## 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. **<u>2571</u>**.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.