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St James

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8.30am: Traditional Service
10am: Family Service and Sunday School

**On-line services can be seen
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www.menangleanglican.com.au/services
you can also listen to previous sermons

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a deposit of \$200
will secure your reservation
contact Brian - 4633 8261

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

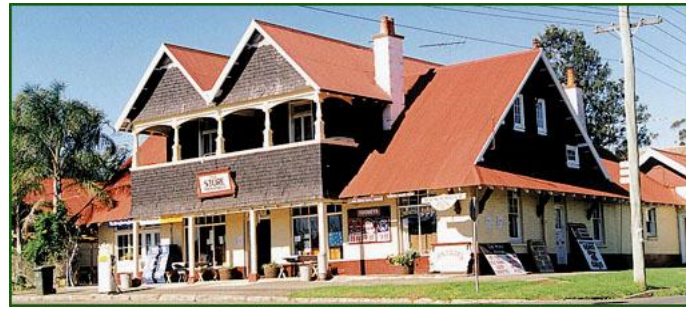
BIRTHDAYS

2nd James McFarlane
2nd Dorothy Noyes
2nd Emelise Bond
4th Natalie Worthington
7th Lisa Redmond
13th Graham Bell
15th Emily Rose
17th Tanida Johnson
19th Jake Kent
21st Judy Lynch
21st Sean McMullen
22nd Glen Peretin
22nd Glynnis Bell
22nd Mark Campbell
22nd Cathy Bulger



ANNIVERSARIES

5th Steve & Kerri Rochaix
9th Ernie & Jean Siddall
27th Jason and Laura Burt
28th Graham and Dorothy Noyes
email to: byp257@gmail.com



THE MENANGLE STORE

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Menangle Fire Brigade News

Apology to Geoff Hughes

When the Brigade produced their 2021 Calendar Geoff Hughes name was omitted under the list of Brigade Members names.

This was an error and on behalf of the Menangle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade we extend our sincere apology to Geoff.

Geoff joined the Brigade 1977 and in 2021 Geoff will notch up 44 years' service to the Menangle community.

Geoff also served as Captain for 17 years retiring from the position owing to a hip operation.

To date Geoff has been the longest serving Captain

of the Menangle Brigade.

Geoff's RFS achievement awards are as follows:

- 15 Year Long Service Medal Recipient
- 25 Year Long Service Medal Recipient
- 35 Year Long Service Medal Recipient
- National Service Medal Recipient
- Life Member of The Menangle Brigade

Michael McGrath
Secretary

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.
Contact: Chris 46338594

BLESSINGS

Just a Thought

January marched by quickly – and we are approaching the 12 month mark of this Global Corona Virus.

I can't help being thankful that we live Down Under – compared to other nations we have navigated this pandemic well. Restrictions have chafed us, but not really imprisoned us, and it has not decimated our population. A lot of global murky sludge has been dredged up during this season, and again I am thankful that we have been spared to a degree.

Each time restrictions ease, we rejoice, and for a while appreciate the things we once took for granted, and now have restored. Who could have imagined State borders closing or the Face Mask Fashion? Thank You Lord for your mercy that we can breathe freely again for now!

A few weeks ago I made a new start on keeping a gratitude journal, after learning that most people with mental health illness and neuroses also have a habit of fault-finding (i.e. focusing on what is wrong). Making a new habit of gratitude can displace that old bad habit! As circumstances change without our consent, we can go through periods of negativity, but best to catch it sooner, rather than have it develop into something more serious later.

I also learnt throughout last year when I began Piano lessons again (after a 50 year break!) that if my weekly lesson was cancelled for any reason, I did not practice every day. I probably practiced 7-8 times through the fortnight. Accountability made all the difference to forming the new habit of daily practice.

So – I knew if this habit of gratitude was to be cultivated I needed weekly accountability, so that I continued with daily practice. I have started well with this many times and petered out when discouragement set in. (Like lots of New Year resolutions!)

As I walk each Thursday with a very dear friend we check in with each other. We have developed trust over the years as we have learnt that it is safe to be vulnerable with each other and share our struggles on our "God-walk".

I can report some improvement – and also some crashes! And maybe that is the true nature of our journey and why we need companions along the way. The difference this time for me, and why I am now in my 4th week, is knowing that the process is the important thing. We are both yearning to live with honesty and integrity before our God and each

other. There are many lessons along the way, and the really painful ones often lead to the greatest spiritual and emotional gains.

We remember with gratitude that "God will continually revitalize us, implanting within us the passion to do what pleases Him". Philippians 2: 13 Passion Translation.

I recently heard Bill Johnson (YouTube: Being Aware of His Presence) teach about John the Baptist sending his friends to ask Jesus "Are You the Coming One, or should we look for another?" John was in prison, and one of the things that the "Coming One" promised to do was set the prisoners free. Jesus was not setting John free! Jesus said "Go report to John what you hear and see: the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor hear the good news." (In Matthew 11)

In other words tell John to look at what I AM doing, NOT at what I am NOT doing. This is profound and so relevant for our day – we can look at our circumstances and say "God You are not bringing the healing, the family restoration, the financial help, the thing I am longing for the way I asked You too!" He replies – "look at what I AM doing!"

Jesus also says – straight after this "Blessed is the one who does not take offence at Me." If we continue to look at what God is NOT doing, we will take offence. Perhaps we have heard it said "If God was real He would not have let my father/mother/child die/suffer the way they did." This is evidence of being offended by God, and leads to hard-heartedness and unbelief.

Much better to look for evidence of His mercy and kind interventions in our everyday lives and make gratitude our habitual response!

Be abundantly blessed!

Sue Peacock

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 Marion Marriott (4633 9229) or Secretary John Currie (4633 9918).

Menangle Men's Shed Association

Men's Shed meets in the old Whiteman's Shed in Stevens Road, Menangle. We are a small group in a huge shed. We have made a good beginning with some generously donated items. The Men's Shed operates on Mondays from 9am till 12noon. New members are always welcome. Donations of good quality tools, timber and machines would be much appreciated. Contact Allan Webb 0409 246 117 or Greg king 46339898.

Menangle – estate village

From Camden History Notes

The village of Menangle is one of the Camden district's examples of an English-style private estate village. It evolved as a closed estate village over the last 150 years within the limits of the Macarthur family's Camden Park estate. The English-style aesthetics of the Camden Park countryside have only served to re-enforce the cultural mythology that has developed around the village and its hinterland.

The Menangle village parallels the ups and downs of the private estate villages of early 19th century England. Today these English villages have turned into the picture postcard rural village that tourists love to visit. Menangle still has the essence of its rural Englishness with the Anglican church on the hill, the common and general store. It even has the elements of rural decline in its midst typical of English villages, as it comes under pressure from city-based developers.

The story of the village is the story of Camden Park estate itself. Both are intimately tied up with each other. The village is sited on the Walter Davidson 1805 2000 acre land grant 'Belmont' near a crossing on the Nepean River. The Macarthur family worked the Belmont grant after Davidson left the colony in 1809. James and William Macarthur purchased Davidson's grant of Belmont for £4000 acres in 1837.

The influence of the Macarthur squirocracy of James and William was consolidated after the railway arrived in 1863. The rail bridge was extended over the Nepean River and brought world markets to the village's doorstep. The railway provided cheap and reliable transport to the Sydney market for the first time. It gave Camden Park estate overnight delivery of milk to the Sydney market, a shot in the arm for its dairy production. The railway hurried the growth of the village and increased its importance within the infrastructure of the Camden Park estate. Heritage consultant Graham Brooks (2009) reports that the estate headquarters was moved to the village after the arrival of the railway.

Camden Park estate provided land for a village school (opened in 1867), the Anglican and Catholic churches and assisted the construction of St James Anglican church. The foundation of St James Anglican Church was laid in 1876 and built to the design of architect John Horbury Hunt, while a chancel was added in 1878. The bells were not installed in the church tower until 2005. The local Catholic community was served by the building of St Patrick's Catholic Church built in 1895, to a design by RT Dennehy of Sydney, and a small school run by the Josephite nuns. For James and William Macarthur these institutions provided moral order and stability within the village and the village acted as a focal point of economic activity within the confines of Camden Park.

Industrialisation arrived in the village under the influence of the combination of the dairy revolution of the 1890s, the rail link and the re-organisation of the dairy activities of Camden Park estate by Elizabeth Macarthur Onslow. The estate constructed a central creamery adjacent to the railway line where cream was separated and processed to supply the Sydney market. An article in Beautiful Sydney (1895-1896) commented on the modern facilities at the Menangle creamery with steam and water reticulated throughout the factory. It stated milk was supplied by over 1,000 Ayrshire and Jersey dairy cows daily across Camden Park worked on a share-farming system.

The dairying period was a time of prosperity for the village. There was the construction of the Arts and Crafts styled Gilbulla, designed by Sulman & Power and built by James W Macarthur Onslow in 1899. This was followed by the construction of the Menangle Store, also designed by Sulman & Power in a similar style in 1904.

There were additions to Central Creamery in 1920 and the Camden Park dairy herd was the only one tested for tuberculosis in 1924. By the late 1920s the Menangle factory was the receiving depot for a number of dairies in the area and whole milk was despatched by rail to Dairy Farmers Co-operative Milk Co in Sydney. The expanding workforce was supplied with housing within the village by Camden Park estate. The dominance of the estate within village was clearly evident even as late as 1950. The estate owned 23 of the 35 cottages within the village limits.

The modernization of milk production occurred in 1952 under the stewardship of Edward Macarthur Onslow. He was responsible for building the

Rotolactor adjacent to the Creamery based on a design he saw in USA. Heritage consultant Chris Betteridge (2012) states that the Rotolactor was part of an integrated system of cattle breeding and feed, fodder production and manure collection. In its heyday during the 1960s it was a huge tourist attraction for the village and had up to 2000 visitors a week. It was operated with a staff of nine and could milk up to 300 cows an hour.

The sale of Camden Park Estate Pty Ltd in 1973 was the end of the period for Menangle as a closed estate village. It marked the surrender of the Macarthur family and the end of the economic, social and cultural dominance of Camden Park estate. The village was pushed out into the cold against the winds of change brought by Sydney's urban growth.

Thommo's Corner

101 Clean Jokes

1. There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. (...Only a fraction of people will get this clean joke.)
2. What do dentists call their x-rays?
Tooth pics!
3. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?
It had great food, but no atmosphere.
4. What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
Nothing, it just waved.
5. Do you want to hear a construction joke?
Sorry, I'm still working on it.

Sudoku

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ADVERTS

LIBRARIES

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

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