

Menangle Community Association Inc.

Care, Honour, Heritage
Menangle Community Association
310 Moreton Park Road
Douglas Park
NSW 2569

30 July, 2012.

The General Manager,
Wollondilly Council,
PICTON. 2571.

Dear Sir,

Re: Heritage listing for the Menangle 140 year old School.

The Menangle Community Association endorses Council Resolution 83 of this year, to register the above building as a heritage asset.

The building is part of the street scape and here are some of the known details about it:

- Camden Park Estate made application for a school in 1849, and a church school was established. The locality was initially known as Riversford, which later changed to Menangle. Pressure for a public school culminated in 1869-71 when a public school was opened, with an enrolment of 43 pupils. New school buildings were erected in 1906.
- Land was purchased by Council of education for 40 shillings...
- Building was completed in 1871, and the school opened with 43 pupils.
- A residence was added before repairs in 1876.
- The first school building was sold by auction along with the fence on 7th January 1876
- A two room weather shed was added in 1878.
- In 1891 during Arbor Day, money was raised for a library
- Church services were initially held in the old school from 28th May, 1871.
- From 1892, 52 shade trees and 20 citrus trees were planted.
- 1906 Half an acre was given by the Macarthur family for a new residence on the western side and the school building and residents were replaced.
- 1915 used as sleeping quarters for NCO's being trained locally in WW1, The Great War.
- 1922 a tennis court and 45 foot flagpole was added in the playground as were veggie plots.
- 1928 was voted the school with the best garden within 50 miles of Sydney, with 54 pupils.
- 1937 a replacement weather shed built
- 1960 two additional acres were obtained from Camden Park Estate.
- 1960 Major painting and a brick toilet block and new flagpole erected.
- 1960 New residents in single brick was built.
- 100 years of schooling was celebrated in May, 1971.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Blackwood
Chairman, Menangle Community Assoc.