

Here today... or gone tomorrow?

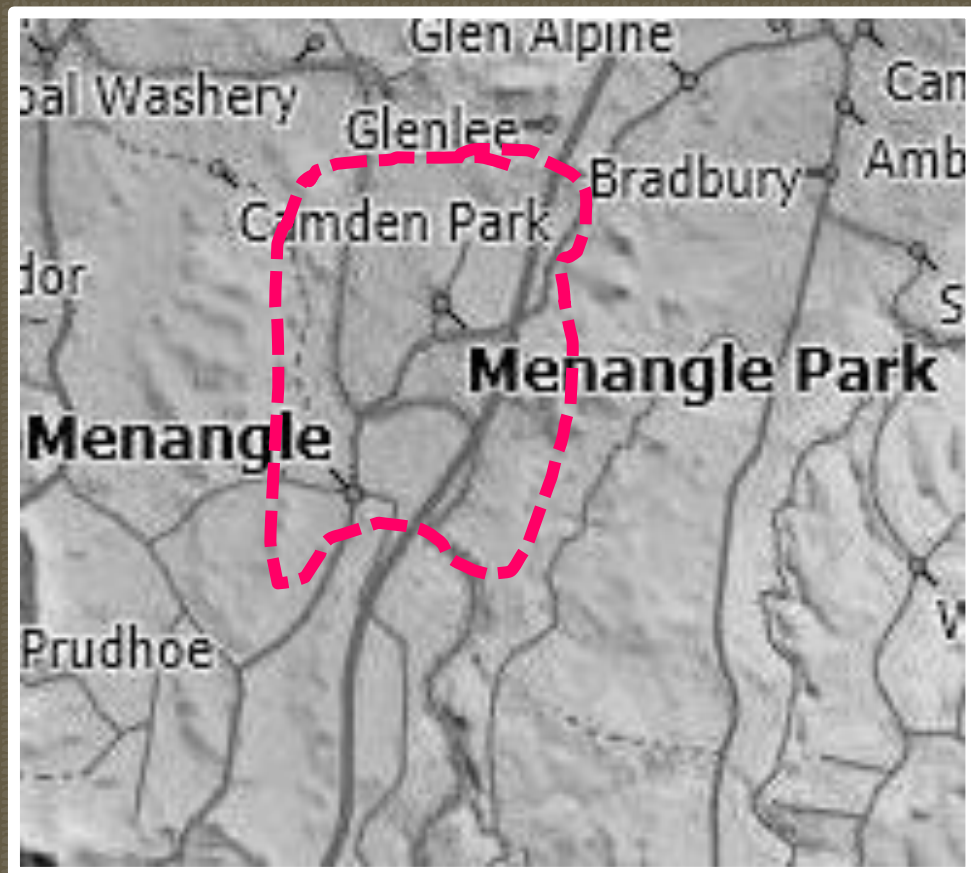
MAP
Macarthur Agricultural Park

**Mapping out a new pathway to save the historic agriculture lands of
Campbelltown, Wollondilly and Camden**

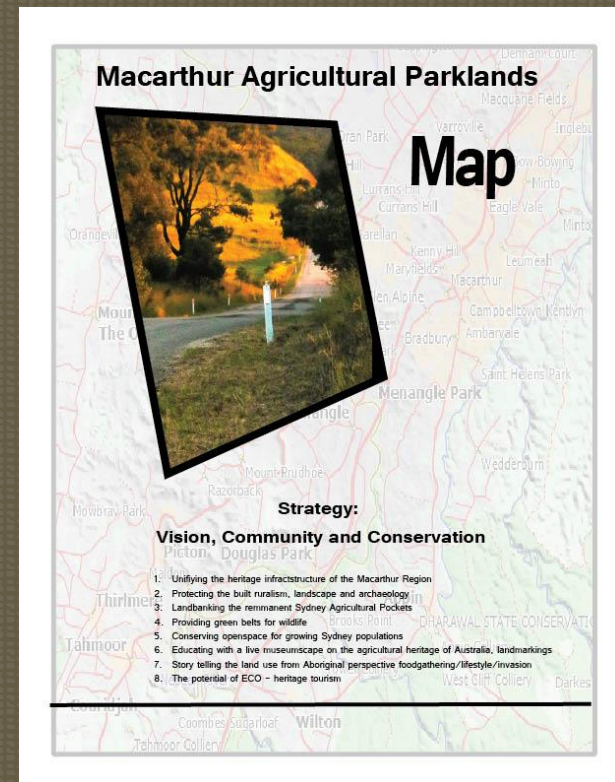
Whole Menangle Valley



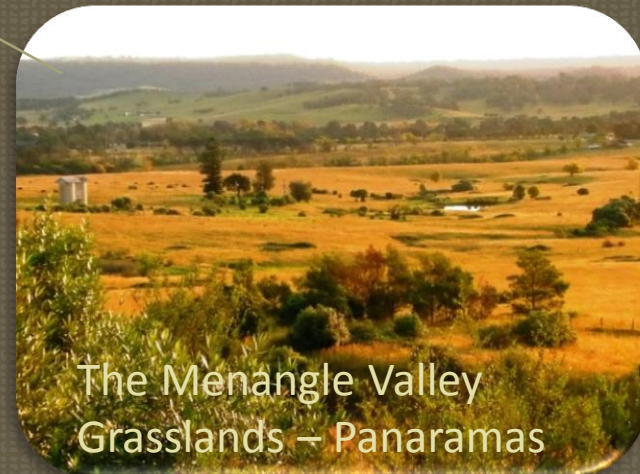
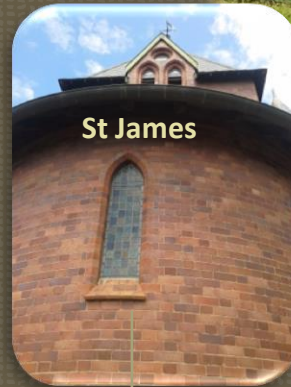
Menangle precinct the pink outline specifies the section of the valley designated to The MAPS area



THE	Vision (framing future planning)
1	Recording and Unifying the heritage infrastructures of the Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Region
2	Protecting the built ruralism, landscape and archaeology
3	Landbanking the remmanent Sydney agricultural pockets
4	Providing greenbelts for wildlife
5	Conserving open space for growing Sydney populations
6	Educating with living museum-scapes on the agriculture heritage of Australia with land marking and integrated curriculums
7	Developing a business plan for potential Eco – heritage tourism



Agricultural Picture



Heritage Assets – Inventory of the Menangle Valley

The	CONSERVATION wish list (to include views and curtilage)
1	The Menangle Valley built heritage – Including the Menangle Village
2	The rural vistas looking south to Menangle and Mt Taurus, north to Mt Annan, west to Camden Park Estate and east towards Appin and Mt Gilead. From Riverview House.
3	Glenlee House, Menangle Park (1823)
4	Riverview House, Menangle Park (1880)
6	Rosalind House, Menangle Park (1896)
7	The Pines House, Menangle Park (1870)
8	Menangle House (Horse and Jockey Hotel) Menangle Park 1840
9	The remnants of the Mill Tower, Mt Gilead 1840s
10	The Menangle Iron side Bridge 1863 (first and oldest Iron bridge in NSW)
11	The Menangle Weir 1890s
12	The banks of the Nepean River
11	Aboriginal Sites– explaining the use by Dharawal for sustainable farming of grasslands
12	The eastern side of the valley that houses the gravity-feed Sydney Water viaducts
13	The Rotolactor a circular Industrial milking Dairy, milked 50 cows at time. 2500 cows a day

The	Threats
1	Housing development on the flood plane and hillside below Riverview and opposite The Pines and Menangle House. There are 1500 homes proposed for this area under the Landcom/UrbanGrowth, Menangle Park Draft development.
2	Further development of a gambling precinct by Tabcorp Park and NSW Harness Racing. Light pollutions from event lighting and lost of native animal habitats
3	The total removal of curtilage of Glenlee House by a further 1500 homes as part of the Landcom/Urban Growth, Menangle Park Draft development.
4	Housing development on the eastern hillside of Menangle Park and below Mt Gilead. Lost of the Menangle pasturelands on both sides of the Nepean river by government and independent developers.Removing valuable pastureland. Only 5% remains in Campbelltown.
5	Neglect of heritage by Campbelltown City Council of an important foundation site of Australian Agriculture. - NO VISION

The	Community
	What does open space mean?
	Why conserve the agricultural space?
	Whom are the beneficiaries?
	How will the land be used?
	Whom will manage the assets?
	What is the financial and social return to the community?

The Stories

- The lost cattle of the first fleet
- The supply of cream, butter and milk to feed Sydney
- The first and oldest iron railway bridge
- The Governor's Visits
- The start of the wool, camellias, beef, brandy wine and wheat industries
- Aboriginal heritage



What's next...



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