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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  
Looking forward to you joining us  
at the Rectory 5 Sulman Place  
Ph. 4633 8594



### 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Holz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Maher
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mick Starr
- 6<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Terry
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sue Black
- 9<sup>th</sup> Joanna
- 13<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Perentin
- 14<sup>th</sup> Shardanne Jasmine
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jake Peacock
- 16<sup>th</sup> Christine
- 17<sup>th</sup> Joshua Charles
- 18<sup>th</sup> Amy Warner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Adam Taylor
- 21<sup>st</sup> Neroli Keegan
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Alan Robertson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Celtie Williams
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rhiannan Perentin
- 24<sup>th</sup> Grace Culpan
- 25<sup>th</sup> David Gilyeat
- 25<sup>th</sup> Garry Butler
- 26<sup>th</sup> Meredith Wilson
- 28<sup>th</sup> Ray Jeffrey
- 30<sup>th</sup> Stephen Rochaix
- 30<sup>th</sup> Lyn Sligar



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

### Library

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

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

### Healthy Living

As an owner of a fitness facility, healthy living is part of many conversations. Making healthy food choices, getting sufficient sleep (6.5 hours per night) and doing 30 minutes of moderate exercise at least five times each week help to keep our bodies healthy.

But our bodies, whilst being fascinating and fearfully made are just the “tent” in which we live. We are actually spiritual beings – we have a soul and we live in a body. If our spirits and souls are not healthy, our internal world can be in chaos. Research has shown that this often manifests outwardly in physical disorders.

So can we be healthy in spirit, soul and body?

Jesus taught that if we begin a relationship with Him, trusting Him to save us from all our regrets and failures (sins) He will give us His healthy life-giving Spirit. To stay spiritually healthy at every crossroads we choose to please God in the way we think, and the way we behave.

Our soul contains our mind, our will and our emotions. Mental health requires healthy positive thoughts – thoughts of gratitude, of goodness and kindness, selfless thoughts, peaceful, kind and forgiving thoughts. Accepting these kinds of thoughts sometimes means saying “NO!” to negative anxious thoughts, or unkind, critical thoughts, or envious thoughts, or complaints. Rehearsing old hurts has to cease, and celebrating every current blessing must replace our focus on what is missing, what is wrong, or even how hard life is! Life can be hard – BUT there are always hidden treasures in every situation, every relationship, and every circumstance.

Of course thinking in a healthy way translates into healthy emotions – the greatest of these being love. The best health test for emotions I have ever discovered was written by Francis Frangipane, a Christian Pastor. He said “There are two conditions of the heart no one can hide: one is when the heart is filled with love, and the other when we are infected with bitterness.” He goes on to describe how love will always seek oneness, whereas bitterness will seek justice.

This gives us such an insight into the love God has for all people. His desire for oneness led Him to send His only Son, not just to bring good news of a God who loves us, but to actually become the scapegoat for every regret, and every failure of every person who will ever live. His offering includes mercy, forgiveness and the grace to start over again, and again and again. He speaks of His loving kindness and tender mercy triumphing over His judgement! If we give Him

even half a chance He will surely restore our hearts to love!

May you receive and embrace God’s gracious gift today!

Grace and blessings

*Sue Peacock*

## Club Menangle to undergo multi-million dollar revamp

Luisa Cogno, Macarthur Chronicle Campbelltown

THE new-look Club Menangle will undergo a multi-million dollar revamp which is expected to transform it into a major entertainment hub in the Macarthur region.



Formally called Tabcorp Park Menangle, the Menangle Park venue has been renamed and rebranded as part of the first step towards its upgrade and expansion to enable it to offer a wider range of entertainment options to the community. Club Menangle community engagement manager Steve Wisbey said the project was a one-to-five year plan and would include the complete refurbishment of the historic Menangle House which would become the centre piece of the new registered club at the site.

He said the expansion plan included on-site accommodation facilities, a new registered club, a childcare centre, restaurants and bars and these elements would become the gateway to the racing track facility.

“We want to make the club more inclusive,” Mr Wisbey said.

“We want to move away from being just a racing venue. Harness racing will remain at our core but we want to be more than that.”

Mr Wisbey said the plan and the time frame for completion would be subject to Campbelltown Council approval.

As part of the expansion plan, the club’s rebranding and an eye-catching logo were unveiled on the weekend and signaled its intentions to revamp the site and meet the population explosion planned in the Macarthur region.

Mr Wisbey said the new logo depicted the Nepean River as well as the lush mountains behind the club

setting.

“The colours of the logo were chosen to reflect the lush and green rural feel of the Wollondilly shire,” he said.

***Michel Kolnar’s response to this newspaper article:***

Can I draw your attention to the irony of having NSW Harness Racing (NSWHR) position themselves as community planners.

I am speaking of the proposal by NSW HR to develop a Penrith Panthers style entertainment precinct as presented in the publicized article in the Macarthur Chronicle on the September 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 by Luisa Cagno. Before we go trotting off supporting everything NSW Harness Racing proposes.

We have town planners, state planners and elected representatives whose job it is to represent the interest of the people elected by them and to develop our heritage and cultural resources within objectives for long term planning and sustaining population goals. Before the stakeholders (owners of the previous Harold Park) go further with the proposal to change Menangle into their own cityscape and separate entertainment entity quite apart from Campbelltown Business District and competing with Campbelltown. Is it not better to first outline a solid planning objective for Menangle/Menangle Park which incorporates the Heritage Values of the original landscapes within the broader context of MACRO, sustaining the Nepean River and the fact that the site proposed for all this entertainment is surrounded by a flood Zone? How are flood waters going to be mitigated ?

Not to be missed is the importance of the eco-heritage environments attached to the land mark features at Menangle Park including; the adjacent Camden Park Estate, The Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute (with its last remnant Cumberland Bushland), Rosalind Park, The Pines, Mt Gilead with the stone windmill, Glen Lee, Birds Eye Corner, The Ironside bridge over the Nepean River of 1868, (the last in Australia) and the natural archtype agricultural landscape of the Menangle Valley incorporating the Rotalactor fields of the adjacent side of the Nepean River. All these elements are the real assets. In my view the greatest draw card to the area and everyone knows it, not NSWHR gambling precinct. NSWHR also knows this, so much so that NSWHR are now using the lush landscape of Wollondilly and surrounding green as a selling point for their new “Club Menangle” to draw people in. The majority of the Menangle Valley from Menangle Road sweeping into the Nepean River is owned by Campbelltown Council. I ask the question why do we need to completely sell this land for housing

development and should we not consider the heritage landscape in terms of economic and cultural values as a museum scape telling the story of agricultural development. And perhaps setting up an urban farm-scape for the learning of agriculture techniques and husbandry.

The stakeholders running HRNSW and NSWHR trade in horses and gambling not child care centres, Pubs and Bowling Alleys. The suggestion of placing a child care centre next to a pub supports this point. Why would any parent want their kids serviced by such a child care centre placed next to a pub, this suggests to me nothing but the opportunity to have your kids minded whilst parents support the recreational activities of NSWHR such as drinking, gambling etc.

The current form of industry entertainment at NSWHR does not draw the crowds to their facility and hence they are desperate to seek other forms of entertainments that are completely at odds with family living and the agricultural landscape benefit of Menangle Park. Menangle Park is a peaceful place and could be both recreational and educational for the people of Sydney not a Luna Park.

**Campbelltown Council should not support a future family precinct concurrently supporting gambling and drinking as an entertainment hub for the future families of Menangle Park. Campbelltown, there is already enough recreational gambling in the area. This is not in keeping with family values. It is my view, NSW HR are overreaching and should be countered by our Council representatives they are not the Town Planners.**

Regards

Michel Kolnar

Winner of the National Trust Heritage Awards

Owner and conservator of “The Pines”

BA ARTS – Product Design /Visual Arts  
(University of Western Sydney)

POST GRAD. DIP – Museum Studies (Sydney University)

## **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 Chris 4633 8594 or Graham 4633 8810.



## Summary of Gilbulla's History

by Michael Widderich - YTD Coordinator, Ellel Ministries

*Gilbulla was built in 1899 by the Macarthur family as a wedding gift to Lt Colonel James William Macarthur-Onslow, the great grandson of the famous Australian Wool Industry pioneer John Macarthur.*

*The architectural firm, Sulman and Power, were commissioned to design a gentleman's country residence for a family of distinction which would enhance, but not outstrip, the grandeur of Camden Park, the existing Macarthur residence. The grand Gilbulla homestead rests on 54 acres of land and many of the original features of the property are still visible.*

*The original village of Menangle was constructed to house the farm and domestic workers for the Gilbulla property.*

*In 1932 James William Macarthur-Onslow swapped residences with his unmarried sister Sibella who had inherited Camden Park House.*

*Sibella Macarthur-Onslow was an ardent supporter of the Red Cross and after war broke out, she offered to lease Gilbulla to the Red Cross as a convalescent hospital was soon needed for Australian servicemen. They were still there when she died in 1945. It was the Red Cross which constructed the Long House to the east of the main house.*

*The Anglican Church purchased the property from Camden Park Estate in 1949 for use as a retreat and conference centre and constructed the log chapel in 1950, the motel style accommodation and meeting hall in 1978 and the dining hall extension to the main house and other works in the 1980s.*

*The property was purchased by the current owners Ellel Ministries Australia Ltd for use as a Christian Discipleship & Prayer Ministry Training venue in 2002.*

***“Photos courtesy of: Camden Library, Campbelltown City Library and State Library of Victoria.”***



### Open Day Weekend:

*The property will be open for viewing by the public for two “Family Open Days” between 10am and 4pm Saturday 17 September and Sunday 18 September 2016. Visitors can take a self-guided tour of the historic buildings and beautiful grounds and enjoy the sausage sizzle or Devonshire teas which will be available. Families are welcomed as well; there will be a jumping castle, face painting and a petting zoo for the kids to enjoy.*

*Entry will be \$5 per adult and children (under 16) free.*

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