



Autumn Festival WEEKEND



 **Autumn**
Festival 2024
Saturday 6 April

Over the Autumn Festival weekend from 5 - 7 April there is so much to see and do across the city.

Armidale Regional Council and the Autumn Festival Committee acknowledge and thank the support of our sponsors.



Aged Care



Autumn Festival Program

Saturday 6 April

7am
Breakfast with the Band in Civic Park



8am
Campus to City Canter



11am
Mass Pipe Bands in the Armidale Mall



11am
Food trucks, market stalls in Civic Park



All day
Amusement rides



12:30pm
Street Parade in the Armidale CDB



1:30pm
Live Entertainment



Autumn Festival concert to showcase local talent

The eclectic talent of local musicians and performers from around the New England will be showcased at the 2024 Autumn Festival concert, that will be held at the completion of the street parade on April 6, 2024.

From the bagpipes to lively jazz music, local performers, artists and school groups will thrill crowds with their talents into the late afternoon at Curtis Park.

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has partnered with the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) who will be running the Autumn Festival concert stage.

The concert will commence with the Armidale Electric Orchestra followed by a number of school groups including musical items from the PLC and TAS jazz bands.

The Armidale Pipe Band and highland dancers will be adding a Celtic flavour to the afternoon's performance and the day will be wrapped up by the super talented New England Wind Ensemble.

Stage program

1:30pm Mayor Coupland Welcome and Award Presentations

1:45-2:15pm Armidale Electric Orchestra

2:15-2:35pm NEGS Song Birds and NEGS Senior Vocal Ensemble

2:35-3:05pm Armidale Secondary College Orchestra and School Musical Item

3:05-3:20pm Armidale Pipe Band and highland dancers

3:20-3:45pm PLC Armidale Jazz Band

3:45-4:15pm TAS Senior Jazz Band

4:15-5pm New England Wind Ensemble



Fun Run returns to Autumn Festival

The hugely popular Campus to City Canter will make a return to this year's Autumn Festival program after a four-year hiatus.

The 2020 fun run was organised and ready to go when it was cancelled due to COVID-19, but due to the popularity of the event it will be back bigger and better as part of the 2024 Autumn Festival.

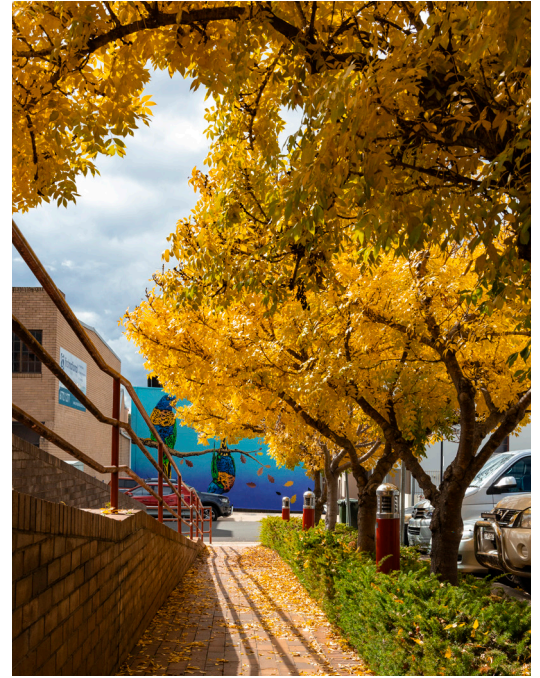
The Campus to City Canter has been

part of the Autumn Festival for more than 20 years and the athletics community and general public are excited to see its return in 2024.

The Campus to City Canter will take place the morning of April 6. It starts at Sports UNE at 8am and finishes with a breakfast in Civic Park. www.armidalelac.org.au/campus-to-city-canter/



Autumn Festival parade route



Capture Autumn Competition

We are inviting all photographers to join our 2024 Capture Autumn Competition! It's time to celebrate our region's unique colour by capturing your best Autumn scene! Our major prize will be a voucher to Bing Lee, worth \$500!

Entries close on 25 March. Submissions can be from previous Autumn photos, however must be from the New England region.

To find out all the details, including entry requirements and terms and conditions, head over to our website and search 'Capture Autumn Competition'

She's Back!

The Big Koala and her baby will be joining the 2024 Autumn Festival parade and at 5 metres high will be a sight to see against the town sky.

Brought to you by Armidale Live and created with our local community by UK artist Neil Turner, she highlights the importance of nature protection and connection. An array of activities and information will accompany her at the park from Climate Action and Sustainable Living Armidale, Armidale National Parks, SNELC and the Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership. There will be ephemeral art to make, native forest quilting, and kid's nature play. Get creative and dress up as your favourite native bird, animal or tree. And whatever your wearing on the day come and join in the funky Bear Gees "Stayn' Alive" Koala dance, at 2:45 pm near the duck pond!





Pancake breakfast with the Armidale City Band

The major fundraiser for the Armidale City Band, the Breakfast with the Band has been running for more than 40 years and is an Autumn Festival institution.

Commonly known as the 'Pancake Breakfast' by members and the community, take in the classic sounds of the brass band while the Armidale and Dumaresq Lions Club along with the Quota Club of Armidale and the CWA cook up a wonderful pancake breakfast. Breakfast commences at 7am in Civic Park.

The Armidale Tree Group Open Day 7 April

The group will be celebrating the grand opening of the new greenhouse and conducting tours of the growing areas not generally open to the public.

The day will be packed full of great workshops including propagating native plants, plant identification

from a local expert and bird scaping gardens. There will be great fun activities for the kids with a treasure hunt through the woodlands.

Enjoy coffee from a wonderful local vendor and a barbeque. Check their Facebook page for more information.



Armidale Youth Orchestras Autumn Garden Party

7 April 2024 | 10:30am - 12:30pm

Enjoy morning tea and a stroll through the magnificent gardens of Chevy Chase, followed by a morning of music presented by the Armidale Youth Orchestras. Morning tea is provided at 10:30am.

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1184062



New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM)

The Wynne Prize 2023:

The Wynne Prize 2023 exhibition is touring from the Art Gallery of New South Wales for the first time since it began over 125 years ago, giving our local community the chance to see the best of Australian contemporary landscape painting and sculpture. This is a ticketed event, but entry to other exhibitions is by donation.

Wonders of Hinton:

Experience one of the greatest collections of art in regional Australia with the new semi-permanent display, Wonders of Hinton. The Howard Hinton Collection is the result of one of the greatest acts of artistic philanthropy and benefaction in Australian history.

The gallery is open Tuesday - Sunday 10am to 4pm. For more information on other exhibitions currently on visit www.neram.com.au