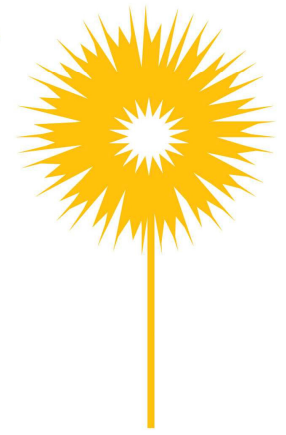


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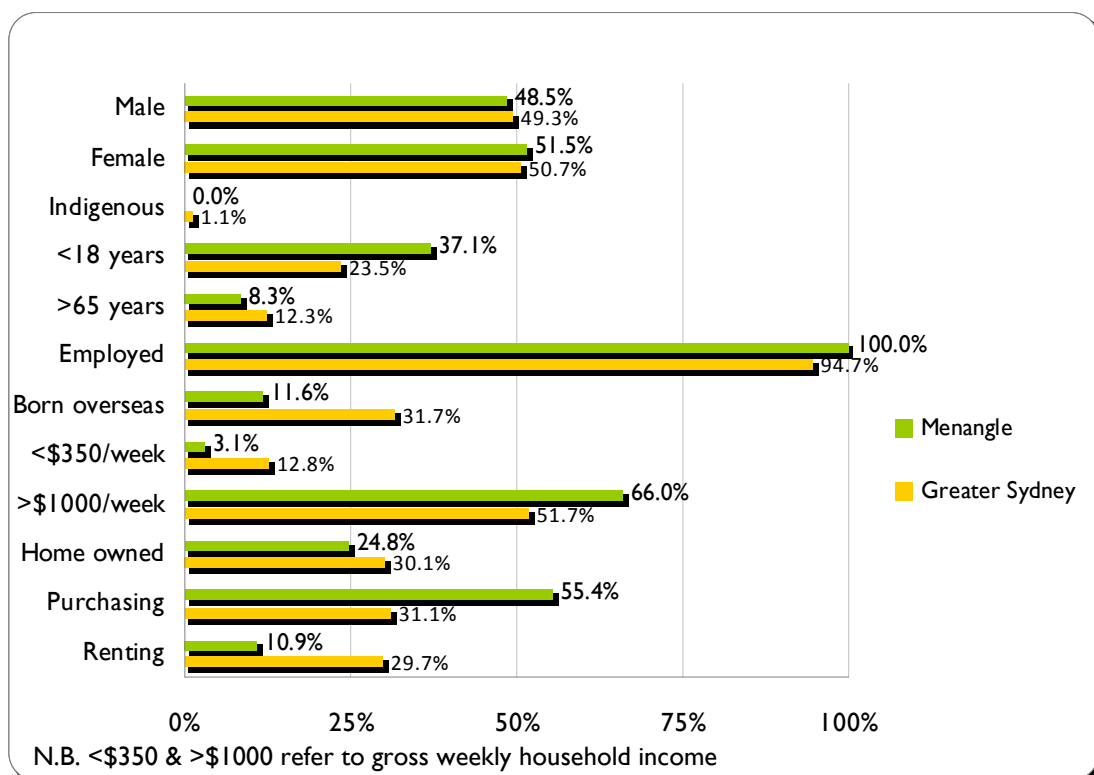
Menangle is named from an Aboriginal name meaning 'a place of swamps and lagoons', was a part of the original Camden Park Estate and has many historically significant sites remaining today. The village has access to the railway and sits alongside the Menangle River, a popular place for swimmers. Major features of the village include a general store, church, school, community hall, remains of the creamery and Rotolactor, and the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute.

A more recent development is Durham Green, a retirement village established in 2008.

Menangle is also often used as a thoroughfare from Campbelltown to Camden South.



Total population of Menangle 326



Built Assets for Menangle

(Most important as identified by residents)

- Community hall (closed)
- Historic school and grounds
- Rotolactor
- Creamery
- Railway station/bridge
- Church (x2 St James & St Patricks)
- General store

Which Built Asset could be utilised better & how in Menangle

The majority of residents who responded to the Asset Mapping 2010 Questionnaire thought that Built Assets (e.g. community hall, school) in Menangle should be returned to the community via the Menangle Community Association. It was thought the community hall in Menangle could be better utilised with refurbishment and use by community groups for events, groups and polling at election times. Another popular suggestion was for the school and grounds to be used for a museum, education and tourism, with tea rooms, art gallery, vegetable plots and growers markets.

“great potential for historic display and public use”

If we were to focus on one Built Asset

Menangle residents thought that the community hall and school complex would also be ideal to provide community services and activities from.

Natural Assets for Menangle

(Most important as identified by residents)

- Rural views/open spaces
- Trees, bush and animals
- Rivers, creeks and dams

89% of respondents to the Asset Mapping 2010 Questionnaire believed that these Natural Assets in Menangle could be better utilised by the promotion of environmentally sustainable businesses such as growers markets, tourism and restaurants.

Other suggestions included-

- Historical tours of wineries and early agricultural sites.
- Walking and bicycle access to the village and river.
- Weed eradication on roadsides.
- Establishment of picnic areas.

It was also noted that these Natural Assets could be preserved by way of -

- Maintaining Menangle's rural vista and historic curtilage
- Maintaining rural zoning
- Planting native trees and shrubs
- Cleaning up the river

“keep Menangle as a country village”



Businesses

Most important for Menangle
(as identified by residents)

- General store (with Post Office)
- Winery
- Landscaping supply company

Businesses that residents would utilise if available

- Restaurants
- Doctor
- Chemist
- Service station
- Hairdresser
- Family Day Care



Menangle residents are proud of their -

- Rural environment
- Heritage/historical significance
- Friendly/supportive residents
- Community spirit
- Lack of crime
- Clean air & natural surroundings

"It's still a village"



Menangle residents support and contribute to their community by -

Membership and involvement with groups such as the Menangle Community Association, Menangle Action Group, Church and the Rural Fire Service. Keeping well maintained private property, picking up rubbish from the roadside, shopping at the general store where possible and interaction with neighbours and general community.

"Being a good neighbour and helping others—even simple things like putting out garbage bins if people are away"

Community Groups, Agencies and Services

*Most important for Menangle
(as identified by residents)*

- Menangle Community Association
- Rural Fire Service
- Church
- Friendship group



Travel

Menangle residents told us that they travel out of their village for-

- Work
- Shopping (groceries, fuel, fruit & vegetables)
- Medical attention (doctor, dentist)
- Entertainment

"most shopping and services"

Camden, Campbelltown, Narellan, Wollongong and Sydney were mostly noted as destinations. With travel times from 10 minutes up to 1.5 hours noted.

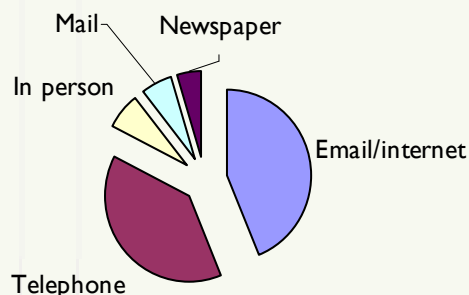
Communication

With others

Menangle residents told us that they usually communicate with each other in person/face to face, on the telephone, email, at the general store or via signs, notices and the Menangle News.

"Walking & talking"

With Council



"It's like an extended family...everyone looks out for each other."

What has changed in Menangle over the past 5 years

- The building of the retirement village - Durham Green, leading to population increase
- More traffic
- Industrial development proposals
- Less trains to Sydney

"The recent proposals have united the community"

Health services needed in Menangle

Most respondents felt that they could easily utilise health services in Camden or Campbelltown.

Suggestions for Menangle included a local doctor or preventative services around healthy eating and lifestyle.

Other needs and issues identified by Menangle residents

The main issue raised by Menangle residents was around recent development proposals. It was felt that the development of an industrial/business park in Menangle would detract from the heritage value of the village. Residents indicated that they want to save the historic buildings of the area and have the rural and agricultural aspects of the community preserved and promoted by way of tourism and agriculture. It was suggested that buildings such as the school and hall could be returned to the community for caretaking by the Menangle Community Association and then restored and utilised for such things as historical education, museums, cafes and other community activities. Other issues such as increased traffic, pollution and noise were thought to accompany development and were seen as negative for Menangle's rural atmosphere.

Menangle residents thought that Council could help with these issues by-
Formal acknowledgement of Menangle as being a part of the historic Camden Park Estate and Australia's agricultural beginnings - as a heritage area with potential for tourism instead of development. Respondents acknowledged support that Council had already given and further suggestions were around continued support to community groups and helping to limit future developments.



Community Groups, Agencies and Services needed in Menangle (as identified by residents)

- Mobile Library service
- Playgroup
- Youth group/facilities for young people
- Better transport (e.g. bus service)
- Sporting clubs (e.g. tennis, soccer)

"History and rustic charm ..it is important that this is preserved and protected for future generations"

"This is where it all began...the beginning of our nation..."

Comments, observations and suggestions from Menangle residents

Residents of Menangle would like to see -

"Recognition and preservation of the historic village and its surrounds."

- Less development
- Sewerage connection
- More footpaths
- Some green space for walking/exercise
- A craft/hobby facility such as a Men's Shed
- A dog park
- Recreational facilities for young people
- Adult education opportunities

