



THE BUZZ



🎉 \$2 FUN DAY at Armidale Showground! 🎉

📅 **Saturday, 10th August**

🕒 **12pm - 7pm**

📍 **Armidale Showground**

Get ready for an unforgettable day packed with fun and excitement at

Armidale Showground! 🥰👉

🎢 All Rides Only \$2 Each!

- Exciting Kids Carnival Rides
- Challenging Carnival Games
- Professor Bubbles Show
- Tasty Food Trucks
- Delicious Dessert Stalls

💰 \$2 Entry Per Person

🐎 \$2 Per Ride

🎫 \$25 Unlimited Ride Wristbands

🐕 Leashed Pets Welcome!

Join us for an action-packed day filled with rides, games, and delicious treats. Bring your family, friends, and even your furry pals for a day of endless fun! Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the \$25 Unlimited Ride Wristbands for non-stop excitement!

See you at Armidale Showground for a day full of excitement and memories!

This edition

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Fun Day @ Armidale Showground	NAIDOC week photography entrant	Armidale Lego Club
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Welcome to the August edition of *The Buzz!*

First off, a heartfelt welcome to our newest team members: Rhys D, Claire, Cynthia, and Liam! We're thrilled to have each of you join us. Your arrival comes at an exciting time for our organisation, and we look forward to the fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and dedication you will bring to our team.

Angus and Erica have been nothing short of exceptional in their diligent efforts to maintain our client's lawns and gardens during the challenging winter conditions. Despite the frosty temperatures and inclement weather, their dedication shines through as they ensure our outdoor spaces remain pristine and inviting - see photos of their efforts later on page 2.

We're also proud to announce our official registration as a not for profit organisation! This milestone marks a significant transition in our mission to serve our community with even greater dedication and impact.

And finally, we're thrilled to announce that MCS Armidale Ltd is now a registered participant of the *Return and Earn* program! This means that when you recycle eligible containers at stations in the region, you are both contributing to a cleaner environment by reducing waste, and also supporting MCS Armidale's cooking program and other activities for our participants!



People living with Disability and Mental illness are much more likely to experience homelessness or insecure housing in their life time - as a local Disability and Mental health provider in the New England region we've chosen to support the

Armidale Vinnies Community Sleepout and raise awareness in our community and fundraise much needed funds for Vinnies NSW.

Come join us at the sleepout or donate any amount you can give (no matter how large or small) which will go a long way in helping this magnificent cause and supporting our local community, by visiting the link below or scanning the QR code:

Thank you, we really appreciate your support.

Les Morton,
Modern Community Solutions
Armidale



<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/armidale-vinnies-community-sleepout-2024/modern-community-solutions-armidale>



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Irene, pictured above, proudly standing in front of her photo which was displayed at The Neighbourhood Centre for NAIDOC Week. Irene was among many wonderful leaders and elders within our wonderful Indigenous Community.

Congratulations Irene!

August Calendar

Jeans for Genes  02/08/2024	FUN DAY at Armidale Showground 10/08/2024	International Youth Day  12/08/2024
Armidale Lights Festival 2024 23/08/2024	Daffodil Day   22/08/2024	
Assistance Dog Day  26/08/2024	Wear it Purple Day  30/08/2024	Armidale Community Sleepout 31/08/2024



Some before and after images of the fantastic work completed by the gardening crew



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands, seas, and communities in which we provide our services. We would also like to pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and the continuing cultural influence they have on Australia.



Tough Guy Book Club

by Ben Swanton

Six months ago I was in the Royal Hotel and saw an ad for this book club. I'd always wanted to participate in a book group so I joined. On a Wednesday night at 7pm I turned up to the Newie Hotel. There were seven of us and we ordered a drink and a meal and had a quick check-in.

The club is an Australia wide organisation whose members read the same new book each month. Each group is furnished with a list of questions about the book, which guides our discussion. There is only one rule, and that is no-one is allowed to talk about their job. At the end of the discussion the book for the following month is revealed. The chosen books vary widely, and get you reading authors and material that you would otherwise never consider. It is a lot of fun as well as being educational.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the dining room at the New England Hotel - just turn up!

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