



Harrington: From big sleep to the next big thing

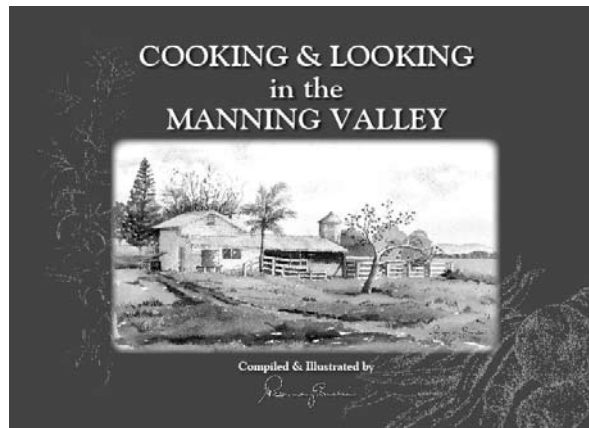
Sleepy valley gets a move on': A recent Sunday Telegraph featured the Manning Valley in an article and according to The Telegraph 'The Manning Valley – part of the mid-north coast region of NSW and dubbed the River and Rainforest Coast – has emerged from its big sleep to be the next big thing'.

Highlighting the more than \$500 million in projects currently in progress, including Harrington Waters, the article pointed out there is a further \$3 billion plus in industrial and community development planned for the valley. Cont. page 2

Recipes & History: Cooking & Looking in the Manning

Delicious Recipes & useful information: 'Cooking & Looking in the Manning Valley' is Rosemary Sinclair's 13th book and includes recipes, historical

information and Rosemary's own illustrations. 'It has been a labour of love' she said 'and I am most grateful to the wonderful people in the region who provided their special recipes, and snippets of interest for readers'.



The book is designed to raise funds for Good Beginnings programs in the Manning Valley. Mrs Sinclair founded Good Beginnings which is a children's charity operating a variety of community driven programs around Australia, all designed to give children the best possible start in life.

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A STRONG VOICE: COOPERNOOK ACTION GROUP

The community of Coopernook now as a voice to effectively communicate with the Greater Taree City Council and other stakeholders: Earlier in May a number of concerned businesses and residence formed the 'Coopernook Action Group'. President Elect is Chris Smith from Sunland Seeds.

The President: "The Action Group will soon be incorporated. Our Mission Statement is 'To improve Coopernook', and we are actively seeking members and publicity for our organisation to help us meet our goal." Some initial concerns, addressed in the first meeting, were signage, the Coopernook foreshore, road maintenance and general beautification of the village.

The Action Group is looking forward to discuss development and maintenance of the village of Coopernook soon effectively with the GTCC and other stakeholders.

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It's time!

Harrington businesses were featured on the news: The bottom line: life after the opening of the new shopping centre or the lack of. For the past decade, businesses, strategic bodies and Council knew that the development was coming but had no vision for the future. Now it is time: Time to develop a strategic development plan for the whole of the Harrington business community with the aim that every business can have a strong place in the community and produce a healthy growth. The first steps to develop a plan will be discussed at the next chamber meeting—be there!

'...populate or perish...': All Want In At Harrington

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'The die is cast, sea and tree changers, holiday-home buyers and investors all want in. The Younger ones want jobs and houses; all want services and facilities. For the Greater Taree City Council and the developers, it's a fine line between addressing local concerns and the lifestyle people want to preserve and the need to "populate or perish".' Councilor David West is quoted 'Harrington Waters is the future and that's been planned carefully. The old corrugated iron houses and buildings along the river are the past and we'll protect it carefully as we will the river that we cherish'. President of the Harrington Chamber of Commerce, Richard Schipp, said 'This only highlights the urgency for the Harrington community to have its say in what Harrington village, particularly the Beach Street retail precinct, should evolve into. Council has been reviewing its Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan over the last couple of years and this will shortly be released for public comment. In the absence of a specific Development Plan for Harrington this review is of specific importance to our town.'

Special person sought to 'give a hand'

The Harrington Chamber of Commerce is working on a number of exciting and interesting projects that are stretching the resources of its management committee. We are looking for someone that can volunteer a few hours a month to sit-in on meetings and help with preparation of meeting minutes and assist the president with correspondence. A retired business person or someone with association experience may find this an interesting opportunity. If you might be interested have a chat with the President, Richard Schipp, Tel: 6556 1190

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The new book: 'Cooking & Looking in the Manning Valley'

From Page 1 'Recent research identifies the importance of the early years in determining the future healthy development of our children, and to this end Good Beginnings works with existing services to provide support and encouragement for families with young children' Mrs Sinclair said.

'In the Manning region, Good Beginnings is working with leading early childhood services to establish a 'one stop shop' family and children's centre in Taree and sale of the book will contribute to the realisation of our plans' she said. 'We have been working on this project for over 12 months and the prospect of providing much needed services for families and parents-to-be is a very exciting one' she said. "Cooking and Looking in the Manning Valley" will be launched in late June and will be available for sale at Dolphins Café and Restaurant at Harrington Golf Club, at 'Moorings' café and restaurant and "Waters Boutique" at Harrington Waters. RRP is \$25.00 with all profits going to the local Good Beginnings program. For further information contact: Rosemary Sinclair
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Figures Galore: Art Exhibition at The Moorings

'Figure Galore' – the new art exhibition at The Moorings Café in Harrington presents all shapes, forms and sizes. Wallaby Point Artist Elizabeth Haddad has compiled a show which mainly features on figurative paintings from life models. Eddy Loftus, Mayor of the Greater Taree City Council, opens the exhibition on Thursday, 5. June; the paintings will be on exhibit till early September.

Wallaby Point Artist Elizabeth Haddad comes from an artistic background as her mother was an oil painter and her father taught technical drawing. The parents encouraged and helped her to lay the foundation for a desire to paint and draw. The result up-to-date: countless group exhibitions and ten solo exhibitions in galleries from Nowra, Balmain, Parramatta, Summer Hill, Stanmore, Wingham and Taree.

The works in 'Figure Galore' tend towards abstraction where interpretation is often up to the individual. The paintings 'Inside Outside', 'Dancers' and 'Warrior' reflect this, with flowing lines and colours imaging bodies and their 'frozen' postures, with the warrior carrying a weapon – whatever the viewer believes. And 'Bright Day' outlines a 'touch' of tree lines in the background with the voluptuous figure resting on a small wall.

Easy Rider: One of the paintings



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Ready for action with new name—'Green Thumbs wanted'

New name for Action: The local community action group has changed its name to 'Harrington Community Action Group, following the decision by Coopernook residents to form their own body. The Harrington group has been operating for over three years and has been a useful link between residents and government bodies

'Green Thumbs wanted': Interest hobby gardens are wanted for the maintenance of the parks and gardens of Harrington Waters. Already 22 residents have indicated interest.

After the maintenance contract of the developer ends at the end of June and Greater Taree City Council has indicated it has only limited resources, private action is required. Council has offered to supply plants and materials where necessary. Interest garden can contact the Harrington Community Action Group for further detail

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For who the bell tolls: **For whom the bell tolls:** Developer Bill Roche with the new bell for the church at Harrington Waters Community Village. The bell was fabricated by the Dutch Bell foundry Petit & Fritsen, the oldest family owned business in the Netherlands.

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'The Manning Valley River System: Orientation for all Water Sport enthusiasts is on hand. A map of the Manning River, showing Cafés, Pubs and 150km of navigable river arms and creeks from Wingham to Harrington was recently released by the Manning Valley Rotary Club. Rotary President Maurie Stack: "7,000 maps were printed and are distributed to all tourism outlets and advertisers." In Harrington the maps are available from The Moorings, Harrington Hotel and Harrington Irish Tavern. The general map shows all waterways and detailed maps such as the Harrington one—has all information regarding the river and the villages as well as moorings and marinas.

\$1,600—Coopernook Public School P&C Committee is looking back onto a very successful fundraiser at Harrington Waters Golf Course. The committee says thank you to all sponsors of the day, in particular Coopernook's' Sunland Seeds \$500), Palm Oasis Motel Coopernook, Stowe Australia, Harrington Hotel (all \$100), were the major supporters. A 9-hole-Ambrose, raffles and the chocolate wheel and other fun events were organised by the P&C. With 40 players in the field and the same number of supporters, the day raised funds for the planned excursion to Canberra this month.

Each third Monday of the month from 10am to 12noon: The Harrington Crowdy Head Probus club is conducting its meetings at Harrington Community Hall and visitors are welcome. Morning Tea is served—for more information call Carol Holden on 6556 1542.

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Jabiru Preschool: Kids in a homelike environment

There are ‘Koalas’ and ‘Dolphins’: Jabiru Preschool is a warm, safe – homelike – environment for kids, explains David Muir the Childcare centre in Cooperook. David and wife Jenny opened the Preschool in February 1992 offer ‘Quality Childcare’ for children from two years old to five years of age in two separate groups.

The ‘Koalas’ are the two to three-and-a-half year olds and the ‘Dolphins’ are the older group. David Muir: “An individual program is devised for each child with goals set appropriate to the child's development & the parents expectations. Our Philosophy is that our centre is a warm safe home-like environment that supports the individual needs of all the children & families.” Jabiru Preschool offers experiences that are relevant to the children and cover all areas of development so that the children become well adjusted members of the community.

David Muir is a local who grew up in Taree but spent a lot of time in Harrington with Grandparents and Aunties & Uncles. The Muir family arrived in Harrington in 1875 and have been here ever since. David & Jenny moved back into the area in 1985 from Sydney and owned Harrington Bakery for 4 years before building the Preschool in Jabiru Drive. Jenny Muir, a Sydney girl, holds a Diploma of Education (Early Childhood) from Charles Stuart University and has 25 years experience teaching preschool children.

Jenny: “One of our carers at the moment is Jessica Gralton who started on a trainee ship and has gone on to complete the Diploma course at Taree TAFE.

Jabiru Preschool is open from 7.30am to 5.30pm and is fully accredited by NCAC and licensed by DOCS and are able to offer CCB fee reductions for parents. David and Jenny: “If you are looking for Quality Childcare come and see the friendly staff at Jabiru Preschool.”

Having a great time: Princes & Princesses at the Jabiru Pre-School

