



# Picton

## SUNDAY DRIVE

**A beautiful Winter Sunday morning. No surf, no Magneto, just Chad and me. Surprisingly, Chad wakes up at 10am! He is quickly playing Tiger Woods Wii Golf though and I knew then that we had to find something to do.**

I found this website called [inmacarthurmagazine.com.au](http://inmacarthurmagazine.com.au). It is awesome! But nothing in the What's On section for this weekend. "What about the magazine?" I thought. "Picton Creative Markets," I read out loud. Chad was unimpressed but I wanted to visit Ryan at r.coffee co in Picton so it was a perfect combo. "Let's go."

Elsewhere in this edition I have mentioned the great state our district will be in this spring. Even at this early stage Macarthur was looking very pretty as we drove along Remembrance Drive. We got to r.coffee co at about 11.30am and the tiny cafe was as busy as ever. And as usual, Ryan was behind his machine creating supreme coffee. He tells me about a couple of new blends that his renowned coffee creator Campos have sent him. He hands me a cup of Ethiopia Yirgacheffe Grade 3 Haile Selassie - no seriously, that is the name of it. Despite the cumbersome name, it is amazing. Remember I drink coffee 'nude' - black. This coffee is smooth and rich with subtle flavours of berries and cinnamon. Ryan knows how to make a black coffee too. There is not even a hint of bitterness. I love it.

OK Chad - time to finish up your hot chocolate (made with real chocolate) and check out the produce markets up the road. "Everyone should make hot chocolate like that," he enthused as we walked down Argyle Street. The markets are at the Town Hall in Menangle Street, a short walk. I bought olives and

honey from Ambrosia at Silverdale and some gluten free cakes and jaffa fudge from The Heavenly Fudge Co. (for Magneto). All of it local and great.

We spent about an hour wandering around, sampling things and chatting to local producers. I love hearing about all the great things grown in our area. I ran into Lyn Davie who runs tourism in Wollondilly. She was wearing the [www.inmacarthurmagazine.com.au](http://www.inmacarthurmagazine.com.au) apron I gave her a few months earlier. So stylish Lyn!

We were finished at the Creative Markets and walked back down Menangle Road towards town. By this stage it was well and truly lunch-time. Picton Hotel was staring us in the face. We had to drop off a few boxes of magazines in the main street anyway so it was a no brainer.

The room was about half full so we were able to score a table in front of a tele. Why? NRL. Chad has become quite the footy fan of late. He is a St George supporter. It was an early game because the NZ Warriors were playing at home. Gave us something to watch... and talk about. Lunch at Picton Hotel is fairly simple food with just a hint of Italian. I had a steak sandwich (a little bit fancy) while Chad went for the young persons' standard Chicken Parmagiana. The specials board looked good but I only wanted a light lunch.

Picton is a nice destination on a Sunday. Try to go on a weekend when there is something to look at. The town has your coffee and food needs covered, but a market or similar adds a little purpose to your visit. Keep an eye on my website - or just go to the back of this magazine.