

# 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

[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 July 26

Looking forward to you joining us at the  
Rectory

5 Sulman Place



### Library

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

## 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



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### 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 Graham Noyes on 4633 8810.

### Library

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

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

### The Wisdom of God – 1. His MERCY

Wisdom is insight into the true nature of things. God's wisdom is described as "manifold wisdom" (Ephesians 3). Manifold suggests varied, and many-coloured, just like a rainbow! It is interesting that God' manifold wisdom is made known through people to the powers of darkness in the heavenly places.

God gives His wisdom to human beings to make it known to spirit beings! Who would have thought! One aspect of the many-coloured wisdom of God is His mercy. We are God's teaching aid to show His mercy to the vast world of spirit beings – angels both good and fallen, and all their minions. Mercy is not available to them, only to us.

Since the entry of sin (self-reliance) into the human race when Adam and Eve rejected God's rule and chose self-rule, every one of us inherits sinful DNA – we are born with a nature that is both drawn to sin and finds it easy to sin!

So – God has committed us all to disobedience, that He might HAVE MERCY ON ALL! (Romans 11) And His mercy is shown perfectly in His Son Jesus – "All things came to be through Jesus and without Him nothing made had being." (John 1)

These four aspects of His mercy (the Gospel – or GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom) can be summarised as follows:

1. Jesus died FOR me (He paid the penalty for all my sinful, self-centred thoughts, words and deeds, and I am forgiven. Otherwise they would have consigned me straight to hell when I died!)
2. Jesus died AS me (My old sinful nature was crucified in Him and it died when He died)
3. Jesus now lives IN me (The resurrected life of Jesus in the form of the Holy Spirit lives inside me to influence me to love God, and His word, and to love people.)
4. Jesus loves THROUGH me (I can now yield my will, my mind and my emotions to God and express His loving thoughts, words and deeds.)

God only has one remedy for all that ails mankind – His Son – the Lord Jesus Christ. He invites us to partake of His gift of mercy, to receive His forgiveness, His peace, and His power to be the

change this world desperately needs!

Grace and blessings

*Sue Peacock*

## STATION STREET DEVELOPMENT - 1

As you are aware the Joint Regional Planning Panel met recently to make a final determination on the Station St Development of 350 houses. We had overwhelming support from people in Menangle - from hanging one of the many protest signs to attendance on the night. In fact there was a change of room to accommodate so many people from the community! The MCA would like to take this opportunity to say thankyou to everyone for their support and encouragement! We certainly could not have done it alone!

The decision by the panel was to defer to a future meeting. Below is an extract of their decision.

*"The Panel finds that this proposal for the expansion of Menangle Village is generally satisfactory and will present an opportunity to restore and celebrate the important cultural and historic elements of the State Heritage items of Menangle Village. However, the Panel is not yet prepared to determine the proposal on merit as it is not satisfied about the following matters:*

1. *Arrangements be made to provide certainty that the necessary infrastructure required to support the development will be available in a timely manner;*
2. *The Flood Study needs to be upgraded to the satisfaction of the Office of Environment and Heritage so as to meet the requirements of the Ministers S117 Direction;*
3. *The proponent is required to update the ecological assessment in accordance with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and it is noted that the Department of Planning and Environment will facilitate these discussions.*
4. *In relation to Coal Seam Gas, the Panel requires a risk assessment to be undertaken for any proposed residential development within 200m of any existing operating gas well; and*
5. *the Panel requests the Department of Planning & Environment to confirm that residential development may proceed on this land that will not be adversely affected by mine subsidence. "*

The MCA is not in agreement with the panel's determination that it is "generally satisfactory" and we believe that while restoration of our heritage assets is important it should not be at the expense of replacing the heritage landscape with a sprawling unsympathetic suburb.

We are heartened with the additional requirements requested by the panel and we anticipate more detailed information being provided.

The MCA will continue to lobby the NSW State Government on behalf of the community for a better planning outcome that takes into consideration the community's views, and poor planning issues that have been already highlighted by this development.

Once again we thank you for your support – we couldn't do it without it!

**"Menangle is too important to loose!  
Once it's gone – IT'S GONE!" – Maurice  
Blackwood**

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Deeth, Menangle Community Assoc.

## STATION STREET DEVELOPMENT - 2

The Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) met at Wollondilly Council Chambers on Thursday 28th July to discuss the planning proposal for Station Street Menangle. This proposal was for a subdivision for 350 houses on the old Rotolactor site around the railway Station. If approved it would increase the population of Menangle by over 1,000 residents.

This meeting was held to consider the submissions made by government agencies, community groups and members of the public.

One local group called the Menangle Community Association, formerly lead by the late Maurice Blackwood, vigorously opposed the development, mainly because it encroached upon what they perceived as valuable heritage sites and the impact on our rural living ambience.

A perusal of some of the documents produced by consultants obtained by The Green Recorder seem to indicate they were written to prove the application, rather than written to examine if the facts support the application. As a former Operations Officer of the SES and involved in flood mitigation and evacuation planning of the Liverpool region I was interested in the flood reports. One report from the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage on flooding states in part:

"The npc, 2014 assessment primarily based the hydrology assessment on the catchment local flooding as outlined in section 5.3, while the Nepean

River flooding is merely considered to identify the flood planning level.... From a floodplain risk management perspective the assessment is considered inadequate."

Item 3.1.4 in one paper raises the necessity for the SES to prepare detailed emergency response as larger areas of the proposed site would be inundated.

There did not appear any recognition that Menangle is subjected to isolation from flooding as occurred in

June this year and the only place mentioned for sheltering people affected by flood was St James Church. No thought was given to a high level bridge across the Nepean River to provide evacuation or resupply in flood time, however a cost effective solution would be to build an on/off ramp on Moreton Park Road where it crosses over the F5 at Gilbulla. This would alleviate traffic congestion which will occur on Menangle Road as a result of the 350 hectare development at Menangle Park.

Sewerage will be a major problem, although a treatment plant is proposed at the northern end of the development. However it will be questionable whether this will be adequate. My daughter, Helena Warren was employed by EMAI to investigate the cause of blue/green algae which devastated the fisheries and oyster industries on the Nepean/Hawkesbury River. It was thought at the /me this was due to Superphosphate being used by the farmers. Helena found that the farmers were underutilising this substance but untreated sewerage from sewerage plants on the river was the cause and corrections had to be made. At the present time many homes in Menangle, although equipped with a bio system, have to get their excess sewerage trucked away and at Durham Green this can be as much as daily! The Green Recorder was advised by those present that the JRPP approved the application in principle but the developers have to submit plans in relation to the infrastructure required. However, the Greater Macarthur land release plan discussed in September 2015 issue of The Green Recorder, recommended that there should be no approval of new developments west of the Nepean River for at least 20 years because of the lack of infrastructure.

**-by Leon Warren, *The Green Recorder***

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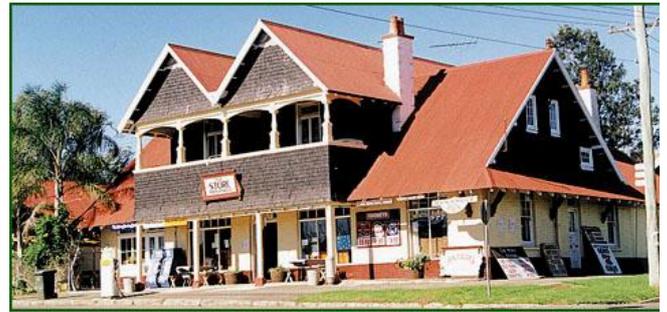
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