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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. Contacts: Chris 46338594 Graham 46338810 Now incorporating...

*"The Australasian Order of Old Bastards" Camden - Menangle Branch **

This "Fraternity" is now over 50 years since inception and has raised well over \$7,500,000 for charity. This includes Westmead Children's Hospital, Renal Clinic and Laboratory, to which, our Arch Bastard, Leo Bradshaw MBE is dedicated.

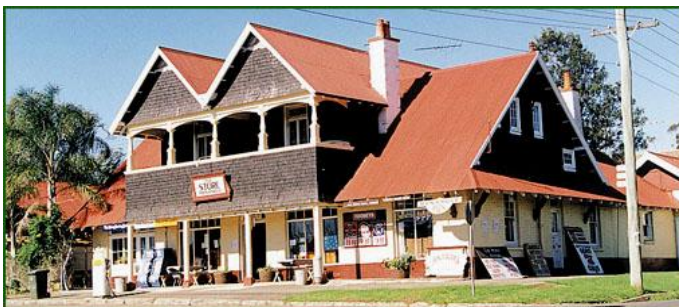
Our order was launched in Camden RSL in 2010 and has now moved to Menangle. Since our inception we have raised over \$70,000 for local kids and our legacy, Westmead Children's Hospital, Renal Clinic and Laboratory.

We have reduced in numbers due to health and general condition. However, my wife Dollina & I are keeping our office afloat as long as we are able.

Big Kev Gunn "OB"

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THE MENANGLE STORE
Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

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.

Menangle Music Time

for children 0-5 and their carers
during the school term

Tuesday at 9.30 for 9.45am start

We meet in the lower room of
5 Sulman Place

Cost is \$3 /child or \$5/family
Contact Michelle 0405 677 281

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

ANNIVERSARIES

9th Meredith and Stephen Cross
24th Peter and Sharon Foulks

LIBRARY

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Friday between 11am and 12noon.

You will find it parked in St James Ave.

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Tough and Tender Times

My Mum died during winter, which is very appropriate.

Her favourite time of year was Spring - and since moving to Tassie 23 years ago, the daffodils became a special delight to her. They grow everywhere, thriving in the cooler climate.

I am returning from a trip to Mum's place to help my sister pack up her home. It was a tough and tender time - lots of decisions to make on behalf of our other three sisters, but such a beautiful bonding time for us two working together. We are the two "task oriented" ones which helped.

Grief is such a personal journey, and yet it is such an integral part of our humanity. It seems to magnify the emotions somehow - sadness feels like a deep well of sorrow, sometimes emerging by the cupful, other times the bucketload; gratitude swells up and overflows as tears; joy makes the heart sing and shout out loud. A tough and tender place.

A significant loss is also a milestone - a marker of what has been, and what will now be. A time for taking a really good look at life now and determining the deeply foundational things that will shape the years that still remain.

I am discovering that loving deeply requires courage, but satisfies like nothing else.

Making relationships more important than problems requires patiently listening and reaching out again and again even if hurtful words have been said. Forgiveness empowers endurance in this.

But one of the big ones for me is to be quite deliberate about taking good care of myself. The essentials for healthy bodies we all know - exercise and eating well, getting enough sleep - but the internal ones are equally important. Prioritising the opportunities for joy, and pleasure, and peace and laughter. Finding ways to be generous - maybe with the gift of listening and sharing struggles, or giving and receiving encouragement. Engaging enthusiastically with life requires that we have identified our passions, and found ways to invest them in a meaningful way.

So, as a 64 year old orphan, a member now of the older generation, I resolve to live life richly and well!

My Mum loved this Prayer of St Francis, I love it too!

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.*

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Blessings and love,
Sue Peacock

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jessica Foulks
5th Jonathon Koeford
6th Shirley Maher
6th Pauline Peretin
13th Kim Koeford
15th John Redmond
16th Conner McFarlane
17th Peter Foulks
18th Laura Taylor
23rd Indyana Worthington
24th Maree Holz
25th James Collison,
26th Melissa Lamrock
26th Frances Warner
30th Jacqueline Bell
30th Jessica McNevin



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

Probus Club

Menangle district Probus Club is a club specially catering for retirees in our community. 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 (46339203) or Secretary Leon Warren (46338989) for further information.

Light refreshment

Women who carry a few extra kilograms around their waist and thighs have a significantly longer life-expectancy than the men who live with them who happen to mention it!

At the start of 2018 I had 15kg to lose – now I've only 18 to go!

ANZAC – BATTLE of BEERSHEBA

Our History and the Christian Connection **Lieutenant General Sir Harry Chauvel**

The horses were restless, pawing the ground in the relentless heat. A shimmering haze hung over the desert, taunting the waiting riders and their thirsty steeds with the promise of water. In the distance, a pall of dust obscured the fighting. But the dust cloud was crawling aimlessly, not flying forward. It was obvious that the attack had failed—just as two previous attempts on nearby Gaza had been repulsed.

Fights over this oasis on the edge of the desert had been ongoing for nearly 4000 years. Abraham's argument with Abimelech over water rights had been settled with an oath and seven ewes at this spot: the wells of Beersheba.

Now, on 31 October 1917, another history-making moment had arrived. Men from the youngest nation on earth at the time had drawn their horses up outside the Turkish-held stronghold of Beersheba. Smarting from the defeat of Gallipoli, they were keen to engage the Turks on a new battleground.

In charge of the Australian troops was Harry Chauvel. Under his command were 34,000 horsemen and cameleers from various parts of the British Empire as well as France and Italy. This is considered by many to be the largest body of mounted troops since Alexander the Great over 2000 years before.

An early morning bombardment and an attack by the British forces on Tel Sheva, achieved their objectives. In the afternoon, the baton was handed over to the New Zealand troops who fought tenaciously to remove the Turks from their heavily fortified stronghold, thus neutralising the machine guns and snipers. These victories made the charge on Beersheba viable.

Chauvel, the first Australian to rise to Lieutenant-General within the British forces, thought there was still a chance to take Beersheba, this Turkish-held outpost. With only one hour of daylight left he ordered the Light Horse regiments to charge.

In they went. Just 800 of them. They tore across the dusty plains so swiftly that the town's gunners kept overshooting the oncoming charge. The attacking force overwhelmed the surprised defenders.

Thirty one Australian horsemen were killed with 36 wounded in this remarkable victory. The Turkish army suffered heavy casualties with many hundreds dead and wounded as well as 700–1000 who surrendered and were taken as prisoners of war.

The biblical significance of this battle, in the place still called by the name Abraham gave it, was not lost on the troops. Shortly afterwards, the ANZACs were instrumental in re-taking the city of Jerusalem. In his scrapbook, Chauvel wrote the word 'Prophetic' under a photo of Jerusalem.

The city had been under Muslim rule since the seventh century. The Emperor Hadrian, in the first

century, ordered Jerusalem razed to the ground. Christians and Jews were forbidden to enter on pain of death. Yet God had promised in the Bible to return his chosen people to their own land.

According to an article in the Jerusalem Post on 29 October 2007, '...the Australian victory in 1917 set in train some remarkable events—the liberation of Jerusalem, the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the British Mandate in Palestine and ultimately the establishment of the State of Israel.' The same article highlights a little known fact: the timing of the Light Horse charge at 4:30 pm appears to have coincided with a historic decision made in London in support of the establishment of the State of Israel. Although not officially made public until 3 days later, nevertheless it seems that, allowing for the time zone difference, this decision was made at the same hour as the attack on Beersheba on October 31.

Harry Chauvel's strong personal faith can be traced back to France in 1685. His Huguenot ancestors were forced to flee across the English Channel under threat of death because of their faith in Jesus Christ and their unwavering belief in the Bible.

His Christian faith was vibrant. On all his campaigns, he carried a copy of the Bible, which he read regularly. This wood-bound, engraved copy of the Scriptures which he sought inspiration in difficult times is kept and treasured by his family.

Written by: Graham McDonald

Source: Extracts from his daughter's letters.



Beersheba Day in Menangle
Wednesday 31st October
from 12.00pm till 5.00pm
at Menangle Rural Fire Brigade

Programme

12.00pm – 3.00pm OUTSIDE
Visit: Pat the horses, talk to the
Troopers – school groups welcome
3.00pm – 5.00pm INSIDE
Cuppa and an ANZAC biscuit

Stories, footage, other famous battles in
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video of the Charge.

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AVON CALLING

Antonia 0411 602 400

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ADVERTS

LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

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at Onslow Park

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MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden

ph. 4655 7735

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)

AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE ART CLASSES

1A/31 Cawdor Rd, Camden



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ART CLASSES

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.

Classes:

Primary School

Monday & Wednesday 3.45pm – 5.15pm

High School

Monday & Thursday 5.45pm – 7.15pm

Limited to 8 students per class

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