly sensitive gas detectors to confirm the bubbles in these floodwaters are not methane," he said. "This also was independently verified after previous flood events in the region."

Dan Robins, from the Lock the Gate Alliance, said AGL's Camden Gas Project "was a disaster zone" after the recent floods.

"This is the third time the Menangle Park wells have been flooded since 2013, and it's the third time there's been extensive bubbling nearby," Mr Robins.

"We're not satisfied with the assertions from AGL and EPA unless there's proper testing. Our main concern is what was in those tanks. The community's questions still remain unanswered; how much produced water was released and what was in that water?"

The AGL spokesman said the amount of produced water - which flows up the wells along with the gas - was "around 1100 litres", and contained salts and non-toxic materials.

AGL said in February that it would exit the Camden CSG project by 2023, 12 years earlier than previously proposed amid widespread opposition to the industry.

Each well in a flood-affected area would be fully inspected by technicians before gas production resumes, the AGL spokesman said.

Anyone interested could paste this link in their browser to see a video of gas bubbles escaping into the flooded river:

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/agls-coal-seam-gas-wells-flooded-at-sydneys-southwest-shifting-water-tanks-20160606-gpd2mj.html>

St James Church

A storm-damaged tree was recently removed from the church grounds. Thankfully, there are no plans for a return to the high visibility of the church's earlier times as seen in the picture!



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