

Beautiful Manning Valley

There' lots of places in this world where folks would like to be,
But this beautiful Manning Valley is home sweet home to me.
The Historic town of Wingham with the Aeroplane in the park,
And the bats in their thousands, in the treetops after dark
If you go to Upper Lansdowne when the sun is going down,
Watch it on the mountains as it sets just like a crown.
Views from Hannam Vale would take your breath away,
Timber, Cattle, Birdlife, many Gardens on display.
Moorland just off the highway, you can often hear them boast,
Just come and visit us, we have the best scones on the Coast.
Taree has a Hospital it's ranked amongst the best,
There's so many people that it's put to the test.
The shopping centre is very busy, many Clubs & lots to buy.
A Railway station, Entertainment Centre & an Airport that's close by.
Purfleet is on the edge of town where Indigenous people like to be,
They have their own radio Station, it's 2TLP, one O nine point three.
Lots of easy listening, prizes & the news,
And we love it very much when Ralph Saunders gives his views.
Moto, Ghinni, Cooperook & of course Crowdy Bay,
Are among some of the places to enjoy a while or stay.
There's fishing, forest walks, swimming, bird watching, such a lot,
Or a picnic at scenic Diamond Head & see the kangaroo hop.
The beaches are a sight to see, with waters of so clear.
Temperature is always right; you can swim most of the year.
Dumaresq, Oxley Island, Jones Island, Cundle, Chatham, Melinga & Coralville,
Cast your eyes upon their beauty, come & get your fill.
Tinonee is famous for its Orchids, Ray & staff grow them on a farm,
They hold a meeting once a month, where members stay real calm.
Gloucesters on the Bucketts Way, then head on to Barrington Tops,
Carrick Flats, Burrell Creek & Mt George with great potato crops.
When I've come home from near & far I always get a thrill,
Driving into Harrington to my home on Pilot Hill.

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