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Armidale Cup

Saturday March 3

The Cup attracts many visitors from around the state and from south Queensland to make a weekend getaway and enjoy the sights of our lovely New England city.

Leading country jockeys, horses and trainers attend the day with over $200,000 in prizemoney on offer. This year’s Cup race has increased to $50,000 alone and it is sure to attract the leading distance horses in NSW. The Jockey Club in conjunction with the Armidale Ex Services Club run a Calcutta on the Saturday night at the Servies Club which also attracts many people. On race day there are many bookmakers, TAB tote, full bar and catering facilities available for all.

A major highlight for the races is the Fashions in the Field with some great prizes to be won amongst the tremendous colour and fashion of Country racing. The Armidale Cup is one of a few country cup meetings that are run over a longer distance of 1900 metres. The Cup is usually the second last race on the day and is run at 5pm. Gates will open at 11am so get in early for your front row seat.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE JOCKEY CLUB
BARNEY STREET, ARMIDALE

For further information:
Ph: Jim Dedes
02 6772 3102 | 0407 293 239 armjc@bigpond.net.au
armidalejockeyclub.com.au

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Now in its 144th year, the Armidale Show is one of Australia’s oldest and most important country shows. Whether you come for the fairground rides, the flower displays or the thrill of the livestock competitions, there’s something for everyone, with a fun and exciting entertainment schedule in 2019 there will be something for everyone!

WHERE:
ARMIDALE SHOWGROUNDS
DUMARESQ ST, ARMIDALE

For further information:
0413 872 214 | ArmidaleShowSociety@outlook.com
armidaleshow.org.au
facebook.com/ArmidaleShow
Fire & Rescue NSW Regional Firefighter Championship

MARCH 16 - 17

The 1st Fire and Rescue NSW Regional Firefighter Championship of 2019 is being held in Armidale on the weekend of the 16-17 March.

The Championships showcase the skills and expertise a modern firefighter uses every day, be it attacking a fire or responding to a major emergency.

You will be given the rare opportunity to see firsthand just how firefighters respond to emergencies. You can also pick up vital fire safety tips which can help you prepare and prevent fires and emergencies before they happen.

Come along and see firefighters from across NSW battle it out for Championship points and have a great day out for the whole family.

WHERE:
JACK VALANCE OVAL,
191 DUMARESQ STREET,
ARMIDALE

For further information:
Armidale Regional Council,
Event Co-ordinator : 02 6770 3804
After consultation between key stakeholders, the Inverell Highlanders Rugby Union Club and the Armidale Blues Rugby Union Football and Netball Club have banded together to create an extensive pre-season tournament for clubs in Northern NSW.

The Laser Electrical Inverell Sevens to be held on the 9th and 10th of March will be followed by the Imperial Hotel Armidale Blues 10’s Knockout on the 16th of March. Both events cater for both mens and womens with the Armidale tournament featuring Women 7’s.

The format, held over two weeks, will give clubs sufficient playing time to get those key on field minutes in that players need prior to both the Central North and New England Rugby Union competitions commencing.

Armidale Blues President Anthony McMillan says the move to follow Inverell offers clubs an opportunity to build towards their fifteen a side football. “As we move further into March clubs need to progress from preseason football to competition, we see 10’s as a natural progression” McMillan said.

For Inverell, competition organiser Jock Barnett sees the events as a great start back to rugby after the summer break and will be a solid gauge of a team’s fitness level going into the main season, both for men and women.

Both clubs are working together to create an opportunity for clubs in Northern NSW to play some quality rugby without having to venture too far from home.

WHERE: MORAN OVAL, ARMIDALE
New England Festival

Saturday MARCH 16

Now into its 28th year and with a name change (previously the Autumn Festival) to better reflect the region, the staple attractions remain with the Grand Parade and pipe bands a great spectacle.

There’s something captivating when the CBD is closed to traffic and filled with the sounds of multiple pipe bands and some 65+ floats parading through town. It’s a sight which draws both locals and visitors to the CBD and demonstrates the true multicultural nature of the region. The sounds of the massed pipe band will have the hairs on the back of your neck standing tall and with the international flavours and entertainment in the Central Mall during the afternoon there’s fun for all the family.

Read more about the weekend’s events on the following pages.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE CBD

For further information:
Armidale Regional Council,
Event Co-ordinator : 02 6770 3804
With only a short break from service after World War Two and under various names and configurations, the Australian Army Band Newcastle has existed as Newcastle and the Hunter region of New South Wales’ own Military band since 1861. The members of the Australian Army Band Newcastle are heavily invested in the support and promotion of the Australian Defence Force whilst striving to develop music and musicians within the Hunter region.

The band members are drawn from the local community who, in addition to their normal employment, are talented musicians employed on a part-time basis by the Australian Army. The band’s main job involves the support and promotion of the Australian Defence Force units within the Hunter region of NSW though they are also very active in community development and support. The band comprises ensembles from quartets to a full military band and performs music from all genres to suit any occasion. It also features a Pipes and Drums section making it a very versatile package. Members of the Australian Army Band Newcastle enjoy the privileges of being an Australian Army musician, a part-time job that offers amazing performing opportunities both domestically and internationally.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE SERVICES CLUB,
137 DUMARESQ ST, ARMIDALE

For further information:
Armidale Services Club: 02 6776 0800
Breakfast with the Armidale City Band

Saturday MARCH 16

Our first Breakfast with the Band was on the 27th March 1982 and was organised to raise funds for Armidale City Band by Yvonne Walker, a mother of two young boys in the Junior Band. In the early years we ran the breakfast on our own in Civic Park opposite our Band Room, as there was no festival organised then. The recipe was based on the large American pancakes and was mixed by hand by 4 ladies in our then new band room kitchen. As each batch was mixed it was carried across to the park in ice cream containers to the barbeques ready to cook for our patrons to enjoy, and listen to the band at the same time. After a couple of years the band committee aligned it with the first Wool Awards weekend hoping to gain more patronage. Unfortunately it was held in May and the weather at 7.00am was either too cold, foggy or damp, so not a successful time for an outside venue.

When the Autumn Festival began, held in March each year, we aligned the Breakfast with the Band to coincide with it and our breakfasts became a huge success. Up until 2017 the band has had fine weather for the breakfast. Following the breakfasts, the band prepares for the festival Parade starting at 12.30.

WHERE:
CIVIC PARK, DUMARESQ STREET, ARMIDALE (ADJACENT TO THE EX SERVIES CLUB)

For further information:
Armidale City Band
The Secretary, PO Box 228
Armidale, NSW 2350
For further information:
Robyn Wood (02) 6772 6368
Jennifer Richards (02) 6772 8796

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Quilting & Needlework Exhibition

MARCH 16 - 17

Our Annual Exhibition of members' work is held in mid March. This is a two-day show, Saturday and Sunday. The Exhibition gives members the opportunity to showcase their work, but it is not competitive. However, visitors are asked to nominate their favourite quilt and the one with the most votes wins the 'Viewers Choice Prize'.

Continuous demonstrations of patchwork and quilting techniques may be given in the workroom at the back of the hall. A trading table for sale of members' work is also very popular with visitors and members alike.

The Dorrigo patchwork shop “Misty Threads” will again set up a stall where fabric and patchwork supplies can be purchased.

There is a small entry fee, which includes tea/coffee. Plates of sandwiches are available, at a nominal cost, as well as cakes, slices etc.

Each year a quilt is pieced and quilted by members and the proceeds raised from ticket sales are given to a charity, which is selected each year by vote. This raffle is drawn on the last day of the Exhibition.

WHERE:
LEGACY HOUSE
FAULKNER STREET, ARMIDALE
Gems To Bedazzle You!

MARCH 16 - 17

Armidale Showground is the venue for the 28th Annual Gem and Craft Show held over two great days.

Entry is free so bring the family – come along and enjoy the wonders of Mother Nature. You could even find that gift for someone special! This event is proudly presented by the New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc. (N.E.L.F.C) and the 2018 Show promises to be the biggest and best to date.

Gems, Crystals, Opals, Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Beads, Lapidary equipment and supplies, Wood Craft, Jewellery and Books will be on sale. Three great prizes will be raffled. Tickets available at the door for $1, so get yourself a ticket or two – you must be in it to win it!

A guessing competition will be held over both days of the show. The person with the correct entry will win a jar of Queensland Polished Agates. There will be great fun for the kids too with a Treasure Hunt to find ‘special items’ on each stall. They can also find treasure at the Gemwash stall - fossick, find and keep many treasures such as Sapphire, Opal, Crystals, Zircon and Topaz.

Food and refreshments will be available over the weekend with a BBQ.

N.E.L.F.C wishes to acknowledge June’s Jewellery and Gems, Ray Devlin and Michael Tasik for their ongoing and very generous support of our event.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE SHOWGROUND,
DUMARESQ STREET, ARMIDALE

For further information:
Details to be a Stallholder at our Show
Contact Event Co-Ordinator John Hogbin
Ph: 6772 1001  |  E: info@nelfc.com
Regional Australia Bank New England Festival Criterium

Sunday MARCH 17

Now in its fifteenth year, the Regional Australia Bank New England Festival Criterium continues to go from strength to strength and is now the premier city circuit criterium in Northern NSW.

Each year, we are lucky enough to attract a high class field of participants, competing in what is considered a fast and exciting circuit. It is rare to be able to see such a high class field in the convenience of a circuit in the middle of town, so we trust you will enjoy some exciting racing.

Armidale Cycling Club warmly welcomes all competitors, spectators, friends & family to Armidale, and thank you for your support and participation.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE CBD

For further information:
Armidale Bicycle Centre: 02 6772 3718
Uralla Rotary Club
42nd Annual Art Exhibition

MARCH 29 - APRIL 7

Opening night is launch night!
Guests will enjoy finger food, local wine and entertainment provided by Uralla Central School hospitality students.

Friday 29th March
6:30 - 7:30pm
$20 entry fee

WHERE:
URALLA MEMORIAL HALL,
SALISBURY STREET, URALLA

OPEN DAILY
MARCH 30 - APRIL 07
10am - 4pm
Sunday
7th April 2019
10am - 2pm

ENTRY FEE
Adults $5
Seniors $4
Children under 12 years free

For further information:
Jan Kaehler | Ph: 6775 3212

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New England Festival, Gala Night

Friday APRIL 5

A Gala night to remember! Three key ingredients for a great night; food, fashion and music will come together at the Armidale Servies Club on 5 April.

The organisers are determined to put on a great night to celebrate autumn in New England High Country with a catwalk fashion parade followed by dancing to a highly regarded local band.

With our heritage in the production of wool and particularly renowned as a centre for the production of super fine wool, it is fitting that the Fleece to Fashion Parade will see a whole manner of garments fashioned in wool and paraded on the catwalk. The talent of the young designers has to be seen and with a show selected from the best garments from recent years Fleece to Fashion Awards it will broaden your ideas of the versatility of what comes off the backs of sheep.

Following the fashion parade the Max Schultz band, Shake Rattle ‘n’ Roll will play favourites from the 50’s through to the 80’s. Tickets can be purchased from Armidale Servies Club.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE SERVIES CLUB,
DUMARESQ STREET, ARMIDALE

Tickets: $65
Available from Armidale Servies Club

For further information:
Armidale Servies Club: 02 6776 0800
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Colour New England Street Arts Festival

Saturday APRIL 6

Join local artists, musicians, writers, performers and crafters for an exciting day of fun and creativity at the inaugural Colour New England Street Arts Festival.

The festival will bring Armidale’s Beardy Street Mall and surrounds to life from 2pm and culminate with a light show at 8pm. A makers’ markets, arts activities, exhibitions, crafts, workshops and street art will be accompanied by window displays, demonstrations, street theatre, food markets and much more. Musicians will perform in the mall and nearby venues from 2pm to 10pm.

International chalk artist Rudy Kistler will transform the centre of the mall with a wonderful 3D work. Audience members can watch the professional street artist create a mural for the city - celebrating our wonderful autumn colours, long days and wide open skies - then put themselves in the picture and capture the moment with a selfie.

Kids and adults can enjoy plenty of hands-on activities. Learn a new skill or get up close and personal to watch talented locals create something special. Get to know your local creative community and be inspired to take up a new interest.

WHERE:
ARMIDALE MALL, BEARDY STREET, ARMIDALE

For further information:
Hayley Ward
Ph: 6770 3824 | E: hward@armidale.nsw.gov.au
For more information visit: armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/arts-and-culture/public-art
Rosemary Leitch
AYO Garden Party

Sunday APRIL 7

Enjoy a morning of beautiful music from the Armidale Youth Orchestra followed by lunch in the historic gardens of Chevy Chase.

The Rosemary Leitch AYO Garden Party will be held in the magnificent gardens of Chevy Chase on Sunday 7 April, including lunch in the garden catered by Bistro on Cinders.

This annual event is a staple for classical music lovers with various ensembles and orchestras performing a variety of works. The historic gardens of this magnificent Victorian mansion provide the perfect setting to relax and listen to the concert before enjoying a glass of champagne, lunch and lots of laughs with friends.

This concert is a sell-out every year so don’t delay!

WHERE:
CHEVY CHASE,
DANGARSLEIGH ROAD,
ARMIDALE

For further information:
Tickets: Trybooking.com