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The long wait for a strategy, development plan and work activity on the Manning River entrances located at Harrington and Old Bar is progressing rapidly. To enable the river to return and operate to its full potential the Manning Valley Chambers of Commerce has formed the Manning River Development Board. Last month the Board identified the groups and organisations who for many decades have been attempting to seek a commitment and commencement of works to rectify the 100 year old problem.

Chairman Richard Schipp heads the new Board representing the Manning Valley and Harrington Chamber of Commerce. The new Board with a working title of 'Manning River Development 2010' has an impressive membership, who individually have been fighting and lobbying to have a plan activated. The unification of all groups is a major step.

The Boards members are Alan Steber, Boating Industry, Bruce Cowan, Delta Group, Gary Ruprecht, Oysters Growers, Graham Tisdell, Commercial Fishing, Sally Reed, Tourism, Peter Colless, Wingham Chamber of Commerce and Tim Leonard, Old Bar Chamber of Commerce with the Volunteer Marine Rescue being invited to the board in the new year.

"For decades many committees have been attempting to seek action to rectify the serious affect the river mouths have had environmentally and economically on the region," said Chairman Richard Schipp.

"The environmental and economic benefits will see the Manning Valley enter a boom period. We are also, mindful the Manning Valley community need to be informed of all progress and will be issuing regular press releases."

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all the people in the area who support the businesses who continue to advertise in this local publication.

The Telleverybody is the most cost effective form of advertising in this area, and will continue to provide its current mixture of approximately 50% community announcements and local news (Free) and 50% business advertising.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0427 577891 should you have any enquires.

I will be away from Christmas until 15th January. I hope you enjoy the Christmas Break and look forward to your involvement and submissions during 2008.

Regards Kylie, Laura, Reece & Jack Archer



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Written by Jan Newland, Coffs Harbour, Mid-North Coast, NSW.

Harvey slumped onto the bench in the shade of the veranda and snapped the ring-pull from a beer. He squinted at the wispy, gathering clouds teasing the sky and roughed the neck of his red cattle dog sitting beside him. 'What d'yer reckon, mate? Will it rain this time?'

The dog swept his tail along the boards, heaved a sigh and lay down on the veranda. He settled a grey peppered jaw on his chest and watched Harvey with one eye open, anticipating, motionless except for the twitching of his ears as a fly settled. They'd had this conversation many times over the last three years. The discussion used to include the number of black cockatoos that screeched across the sky: six black cockatoos - six days of rain, or so the old bushies said. The first year of drought had proved the legend wrong, and then the cockatoos stopped, the cattle were sold and the kangaroos, long gone, searched for relief in waterless creeks.

He watched as a plump turkey scratched in the yard. The three-toed claws barely left a print as puffs of dust lifted in the air with each step. Large skin flaps wobbled over and under its beak as it stalked a stray grasshopper, nibbling on the last of the vegetable patch. From the wattled, leathery neck and coarse, white feathers to the fan-shaped tail that bobbed as he walked, the bird was the only bright image in a colourless backdrop.

'Look at that, mate. I remember when we first got him. He was such a handsome bird the hens'd flatten themselves in the dirt when they saw him coming.' Harvey chuckled and lowered his voice, looking at the open kitchen window. 'I was pretty popular in my young days too, you know. But that's just between you and me, OK.'

The dog re-settled himself to ease the ache in his hind legs and thought about times when he'd had a spark in his eye.

Doris chose that moment to poke her head through the window and yell: 'Har...vey?' Harvey jumped off the bench, the dog scrambled to his feet: they both knew that, when those last three letters hung in the air, someone was in strife. 'Yes, my sugar plum,' Harvey answered. 'The kids'll be home tomorrow, in case you'd forgotten,' Doris continued. 'It's too bloody hot t'be cookin' all day, Doris.' A cigarette stuck to Harvey's bottom lip, the ash threatening to burn a hole in his once white singlet. The grey hair that curled around his arms and across his chest like a well-laid shag pile carpet did nothing to help his mood. Each December Harvey prayed that, when the children came home, they would forget the tinsel in the attic and that pine forests would be blighted with a nasty virus. 'I hate Christmas,' he moaned. He heard a shuffle of feet and the screen door snapped open. Startled flies clung in the air before regrouping to a new position on the wire. A few lucky ones darted inside. A tiny, red-faced woman brushed the hair from her eyes with floury fingers and gave Harvey one of her 'don't mess with me' looks. 'All you have to do is kill that turkey I've been fattenin' up. Is that too much to ask?' She turned on her heels and the door slammed behind her as she swished inside, calling over her shoulder: 'Now get on with it.' He groaned. 'No, dear, I... m...m... mean yes, dear.'

Straightening his knees, Harvey herded the plump bird toward the shed. An image filled Harvey's head: the rich mahogany chest, white wings and white tail hung upside-down from a hook in the shed and then breast-side-up in the baking pan, sprinkled

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The new contact for hire of the hall is Sharron Knight on 65563578, Sharron is also the new Secretary of the committee and has all the information regarding prices and availability. Sandy White on 65563328 will assist with any enquires.

Other office holder include Leslie Gosling (Treasurer) Mark Saville (Vice President) John Knight (Publicity/Promotions). Chris and Sandy White fill out a new look committee and will act as capable back up to the office bearers.

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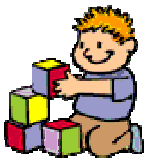
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