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Welcome to Armidale

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Armidale Information

Picturesque Armidale is located high on the Great Dividing Range in northern New South Wales, halfway between Sydney and Brisbane, and just over two hours from Coffs Harbour on the mid north coast.



Known for its distinct seasons, the summers are mild, autumn is spectacular, winter is crisp and in spring the city is ablaze with colour.

Click below for the new residents' guide for Armidale. This provides a comprehensive listing of a wide variety of local services in the area and is a great starting point

<http://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/about/1002/12798.html>

If you have just moved, or you are thinking about moving to lovely Armidale, there are a few things you can do to make it easier to find your way around.

- ❑ The Armidale Visitor Information Centre can give you maps, directions, brochures and information which will make it easier for you to settle in.
- ❑ You can join a new residents afternoon tea held at the Armidale Visitor Centre on the fourth Tuesday of the month.
- ❑ Book on the free Heritage Bus Tour operated by the Armidale Visitor Centre. It departs daily at 10am and returns at 12.30pm.

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Getting To Armidale From Sydney

Found on the New England Highway, 567Km north of Sydney, 467Km south of Brisbane and approximately 170Km inland from the coast.

By Car

www.travelmate.com.au/MapMaker/Mapmaker.asp will allow you to obtain printable driving instructions and approximate times between legs of the journey.

Transport Links:

By Air Armidale has a daily air service to Sydney with early morning departure and evening return.

By Coach Armidale is linked by coach to all major cities of Australia and linked to Sydney and Brisbane by coach with a daily service.

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The Armidale Public Hospital underwent an \$18 million redevelopment in 2000 to become a fully modernised and equipped institution. The hospital has a surgical ward, medical ward, paediatric ward, obstetric unit, day surgery unit, rehabilitation ward, psychiatric unit and intensive care unit. A privately operated recent generation CT scanner is located in close proximity to the hospital.

The regional base hospital at Tamworth is located one hour away. Armidale is well serviced by general practitioners and has a friendly and close-knit medical community that interacts well both professionally and socially.



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Rental Or Permanent Accommodation

For a comprehensive listing of Australian rental properties, properties for sale and information relating to home loans and lending authorities, visit the Realestate.com website at: <http://www.realestate.com.au/> or try these local real estate agencies.

Armidale First National Real Estate

<http://www.armidalerealestate.com.au/>

Kurt Eggert Real Estate

<http://www.armidale Realty.com.au>

Uphill & Schaefer Real Estate

<http://www.uphillschaefer.com.au>

Hutchinson & Harlow Real Estate

<http://www.hharealestate.com.au>

Ray White Real Estate

<http://www.raywhite.com/nsw/armidale>

New England Town & Country Real Estate

<http://www.netcreatestate.com.au>

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Child Care

Armidale offers an excellent array of childcare and preschool services. A comprehensive list can be found at:

<http://www.armidale.info/education/preschools.htm>

Community based preschools:

St Peter's Preschool Ltd

87 O'Dell Street

P 6772 4421 / F 6772 4423

3 – 5 years

Contact: Margaret Bain

Armidale Children's House

Montessori School

1 West Avenue

P/F 6772 3628

3 – 5 years

Contact: Syeda Omar

Boongaiai Preschool

Armidale Waldorf School [Steiner]

278 Rockvale Road

P 6772 0028 / F 6772 8547

2 ½ - 5 years

Contact: Lyn Bullen/Ruth Lisle

Minimbah Aboriginal Preschool

Galloway Street East

P 6772 4853 / F 6772 2040

3 – 5 years

Contact: Dianne Roberts

Adventureland Preschool

81 Butler Street

P 6772 7927 / F 6771 5440

3 – 5 years

Contact: Sharron Ribeiro

Armidale Community Preschool

127 Allingham Street

P/F 6772 2695

3 – 5 years

Contact: Janet Paterson

Drummond Park Preschool

11 Carey Avenue

P 6772 5566

3 – 5 years

Contact: Catherine McCann

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Community Based Long Day Care Centres

Galloway Children's Centre

90 Galloway Street

P 6772 8600 / F 6772 8610

Birth -5 years

Contact person: Maureen Piddington

Hobbit Preschool and Children's Centre

44 Martin Street

P/F 6772 4746

2 ½ - 5 years

Contact: Michele Hancock

Little Bear Child Care Cottage

86 Taylor Street

P 6772 1651 / F 6772 1650

Birth -5 years

Contact: Rebecca Samios

Work-Based Long Day Care Centre

Yarm Gwanga Children's Centre UNE

P/F 6773 3173

Birth - 5 years

Contact: Galia Urquhart

Home-Based Care

Armidale & District Family Day Care

169 Miller Street

P 6772 5300 / F 6771 3202

Contact: Sandra Irwin

Commercial Long Day Care Centres

ABC Learning Centres

Golgotha Street

Birth - 5 years

Ph 6772 7810

Contact: Director

Tiny Town Child Care Centre

51 Kirkwood Street

Ph 6771 4373 / F 6771 4380

Birth - 5 years

Contact: Anne Ryan

Early childhood services are registered with the **Child Care Benefit** (CCB) Scheme through the Family Assistance Office at Centrelink and Medicare offices, Preschools (**Registered Care**), Long Day Care and Family Day Care services (**Approved Care**).

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Other services available for young children:

Armidale Toy Library
[Railway Station] Railway Parade
6772 8838
Contact: Co-ordinator

Gubi Gabun Outreach Programme
P/F 6772 3120
Contact: Katrina Williams

[Mini Minstrels](#) [A music programme for children from 6 months to 8 years]
6772 7203 New England Conservatorium of Music PO Box 1313 Armidale

Other services in the region:

Uralla Preschool
PO Box 95
Uralla 2358
P/F 6778 4510

Walcha Preschool
215 North Uralla Road
Walcha 2354
P 6777 / F 6777

Guyra Preschool & Day Care
PO Box 219
Guyra 2365
P/F 6779 1715

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Education

Armidale is well known for its excellent educational facilities from its highly regarded schools to the well respected University of New England. A list of schools follows.

Primary Schools

St Mary's Primary

<http://www.arm.catholic.edu.au/schools/armidale/st-mary-s-primary-armidale>

The Armidale Waldorf School and Boongaiai Preschool (Steiner)

<http://www.waldorf.nsw.edu.au/cms/>

Armidale City Public School

<http://www.armidalec-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Sandon Primary School

<http://www.sandon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Newling Public School

<http://newling-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Minimbah Primary School

Galloway Street,
Armidale
Ph: (02) 67724853

PO Box 356 ,
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
Fax: (02) 67722040

Martins Gully Public School

Bona Vista Road,
ARMIDALE NSW 2350

Ph: (02) 67723314
martinsgul-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Drummond Memorial School

Rusden Street,
ARMIDALE NSW 2350

Ph: (02) 67723736
Fax: (02) 67712275

Ben Venue Public School

Erskine Street,
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
Ph: (02) 67724263

PO Box 398 ,
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
benvenue_p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Armidale High School

<http://www.armidale-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Duval High School

<http://www.duval.nsw.edu.au/>

O'Connor Catholic College

<http://www.arm.catholic.edu.au/schools/armidale/o-connor-catholic-college>

The Armidale School (boys only)

<http://www.as.edu.au/>

PLC Armidale (girls only)

<http://www.plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au/>

The New England Girls' School (NEGS)

www.negs.nsw.edu.au

For a full listing of Government Schools in the Armidale area please visit the website:

[Schools in Armidale](#)

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Tertiary Education

University of New England

The University of New England was the first Australian university established outside a capital city. With a history extending back to the 1920s, UNE has a well-earned reputation as one of Australia's great teaching, training and research universities.

More than 75,000 people now hold UNE qualifications, with many in senior positions in Australia and overseas. UNE has built up its academic profile to the point where it now has more than 500 PhD candidates, an important sign of the University's academic vigour and rigour.

Joint Medical Program

The Joint Medical Program (JMP) is a unique partnership collaboration between Hunter New England Health (HNEH), the University of Newcastle (UNCLE) and the University of New England (UNE) – *an Australian first*. The JMP initiative is an innovative, cost-effective response to the chronic shortage of doctors in regional, rural and remote areas of the Hunter and New England regions and across Australia. From 2008, the BMed - JMP will be delivered across the two universities capitalizing on both institutions long traditions of excellence and achievement.

The JMP offers an exciting prospect for the future of medical education and training in which formal partnerships provide the platform to ensure top level student experience is provided in environments that will encourage graduate doctors to work in areas of workforce shortage.

See here for the University's website and more information about JMP:

<http://www.une.edu.au/study/rural-medicine/>



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TAFE

New England Institute is a Registered Training Organisation that is recognised throughout the North and North West of New South Wales as the most important and significant provider of vocational education and training in the region.

Armidale TAFE is a major campus specialising in agriculture, childcare, information technology and tertiary preparation for university entry. Also offers courses in music, biological science, multimedia, massage therapy, ecotourism, film industry (screen), tourism and hospitality, automotive, carpentry and joinery, and engineering.

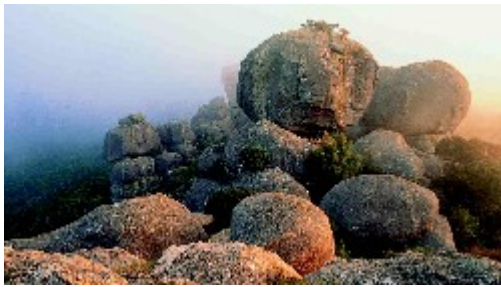
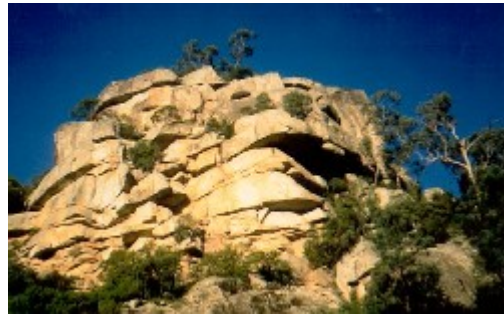
<http://www.newengland.tafensw.edu.au/>

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Things To Do And See

Cathedral Rock National Park

Cathedral Rock National Park is scattered with giant boulders, sculpted rock and distinctive granite.



The park provides many opportunities for bushwalking, bird watching and camping. The 360 degree view from the top of the rock is magnificent and well worth the climb. Camping and picnic facilities are located at Barokee and Native Dog Creek Rest areas within the park.

Wollomombi Gorge

A magnificent gorge which houses two spectacular waterfalls, the Wollomombi Falls, one of Australia's highest at 260m, and the Chandler Falls. Located 40km east of Armidale along the Waterfall Way. A great opportunity to enjoy spectacular scenery, a picnic, a stroll along one of the gorge rim trails or hike to the gorge riverbed. Facilities include drinking water, pit toilets, shelter shed & fireplace and bush camping available for overnight stays.

Dangars Gorge

Dangars Gorge is not only a natural wonder but has Aboriginal and pioneering history. In 1860 it was even crossed on a tightrope by a daring Italian! Walking tracks take you around the edge of the gorge and onto lookout platforms that offer breathtaking views. Visitor facilities include a shelter shed with picnic tables, gas barbeques, drinking water, pit toilets, and information display and a camping area that suits caravans.

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Ebor Falls

Ebor Falls are where the Guy Fawkes River takes its first spectacular plunge off the tablelands. The falls continue to flow, even in dry periods. Facilities include picnic tables, pit toilets, BBQs, information display and lookout platforms with easy access. Camping facilities are available at the Chaelundi Camping Area.



Gara Gorge

Gara Gorge is locally referred to as the Blue Hole and is located 16kms from Armidale along the Castledoyle Road. Gara Gorge is a popular picnic and barbecue spot. It is well known for its scenic bush strolls and beautiful swimming holes. It is also the site of Australia's first commercial Hydro-electric Scheme. The remains of this historic scheme can be viewed today, via the Threlfall Historic Walk. No camping is permitted at Gara Gorge.

Mount Yarrowyck Nature Reserve and Rock Art Site

Mount Yarrowyck is located in the traditional territory of the main Aboriginal tribe of the New England Tablelands, called the Anaiwan. A 3km loop walk can access the rock art site, a significant landmark of Aboriginal Cultural heritage.

New England National Park

A World Heritage 29985ha haven for bush walkers, sightseers and campers. Majestic views and walking tracks range from half a day to full day treks. At 1564 metres above sea level, Point Lookout provides spectacular views of the near vertical escarpment and a magnificent panorama to the north, east and south, from two viewing platforms. Bush camping and accommodation facilities are both available within the park.

Old Teacher's College

This fine building is in the style of the Italian Renaissance, with the main entrance featuring six iconic columns. It was modelled on the Sydney Teacher's College and it provided educational training for country students until 1994, when it was transferred to a building on the University of New England campus. The two Institutions had amalgamated in 1988 and the University had been given guardianship of the complex of building on the site.

Arts And Culture

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Armidale and District Historical Society

Meetings held at 8pm on third Tuesday of each month February to October inclusive with an excursion of historical interest in November. Meetings held at Kent House in Faulkner Street. Journal available at AGM in April each year. Membership is currently \$25.00 due at each AGM.

Armidale is also host to a number of theatre companies:

Armidale Playhouse Inc. Cnr Beardy & Ohio Street
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
Ph (02) 67725889

Arts Theatre University of New England Street
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
Ph (02) 67732774

Lazenby Hall University of New England Street
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
Ph (02) 67733333

New England Regional Art Museum

Houses the Howard Hinton, Chandler Coventry and NERAM Collections. Art workshops, education programs, plus dynamic exhibition programs. Museum shop and framing business. Cafe open 10am- 4.30pm.

<http://www.neram.com.au/>

Ph: (02) 67725889

New England Art Society

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Established in the late 1990's in Armidale, NEAS was formed to provide a contact point for local visual artists and has grown into a healthy community group with approximately 140 members.

Visit: <http://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/communityorgs/11429.html>

New England Bach Society

The New England Bach Festival presents a biennial festival of baroque music focusing on the work of J S Bach. Visit <http://www.nebachfestival.com/>

New England Conservatorium of Music

The New England Conservatorium aims to provide quality music tuition and programs to the New England community.

Tuition is available for: pianoforte, strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar), woodwind (flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone), brass (trumpet, trombone, french horn, baritone) and percussion.

The Mini Minstrels program is an Early Childhood Music program for children from 4 months to 8 years of age.

The Choral Training program includes three choirs: Minisingers (K-2), Cantilena Singers (Years 3-6) and New England Singers (Years 7-12). Workshops and masterclasses are provided throughout the year.

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Armidale Golf Club

(02) 6772 5837

Armidale Bowling Club

(02) 6772 5666



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Churches & Places Of Worship

Anglican Church

(02) 6772 2269

Armidale Community Church

(02) 6771 4162

Armidale Central Baptist Church

(02) 6773 3316

Apostolic Open Door Fellowship

(02) 6772 7279

Chapel St. Baptist Church

(02) 6772 1871

Highlands Independant Baptist Church

(02) 6771 1482

Roman Catholic Church

(02) 6772 2218

Christian Outreach Center

(02) 6771 2500

Church of Christ

(02) 6772 2784

Presbyterian Church

(02) 6772 2305

Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia

(02) 6772 1360

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