



PARISH PROFILE

Demographics:

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Population:

The 2021 Estimated Resident Population for Harrington - Crowdy Head is 3,569, with a population density of 89.45 persons per square km.

Location and boundaries

The northern boundary tracks the Cattai Creek, the locality of Coralville, Crowdy Bay National Park and the Sand Trail. The Tasman Sea follows the south-east boundary, with the southern boundary being defined by the Manning River. The Cattai Creek tracks the western boundary.

Other centres including (Coopernook, Lansdowne, Upper Lansdowne, Mitchell's Island) are included in the Taree demographics.

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Schools:

Within our Parish primary schools are located in Harrington, Lansdowne, Upper Lansdowne, Mitchell's Island, and Coopernook, where SRE is held. Some students do travel to Taree to attend other primary schools.

<https://taree-h.schools.nsw.gov.au> , www.mvacollege.nsw.edu.au ,
<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/lansdowne> , <https://www.chatham-nj.org/chs> ,
<https://coopernook-p.schools.nsw.gov.au> , <https://lansdowneu-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Students travel to Taree to attend to High School where 5 high schools are located - these include: MVAC (Manning Valley Anglican College), Taree Christian School, St. Clare's High, Chatham High, and Taree High.

Nursing Homes: <https://anglicancare.com.au/residential-care/storm-village> ,

<https://www.agedcareguide.com.au/anglican-care-bishop-tyrrell-place>

<https://www.estiahealth.com.au/our-homes/nsw-sydney/taree>

<https://bushlandhealth.com/karingal-gardens>

are located in Taree and include Storm Village and Bishop Tyrrell Place, Estia Nursing Home Taree, Karingal Nursing Home Taree, and Bushlands health Taree

We have a pastoral care team who visit our parishioners on a regular basis, and the members visit nursing homes and local hospitals.

Recreational:

There are numerous Clubs and Sporting Groups in the area. Other groups include Men's Shed & Marine Rescue.

<https://clubharrington.com.au> , <https://www.whitepages.com.au/harrington-men-s-shed-inc-11428790B> , <https://crowdyharrington.marinerescuensw.com.au>
<https://www.facebook.com/CrowdyHeadSLSC> tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au

Hospitals:

Manning Rural Referral Hospital, and Mayo Private Hospital are located in Taree.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services/20056358/manning-base-hospital/services/taree-2430-york>

<https://mayoprivate.com.au>

Our Parish:

We felt the impact of covid, with closures and other necessary changes we had to undergo, but now moving forward, we can see new light.

We consist of both coastal and inland living with villages & farming areas.

We currently have four centres within our Parish – Harrington, Lansdowne & Upper

Lansdowne, Mitchell's Island. Mitchell's Island is currently closed and waiting approval for a new roof and other works to commence

<https://harringtonanglican.org/>

Services:

Our worship style is traditional Anglican Prayer Book Worship, with a weekly contemporary service held at the St Peters Church, Harrington, 5:00 pm including a Eucharist service held once a month.

Services are held weekly at St Peter's Church, Harrington at 9am;

A healing service at St Peter's, Harrington on Fridays at 9:30am;

St Mark's Church, Mitchell's Island is currently closed, but have commenced a service within the home of a parishioner, once a month at 11:30am Friday, approximately a 45 minute drive from Harrington.

St Barnabas Church, Upper Lansdowne has a service on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:30am approximately 45 minute drive from Harrington.

The Church of The Epiphany, Lansdowne has a service on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am approximately a 20 minute drive from Harrington.

St Peters Harrington



Church of Epiphany Lansdowne



St Barnabas UPPER Lansdowne



St Marks MITCHELL ISLAND



Liturgical Assistants and Servers assist, and there is a roster of lay people who welcome and assist with readings, prayers etc.

We are part of the Manning Deanery and work in well with Taree and Wingham Parishes.

Our Parish Profile:

Our current Parish Roll consists of approximately 70 names. Many are over 65 years of age.

Our parishioners use open plate or direct debit giving.

There is an exceptionally strong support for Missions in all centres within our Parish.

We have an Anglican Op-shop sited at The Ministry Centre in Harrington and this has proven to be an excellent outreach into the community as well as a fundraiser for our Parish. From here we are able to also support Samaritans.

We have a prayer chain amongst parishioners throughout our Parish.

HARRINGTON MINISTRY CENTRE & OP SHOP



Some of our outreach into the community includes:

Pastoral Care outreach to Nursing Homes, Hospitals, and home visits with Communion offered as requested, this outreach also includes phone conversations and zoom meetings.

SRE

Bible Study (under direction of incumbent)

The Anglican Op-shop

Food parcels and assistance to other agencies in times of crisis

Donations of goods and money to the Mission to Seafarers in Newcastle.

Pink Pig money box donations for various missions.

Christmas Bowl donations

Seasonal Stalls held at the Ministry Centre (including collectables and cakes).

Working with the community towards fund raising events, including cancer fundraising.

We have a website and are currently on Facebook.

<https://harringtonanglican.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/harringtonanglican>

Parish Finances:

The Parish is debt free and we are fully capable of covering our annual expenses.

The Op-shop is an excellent financial resource both to the Parish and to Missions.

The Op-shop continues to be an excellent outreach into the community.

Our treasurer is a paid position, and is well organised.

Building & Maintenance:

All buildings within the Parish are maintained on a regular basis as needed under the direction of Parish Council & the Building Committee.

Harrington – St Peter's Church, The Ministry Centre (incorporating the Op-shop and its Sheds) are in good condition overall.

Lansdowne – Heritage listed Church is in good condition overall, the adjoining shed has been until recently well used within the community.

Upper Lansdowne – Heritage listed Church is in good condition.

Mitchell's Island – Heritage listed Church, waiting approval for work to commence on a new roof and batten repairs but is in good condition; as are the grounds, graves and the columbarium.

Our Building Committee inspects the properties and helps organise regular maintenance under the guidance of our Parish Council. Centres also report any matters to Parish Council.

Our WH&S Officer keeps us up to date on Diocesan details and implementation of same, and also works with the building committee carrying out regular inspections.

The Rectory:

The Rectory is sited in Harrington and is completely separate from the church - approximately 1km away

it has 4xbedrooms; 2xliving areas; bathroom, en-suite; office; kitchen; laundry; double garage (one has an auto door) – all in good condition overall with a good sized fenced yard suitable for a couple or a family.



The Challenges Ahead of Us:

Most of our congregation members are aged 65 & over and there is a lack of young people attending.

We would like, with the help and guidance of our priest, to grow our numbers, in particular, youth and families with inclusion of contemporary and family services.

We live in an area where very few retired clergy reside. This does make it difficult for relief for our incumbent Taree & Wingham are available and most helpful when needed and our incumbent has always had a good working relationship with them.

Morning Prayer services are offered at centres whenever the priest is on leave or is not available.

Due to distances, enabling people to attend various training courses is difficult for the majority of parishioners, and we would like to see more courses available within our Deanery – thus enabling more people to attend as is now required by the Diocese.

Our Spiritual Future:

In outlining our needs, we would suggest:

Our greatest need is for leadership and strength, energy, creative and innovative thinking, embracing the gifts of communication and delegation.

We need to have representation of each of our centres attending PC to assist our parish to run more easily and smoothly.

Outreach, encouraging the interests of the 40 plus age group in the community as well as young people & families.

Encouraging participation both by those currently active and those with untapped gifts, we wish to foster commitment and involvement.

Shared responsibility and delegation are integral to all facets of ministry for the fulfillment of the ministries of every member of the Church Community.

Prayerfulness and being biblically focused are essential elements in the development and promotion of all our activities.

We are interested in modern services as well as traditional.

The future with our new Rector:

We wish to make welcome a Pastor who will become our teacher, guide, companion, and friend on our unceasing spiritual journey of worship, praise, learning, care and outreach.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our Parish, its future and its spiritual needs.