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Newsletter for October 2026

This is the final Newsletter for 2026 and it heralds the last meeting for the year.

The October meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 20th October** with a 5.30pm start.
The venue will be at **ALL SEASONS MOTEL, 208 DANGAR ST** (entrance from Railway Parade, Armidale side of the overhead railway bridge and roundabout).

As a tribute to 101-year-old Armidale playwright Ron Vickress,
the Society will present an adaptation of one of his plays,

'YOU'RE A LONG TIME DEAD'

Those staying for dinner will need to place their order prior to the meeting.

Journal 69: Will be available to be picked up by financial members at the October meeting and subsequently at the Society headquarters, Dumaresq Chambers.

November Excursion: A bus trip to visit some **MUSEUMS OF ARMIDALE** will be held on **Saturday 14 November**, departing from the **Visitors Centre 8.30am** and return 4.30-5pm. Armidale has around eight excellent museums, rarely visited by the local people and often open only at limited times. This is a rare opportunity to 'become a tourist' and to hear about and appreciate some of the collections held in museums in town and at the University. The cost will be \$45 for the bus and morning tea, not including lunch, which will be at the Railway Hotel. Family and friends are welcome.

October events: Opening of the **Creative Streets Festival** Saturday 17 October 4-9pm
Free Guided Tours with stories..... Saturday 24 October 2-4pm

Saturday 31 October 2-4pm

Saturday 7 November 2-4pm

These tours start at 1/146 Marsh Street (Burger Urge) and end at the Folk Museum.
Bookings can be made at www.armidalecreativestreets.com.au

Exhibition: The changing face of Beardy Street in photographs is a Work in Progress exhibition at Dumaresq Chambers and we welcome your memories to fill in the gaps.

The Ron Vickress Collection: The Society has become the guardian of many of Ron's published works, plays, stories and poetry. Come and browse our library.

Snippets of History:

John Ingram Moore, b. County Armagh October 1828. d. Armidale April 1892

Eight times Mayor of Armidale: 1866, 1873-1875, Mayor of Armidale City 1882-85

Obituary John Moore Senior, Armidale Express 29/4/1892

'It is our sad duty to record the death of **Mr John Moore Sen.**, who passed away from this world at about 11 o'clock on Wednesday night. For some time past the deceased gentleman suffered from a severe cold and it was evident to his intimate friends that a system which had stood the toil and worry of nearly half a century in connection with business matters, was gradually breaking up. In about 1848 Mr Moore arrived in Armidale accompanied by his faithful and affectionate wife, formerly Miss Purves, both of whose parents died in Armidale some years ago. A few years after his arrival in Armidale, Mr Moore was engaged as clerk to **Messrs. Mather and Gilchrist**, who kept one of the first stores in Armidale on the site where the establishment where **Messrs. J. Richardson and Co.** now stands. After this, Mr Moore entered into the same business with **Mr Robert Scholes** and later took charge of the store itself and by steady perseverance and sheer hard work, never sparing himself on any occasion, made the affair a great commercial success. He then sold the business to **Messrs. J. Richardson and Co.** and retired into private life for a time. However, the deceased was restless out of harness and his natural commercial instincts prompted him to again start business, which he carried on for some years in the stores now occupied by **Messrs. F. Braund and Co.**. When he finally retired some four years ago and accepted a seat upon the local Land Board, but owing to continuous bad health, was obliged to discontinue this last avocation now and then. The deceased was ever foremost in all good and charitable works in which, in many quiet and unostentatious ways, he was seconded by his bereaved widow. From the establishment of the Armidale Hospital, the late Mr Moore took a most active part and it may truly be said that he did the work of a dozen men in striving for the welfare of the institution. As a churchwarden of the Anglican cathedral, the deceased was a zealous and painstaking official, who was a deserved favourite with each succeeding pastor of the church and also the people. In electioneering matters, Mr Moore was a prominent figure and many a hard battle did he fight for the cause he espoused, his influence at one time, commanding a large number of votes. During the last years of business the deceased suffered much mental worry and distress that in some measure accelerated his end. He was semi-unconscious for some hours prior to his death and at last passed away in the presence of his wife and the other members of his family for whom general sympathy is evinced, while general regret is expressed at the death of a man whose name for many years has been a household word in New England. The deceased was 65 years of age when he expired and the funeral promises to be largely attended.'

John Moore letter to James Gilchrist: *For every pound [the other shopkeepers take] I take 10 pound yet I cannot give parties and allow My Old Woman to drive about in buggies to visit. I however hope there is a good day coming and that I can do the same with comfort.*

Ferry, J., *Colonial Armidale*, University of Queensland Press 1999.

Reference: Davidson D., ADHSJ 61 (2018), *John Nelson Ingram Moore*

To save time, below is the menu to allow your dinner decisions to be made in advance.

ALL SEASONS MOTEL	
MENU	
Garlic Bread	
Classic Garlic Bread	8
Cheesy Garlic Bread	9
Bacon & Cheese Garlic Bread	10
Cheese, Sweet Chilli GB	10
Pesto & Parmesan Garlic Bread	11
To Share	
Duck Spring Roll	12
<i>Served with Salad & Plum Sauce</i>	
Potato Wedges	11
<i>Served w/sour cream & sweet chilli sauce</i>	
Chips & Gravy	9
Kids Corner (All \$10)	
<i>All Served with Chips and Tomato Sauce</i>	
Junior Cheeseburger	
Chicken Nuggets	
Mini Fish & Chips (I)	
Sauces (All \$2.5)	
Garlic Cream	
Gravy	
Bearnaise	
Change of side - \$3.50	
• Chips & Salad or	
• Mash & Veg	
GLUTEN FREE (GF)	
GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE (GFA)	
Mains	
Classic Roast (GF)	20
<i>Served w/ roast potato, pumpkin, seasonal vegetables, & rich gravy</i>	
Classic Chicken Schnitzel	18
<i>Served with chips and Gravy</i>	
Parmigiana Snitty	22
<i>Served with chips, topped with ham, Neapolitana sauce & cheese</i>	
Surf and Turf Snitty (I)	25
<i>Served with chips, topped with Creamy garlic prawns</i>	
Salt & Pepper Calamari (I)	20
<i>Served with chips, salad & sriracha mayo</i>	
Fish and Chips (I)	20
<i>Served W/chips, salad, tartare sauce & lemon</i>	
Herb Crusted Barramundi (I)	28
<i>Served with mash, vegetable, Italian mix herb crust and lemon wedge (GFA)</i>	
Creamy Garlic Prawns	26
Rice Bowl (I) (GF)	
Creamy Boscaiola (GFA)	25
<i>Penne pasta, Chicken, bacon, mushrooms, & shallots tossed in creamy garlic sauce</i>	
Chicken al Pesto (GFA)	23
<i>Penne pasta, chicken tossed through basil pesto, cream, tomato & spinach</i>	
Penne Carbonara (GFA)	23
<i>Bacon, sautéed onions, and garlic cream sauce topped with parmesan</i>	
250g Angus Rump Steak (GF)	28
<i>Served with chips and gravy</i>	
250g Angus Scotch fillet (GF)	35
<i>Choice of side and sauce</i>	
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SEAFOOD ORIGIN: (A) AUSTRALIAN, (I) INTERNATIONAL, (M) MIXED	