

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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St James

Minister: Rev Chris Moroney
Enquiries: Ph. 4633 8594

8.30am: Traditional Service

10am: Family Service and Sunday School

Families are welcome to join us on Sundays. We run a children's program while the 10am service is on. This caters for children 3 years old to year 6. Under 3's are welcome in church and the service is live streamed to the adjacent room – The Stables



www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

BELL RINGING PRACTICE 7 to 8 PM

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday evenings
New members welcome.

EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March
9.30AM

EASTER SUNDAY 1st April
8.30 & 10AM
HOLY COMMUNION

Columbarium Niches

Reservations can be made with a deposit of \$200
contact Brian - 4633 8261

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

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.
Contacts: Chris 46338594 Graham 46338810

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Ben Black
3rd Ivan Green
4th Elliott Margin
5th Bev James
5th Beau Kent
6th Mark Robertson
9th Dave
9th Matthew Tedesco
12th Graham Noyes
14th Jethro Margin
19th Lucy
20th Christine Butler
21st Indigo Margin
22nd Cindy Haines
30th Brett Warner



ANNIVERSARIES

14th Steve and Simone Collison
15th Steve and Kerry Charles
18th James and Karen McFarlane
20th Steve and Vicki Blight
22nd Brian and Sue Peacock

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



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

LIBRARIES

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

We have relocated Curves Camden – so thankful for the help from family and friends! We received word on the 10th of February of a suitable spot which would be available at the end of the month. It was a big week last week, and we still have some boxes that need unpacking and some cleaning at the old premises, but God kept His promise and provided a lovely, upgraded premises with ducted air conditioning, good carpets and two bathrooms with showers! And at affordable rent! God is good!

God is always good, and that is the only reason we need to thank Him in every circumstance. We thank Him for His goodness, we praise Him for His greatness as Creator and Sustainer of everything, and we worship His holiness. He loves worshippers – the ones who know that He is pure love – absolutely trustworthy, unfailingly faithful, worthy of all honour. The ones who trust His love receive His gifts with overwhelming gratitude. He is the kind of God who would send His Son into a broken, fallen world, knowing He would be murdered in the most degrading, humiliating way known to mankind. BUT, God also knew that the death Jesus died on behalf of all mankind would clear away all the burdens of that fallen brokenness, and all people everywhere could have a new start. People could get right with God, with each other and within themselves.

AND – THERE ARE NO RULES IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD – JUST ATTITUDES:

Love God (honour Him and appreciate Him)

Love your neighbour (treat others how you would like to be treated)

Love yourself (accept yourself as a valuable and lovable person with a unique contribution to make.)

Billy Graham died recently – millions of people responded to his simple, timeless message:

“Stop living your life to please yourself; ask God to forgive you for having lived that way.

Thank God that He sent Jesus to pay the penalty of every sin and to give you a new start.

Ask Jesus to come into your life and give you the power of His Holy Spirit so you can live to please God.”

It is simple – but it will cost everything!

The faith journey brings us step-by-step into the freedom of knowing the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, and that is worth everything!

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

OPINION | Bye hills, hello sprawl

by Jeff McGill

From the Wollondilly Advertiser

I’VE just said a sad goodbye to (yet another) corner of our local landscape about to vanish forever under rooftops.

Last week I was welcomed to Mount Pleasant, the home of John and Nicole Taber, and their four kids who are the eighth generation of Tabers at Menangle Park.

They live on the rolling hills in between Menangle Park village and the Hume Highway. The one-hectare block their house stands on – all that remains of a once-large dairy farm – is about to be completely surrounded by a housing estate.



The land about to vanish, a plan showing their home surrounded by tiny new blocks

Not that it was the Tabers who sold their old family farm to Dahua Group, the Chinese development company planning the estate.

Their old family farm was actually resumed by the government many decades ago – from John’s grandparents – when the freeway went through, leaving them with the single hectare.

“A bit like Darryl Kerrigan in *The Castle*”, John told me.

(I immediately thought of the Michael Caton line from that famous Aussie film: “*Compulsorily acquired? You know what this means, don’t you...they’re acquiring it compulsorily!*”)

Well, you can’t change history...and the Tabers, still at Mount Pleasant after two centuries, are today philosophical, not angry.

They want to co-operate with the Dahua Group as it builds houses and roads up to their fenceline, and John and Nicole say they are hoping for “friendly” next-door neighbours (they’ll end up with about 30 of them).

And, because of the lack of adjacent parkland planned in the new estate, the Tabers are even considering giving a small portion of their one

hectare block as a leafy enclave, dedicated to their ancestors, which might be used by friendly neighbours.

One of Campbelltown's last rural pockets is about to be replaced by Colorbond fences and rooftops – like Blair Athol, only squishier.

But that's the sort of people they are.

I can't help feeling a bit sorry for the Tabers as the rural views (that their house was specifically built on a hill to embrace) are turned into Colorbond fences and McMansions – like Blair Athol, only squishier.

The Tabers are, again, philosophical.

"We have known for years the development was going to happen," John said.

"Fortunately for us, it didn't happen earlier and we have been able to raise our children as country children on the doorstep of the city."



The Taber kids – Alanna, Ben, Tom and Luke

But the Tabers *do* want, on the public record, a recognition of the history that is about to go.

Their ancestors arrived as convicts in 1797 and Thomas Taber was awarded his original land grant for his service as an early schoolmaster in the colony.

The family went on to dominate local rural life in many ways, one of the family erecting historic Menangle House (The Horse & Jockey Inn). John's grandmother backed the creation of Broughton Anglican College.

Bulldozers should move in later this year.

That will be sad, but I will acknowledge this truth...

Back as far as 1973 this site was marked on maps as a future residential site – unlike Gilead, on the other side of Sugarloaf next to Appin Road – the other last bit of Campbelltown's rural landscape approved for housing – which was *supposed* to be "regional open space".

Ha. The joke's on us.

Meanwhile, I hope the Menangle Park estate ends up being the "benchmark" in "liveability and lifestyle perspectives" that the Dahua Group promises.

Not only for the Tabers' sake, but Macarthur's sake.

Probus Club

There is a new club which has been formed in the Menangle district. It is the Probus Club of Menangle, which is a club specially catering for retirees in our community, and it joins clubs in United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand designed for fellowship, friendship and fun for retirees. A large number of the members live in the Durham Green Village, but from retirees in the district area of Menangle and Menangle Park would be eligible to join – applications welcome. If interested, it is suggested that contact could be made with the President, Pat McDonall (telephone 46339203) or Secretary Leon Warren (telephone 46338989) for further information. The Annual general meeting is to be held on Monday 19th March 2018 at 10.30 am and should occupy about 2 hours, with a guest speaker and morning tea/coffee and an opportunity to meet with other retirees in the Menangle area.

Local JPs

Brian Anderson	02 4633 9751
Kevin Auricht	04 2886 2330
Suzanne Barnett	0421 102 954
David Black	04 0068 9586
Anne Blackwood	04 1322 1123
Jacilyn Clark	04 2101 1515
Nancy Cottle	02 4633 8863
Jeffrey Flanagan	02 4633 9950
Rhonda Gover	02 4633 9292
Alanna Jones	04 2527 8244
Charles Louchery	04 2527 6643
Matthew Mansell	04 9925 7811
Chris Moroney	02 4633 8594
James Nelson	04 0820 8266
Marjorie Nilsson	02 4633 9690
Shirley Osborne	02 4633 9227
Susan Peacock	02 4633 8261
Kevin Roby	04 1928 6622
Lee Rushworth	04 1204 9223
Allana Storrier	02 4633 9445
Maree Van Vlemen	0419 988 924
Michael Wales	04 5822 1616
Briar Warren	02 4633 8989
Christopher Westbury	04 1923 1382

Phone at an appropriate time for an appointment

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CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am 3rd Wednesday of the month

Upstairs at Narellan Library

All Welcome

Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE ART CLASSES

1A/31 Cawdor Rd, Camden

Local Macarthur artist Hannedora has teamed up with professional art therapist Julie Finch to produce an arts based after school program that will foster creativity, imaginative thinking problem solving skills and self confidence.

They will deliver a range of stimulating creative activities that will encourage interaction and relationship building, while developing one's own unique visual language for self expression and self exploration. The fun and creative program will cultivate the imagination through the exploration of a range of artistic modalities and mediums.

ADVERTS

LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

from 7:30am Saturday

at Onslow Park

[next to Camden Showground]

Ph: 0417 230 418

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden

ph. 4655 7735

AVON CALLING

Antonia 0411 602 400

House Cleaning

My name is Malaika Hall [15yrs old]; I am working to earn extra pocket money by cleaning houses

If interested, please contact me on:

0451-142-947 (Price negotiable)

NUTRIMETICS

If anyone is interested in getting a Nutrimetics Brochure delivered to your door please contact Katie on 0404140659

The Forbidden Dance Company

We currently provide fun private dancing classes to suit every individual. Salsa, Bachata & Merengue.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/forbiddendancecompany>



AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE ART CLASSES

Term 1 classes:

Primary Yr 3- Yr 6

Monday & Wednesday 3.30pm – 5pm

Early High School Yr 7 – Yr 9

Monday & Wednesday 5.30pm – 7pm

Limited to 8 students per class

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