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New England National Park



Rugby at The Armidale School

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New England Regional Art Museum

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Living in Armidale is easy to imagine. Imagine the beautiful home that you would buy for a fraction of the cost of a home in Sydney. Imagine getting to work in 5 minutes, with no traffic jams to contend with. Think about your children walking to school, just around the corner from your home and not feeling worried. Imagine working in an environment where you have the time to see your child receive an award at school. Imagine not having to worry about water restrictions and think how your garden will blossom. Living in Armidale is not a figment of your imagination, it is an everyday reality for thousands of people.

Armidale's strengths lie in its educational, agricultural, retail and professional services, and it is these industry sectors that provide vital employment for a significant portion of the local labour force. This positions Armidale as a knowledge-based regional service centre with significant economic potential which has achieved a sustainable average annual growth rate of about 1 per cent in each of the past five years.

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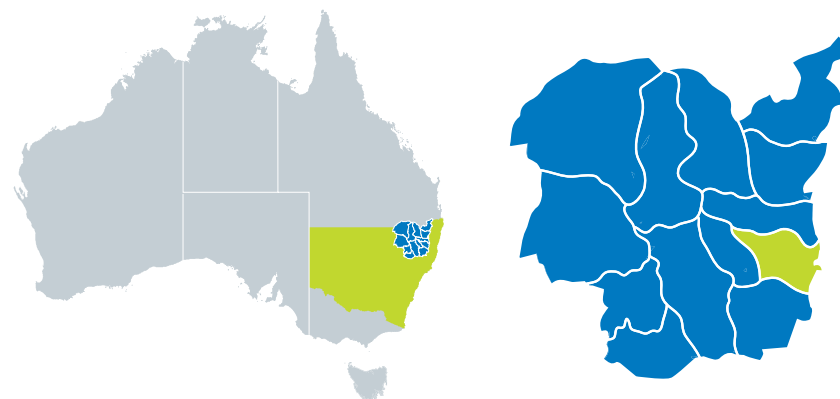
in the country. It has a well educated and diverse population who stimulate change and demand a high standard of living.

The University of New England has established a Medical School with an intake of 60 students each year. As a result Armidale has attracted more medical specialists than ever before and the local hospital will be upgraded for tertiary teaching purposes. The Armidale Private Hospital is also located in the grounds of the public hospital and has been rated amongst the top performing private hospitals in NSW.

Armidale has the best regional art gallery in NSW outside the main metropolitan cities with major collections valued at over \$40 million. The city has a twin cinema which shows mainstream and art house movies. There is the New England Conservatorium of Music, a Symphony Orchestra, a Youth Orchestra, a biennial Bach Festival and several choral groups. The Armidale Drama & Musical Society, Stage One Theatre for Children and the University of New England Department of Theatre Studies perform regularly during the year.

The city has first class sporting facilities. For those who like the outdoors there are hobby farms on the outskirts of the city to follow rural pursuits, bushwalking in nearby world heritage national parks, trout fishing, white water rafting, sailing in Malpas Dam, Heli-fishing, canyoning and abseiling to name but a few!

Armidale: Australia's highest city



St Mary's Cathedral

QUICK FACTS

Population: 26 050

Median House Price: \$305 000

Climate: Temperatures range between 12 - 27°C in Summer and 0 - 16°C in Winter.

Average annual rainfall: 800mm

Elevation: 980m above sea level

567km north of Sydney and 465km south of Brisbane

Known for: World-Heritage National Parks, Education, Culture / Arts, Sport, Four seasons

As for business, there are many successful business enterprises in Armidale related to university research and education, to farming and grazing, professional services, retail, manufacturing and information technology. Armidale is the first city in mainland Australia to be fully fibred under the National Broadband Network (NBN) program. Many Armidale businesses are involved in thriving global ventures. We welcome your interest and inquiries and encourage you to come here to live, work and invest. Armidale - the 'capital' of the New England region of northern New South Wales - is undergoing a revival as a regional economic force.

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LOCATION

Located halfway between Sydney and Brisbane on the New England Highway, it is only a 5-6 hour to either state capital city. The north coast is only two hours away along the Waterfall Way, one of the most beautiful scenic drives in Australia.

TRANSPORT

By road: 567km north of Sydney 465km south of Brisbane. Major coach services operate via Armidale on route to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

By rail: 9 hours to Central Station [daily service]

By air: 75 minutes by air to Sydney [Qantaslink], with 62 flights per week.

● EMPLOYMENT

There are many key employers in the Armidale Dumaresq Region that offer diverse opportunities in all manner of industries. Key employers include the agriculture and agribusiness sectors, the University of New England, Hunter New England Health, Armidale Dumaresq Council, private and public schools, the banking and finance sectors, research organisations and professional services firms. Armidale also provides a myriad of opportunities for those wanting to establish a new business in areas such as retail, land development, manufacturing, agriculture and agribusiness.

● HOUSING

Houses in Armidale range from traditional workers' cottages to grand old homesteads to the very best in modern architecture and design. There are numerous real estate agents in Armidale that specialise in sales and property management as well as specialists in agricultural land sales. There is definitely a property to suit everyone in Armidale.

● EDUCATION

Armidale is a centre for all levels of education. There are three well renowned independent day and boarding schools [K-12], 8 public primary schools, 2 public secondary schools, a Catholic primary school, a Catholic secondary school, a Rudolf Steiner school, a Montessori school and the Minimbah Aboriginal School. Armidale has also been a centre of tertiary education for more than half a century; the University of New England is the nation's oldest regional university and it maintains high academic standards in all its course offerings which include medicine and law. The New England Institute of TAFE offers many specialities in vocational education from hairdressing to horticulture, childcare to hospitality and the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) is a provider of incredible musical education for everyone from pre-schoolers to world acclaimed conductors.

● HEALTH

Armidale is well served by both a public and a private hospital, a school of Rural Medicine (at the University), numerous general, specialist, dental and allied health professionals, ageing and disability services, youth services and many state and federal government offices and agencies. These support services are an important asset to the community and residents of Armidale Dumaresq Region are confident that they can receive all necessary medical attention in their home town at a world class standard.

● LIFESTYLE

Armidale offers activities for people from all walks of life. There are art galleries and museums, cinemas, theatres, many fantastic cafes, bars and restaurants and of course a strong sporting culture. Armidale is home to an 18 hole, par 72 golf course, 22 different sporting grounds and venues and numerous sporting clubs ranging from netball and rugby union all the way to ultimate frisbee and underwater hockey.

Armidale is also at the centre of the Northern trout fishing region, and a 45 minute drive can have you fishing on a picturesque trout stream.

● ENVIRONMENT

One of Armidale's best kept secrets is that there are four national parks, each with extraordinary natural attractions, all within an hour's drive from the city centre. There's a monumental tumble of giant granite boulders to climb in the Cathedral Rock National Park. And, along the aptly named Waterfall Way, Ebor Falls in the Guy Fawkes River National Park is one of several majestic waterfalls to admire. Much of the extensive wilderness in the New England and Oxley Wild Rivers National Parks is World Heritage listed. Enjoy spectacular gorges, encounter dramatic waterfalls and marvel at hundreds of kilometres of pristine waterways

Wollomombi Falls



A full-page background image showing a misty, golden-hour landscape of Armidale, Australia. The scene is dominated by dense, layered forests of various tree types, including tall, thin eucalyptus trees. In the distance, the silhouette of a town with a prominent domed building is visible through the haze. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, creating a serene and atmospheric mood.

The colours of Armidale

At around 1000 metres above sea level, Armidale offers visitors a truly evocative and unique experience with four distinct seasons. The city enjoys a rich history and stunning natural environment. Where else can you experience World Heritage wilderness in the morning and indulge in the sophistication of world-class galleries and vineyards in the afternoon?

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Considering a move inland? Come On Inland is a project by Regional Development Australia Northern Inland designed to assist your family or business move to a stunning region of NSW with unique opportunities.



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