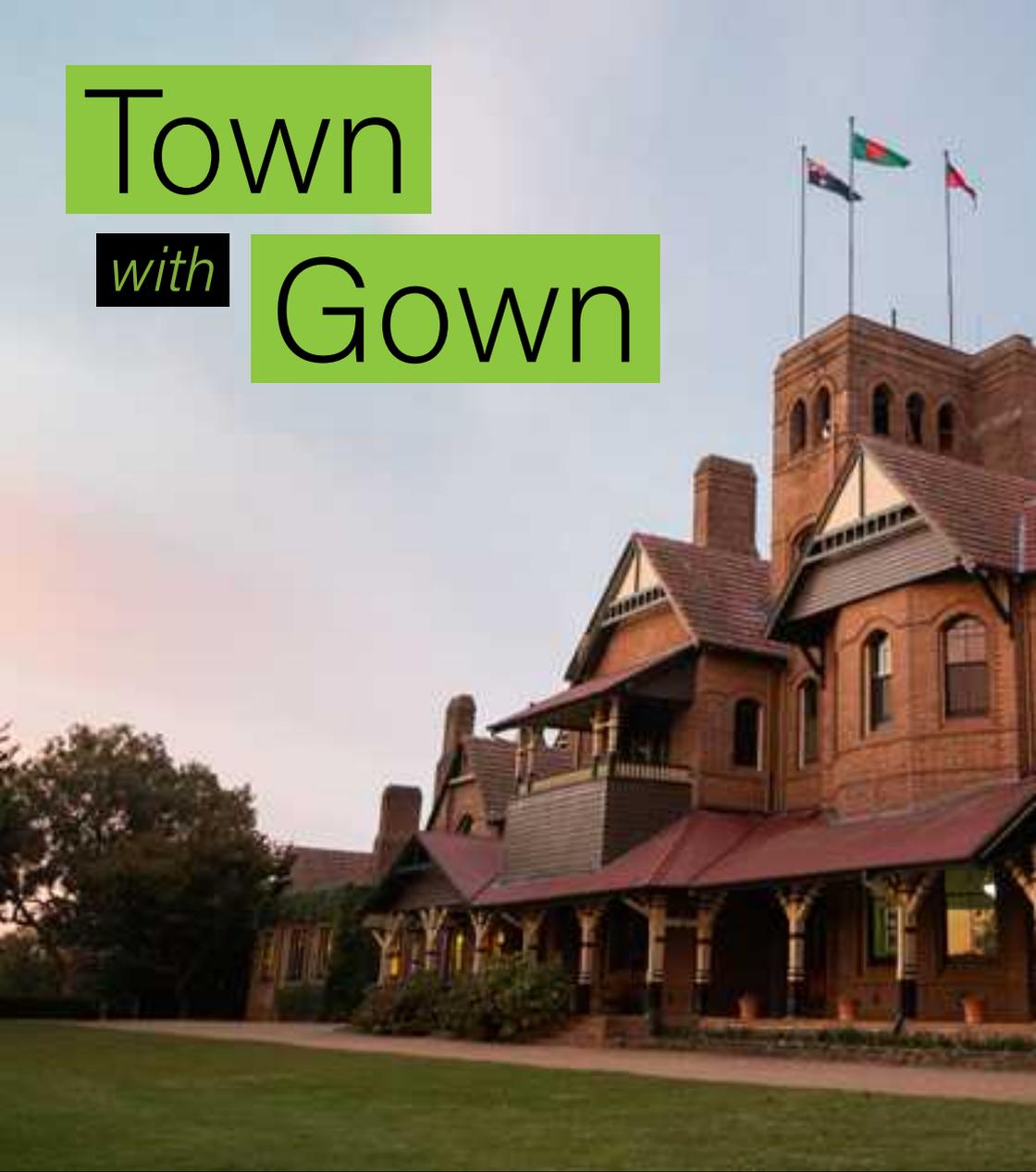


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Gown



Visitor's guide to UNE
Graduation Weekend

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Alumni



Congratulations on completing your degree with the University of New England.

We invite you to celebrate and share your achievement with friends and family here in Armidale.

Attend Graduation Weekend and make memories that last a lifetime.

Coming to your graduation ceremony on the lawns of historic Booloominbah Homestead is one of the highlights of your study with the University of New England.

Please join us and make it a weekend to remember!

← Vice-Chancellor
Professor Brigid Heywood
(L) and Chancellor
James Harris (R)

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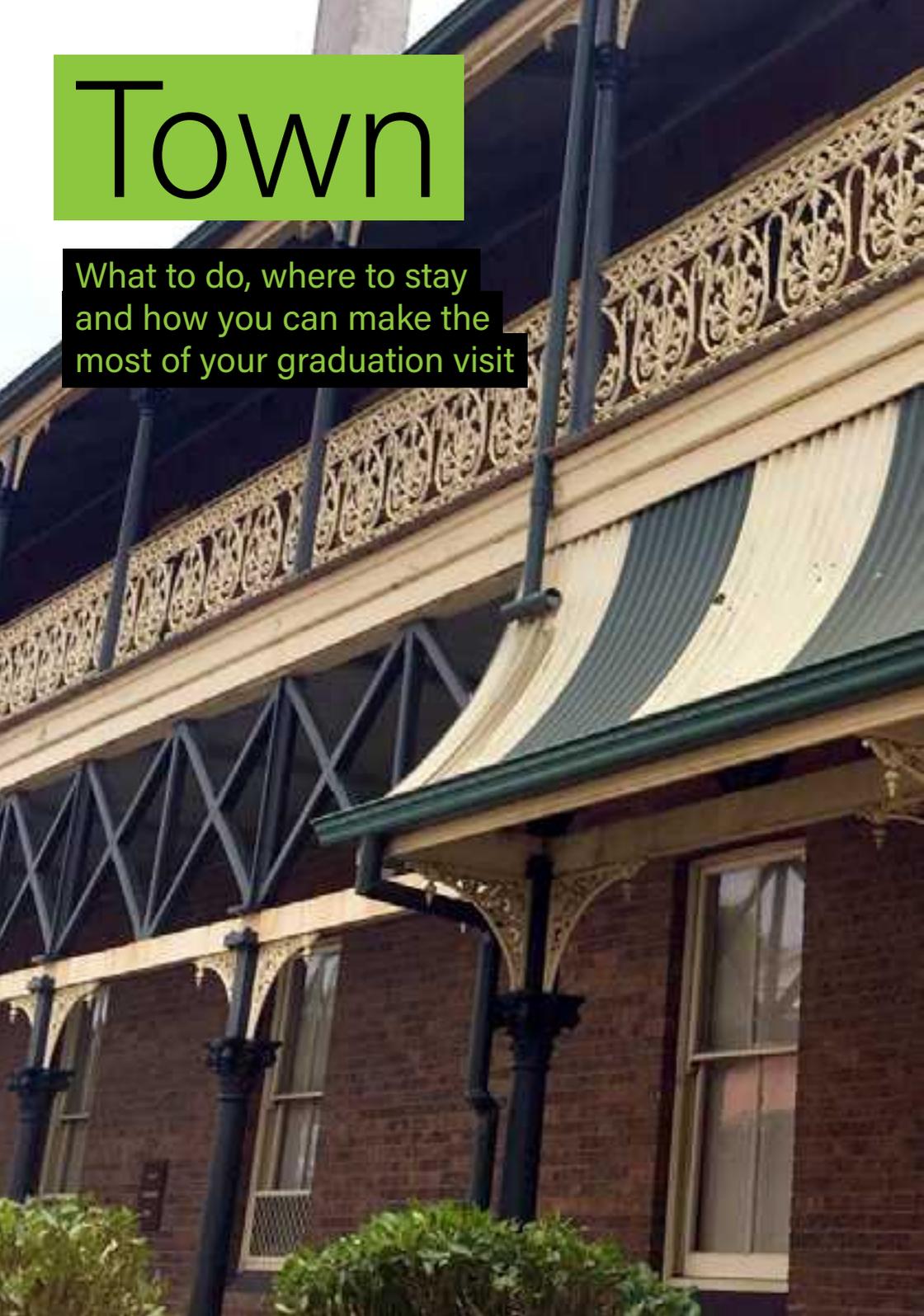
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A photograph of a historic building with a balcony and a striped awning. The building features a dark brick facade, a balcony with ornate wrought-iron railings, and a large striped awning in shades of blue and white. The architecture is detailed with decorative elements like cast-iron brackets and a dark green gutter system. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the building.

What to do, where to stay
and how you can make the
most of your graduation visit



Accommodation

Where to stay while visiting New England

Take your pick—Armidale and nearby Guyra, Uralla and Walcha have a range of motels, hotels, cottages, bed and breakfasts, Airbnb accommodation, farm stays, caravan parks and guesthouses to choose from.

Whatever your needs and style, you'll find the perfect place to stay. Just be sure to book early!

↓ Tattersalls Hotel





↑ Peterson's Winery & Guesthouse



↑ Powerhouse Hotel Armidale by Rydges

Armidale City Centre Motor Inn

Take the time to enjoy iconic street art and sustainable accommodation in this refurbished classic country motel in the heart of Armidale.

Aurelia's Farm & Cottage

Fresh local produce, home cooking and cosy accommodation with a rural outlook, just two minutes' drive from Uralla.

Bliss Cottage

A five-minute stroll from the centre of Armidale is this idyllic haven full of old-world charm, with all the modern conveniences.

Imperial Hotel

Stay in a renovated, historic hotel with a variety of budget room options.

Lindsay House

Relax in a boutique guesthouse set in a spacious garden in the heart of Armidale, with luxury suites featuring antique furniture.

Marsh House

A charming, fully renovated 1864 cottage right in the heart of town.

Peterson's Winery & Guesthouse

Enjoy this historic farmhouse, restaurant and winery, just a short drive from the centre of town.

Powerhouse Hotel Armidale by Rydges

Discover Armidale's first 4.5-star hotel, featuring modern accommodation, a restaurant, and wine and tapas bar.

Tattersalls Hotel

Completely renovated in Art Deco style, containing boutique hotel accommodation, the Tatts offers a world-class restaurant or garden bar where guests can enjoy wood-fired pizza. Start the evening with a cocktail in the ladies' lounge or unwind in the exclusive whiskey and cigar bar.

Two Styx Cottage and Cabins

No better way to wind down after celebrations than by bushwalking and trout fishing. Two of Styx's brand new, fully equipped cabins are located right next to the New England National Park.

Local Attractions

So much to see, so much to do...

Enjoy scenic drives through gorgeous farmlands and national parks, with excursions to savour waterfalls, swimming holes and marvellous views. In town, stop for a meal or a drink, discover a range of fashions in local boutiques or browse through a bookstore or two!

Why not explore beautiful historic churches, schools, houses and one of the best regional art galleries in the country?

↓ New England Regional
Art Museum (NERAM)



Armidale Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place

Learn about local Indigenous culture and history at this significant community centre.

Armidale Teachers' College

Explore the original home of regional education in NSW. The foyer of this magnificent building features portraits of past principals and teachers.

Bookstores

Browse for books at some of the best book stores in regional NSW—second-hand treasures at **Boobooks** and an eclectic mix of literature and music at **Reader's Companion**.

Fleet helicopters

Fly over the gorges and waterfalls with Fleet Helicopters or in one of their historic warbirds.

The great outdoors

Explore the Oxley Wild Rivers, Cathedral Rock and New England national parks,

containing an abundance of wildlife and breathtaking scenery. A wide range of walks are available to suit all ages and abilities.

New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM)

Explore the home of the nationally significant Howard Hinton Collection (featuring works by Arthur Streeton, Tom Roberts, Margaret Preston and many others), known for its exhibitions, displays and great gift shop.

Saumarez Homestead

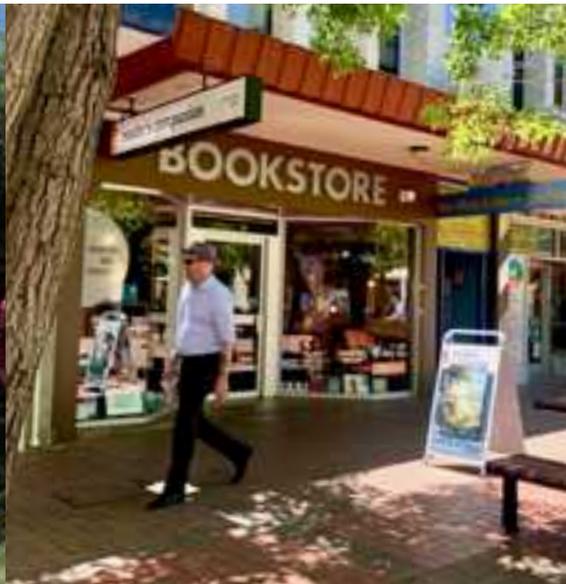
Wander this unique National Trust property, featuring an historic 30-room Edwardian mansion, original farm buildings and heritage rose gardens that are a step back in time.

Trout fishing

Try your luck at Dumaresq Dam, in the Oakey and Serpentine rivers, or the many trout streams in the area. Canoes are available.

↓ Saumarez Homestead

↓ Reader's Companion



Food & Drink

Dining and drinking in Armidale

From steaks to sushi, Armidale boasts a range of pubs, restaurants and food styles, including Nepalese, Chinese, Thai, Japanese and Indian cuisine. Check online for opening times and menus.

→ Charlie's Last Stand

Charlie's Last Stand

The best bar in town for outstanding cocktails, live music and wines from all over Australia.

French Patisserie

During the day discover the delicious range of sweet and savory treats made on site or dine a la carte on Fridays and Saturday nights.

The Goldfish Bowl

Sourdough croissants and bread straight from the wood-fired oven with funky staff; it's all going on here. Don't miss their delicious gourmet pizzas on Fridays.

Paper Tiger

Enjoy a great selection of contemporary, Asian-inspired cuisine.

Seesaw Cafe

The ideal cafe for breakfast and coffee the morning after celebrating your hard-earned degree.

The Welder's Dog

This New England landmark for award-winning craft beers has become a popular haunt for locals.

Whitebull Hotel

A modern update of the traditional country hotel the Whitebull offers a range of dining options including steakhouse and pub classics supported with a contemporary regional winelist and mix of craft and other beers.



→ Azka Restaurant
at Powerhouse Hotel
Armidale by Rydges

← Whitebull Hotel



Around the region

Discover the New England

The New England region is full of hidden delights to discover and opportunities to enjoy our beautiful landscape.

No matter what time of year you visit, the New England weather is sure to turn it on. Four perfect seasons—from beautiful spring and clear summer days to gorgeous autumn colours and perhaps even winter snow. What's not to like?!

On your drive to Armidale for graduation, or an easy daytrip from the city itself, there is much to enjoy.

It's worth the trip—why not take time out?

Relax and stay the weekend.



McCrossins Mill Museum, Uralla

Encounter the story of the bushranger Captain Thunderbolt and learn about our Chinese mining heritage in this refurbished 19th century flour mill.

New England Brewery, Uralla

Try a craft brew with a difference, made using local ingredients and brewed on wood, or dine on pizzas cooked onsite.

Dobson's Distillery & Eastview Estate, Kentucky

Enjoy lunch and international, award-winning gins and other quality spirits and liqueurs made here by the talented Dobson family.

Merilba Estate Winery, Kingston (past Uralla)

Taste a shiraz or dine in a stunningly refurbished shearing shed, with wines available for tasting or purchase from the cellar door.



↓ Fleet Warbird Gorge
Adventure Flights

↑ Dobson's Distillery



The Blue Hole

A favourite picnic spot dating back to our New England University College days. Pack your swimmers in summer and check out the historic hydro-electric scheme on the walking track.

Blue Wren Creekside

After visiting the Blue Hole, relax in a large country garden just 10 minutes' drive from Armidale. Open for brunch, lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

Waterfall Way

Be serenaded by the sounds of the bush as you experience one of Australia's most gorgeous scenic drives. It links Armidale with the Dorriggo mountain village, the creative community of Bellingen and the beaches of Coffs Harbour and Sawtell.

Tourism information

Want more info?

Visit the Armidale Visitor Information Centre on Marsh Street, where volunteers can provide further information about local attractions, events and accommodation.

newenglandhighcountry.com.au

armidaletourism.com.au

armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/events

visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/armidale-area

exploreaustralia.net.au/New-South-Wales/New-England

armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/our-region/tourism





DID YOU KNOW...

When you purchase through UNE Life, you're helping future graduands reach their potential as well. All money spent with UNE Life goes back into the student experience and amenity, on campus.

Be sure to fill out your Graduation Services Order Form as early as possible to ensure you have everything prepared for your graduation day.

portal.unelife.com.au/graduation-order-form



Gown

What to do on campus,
alumni, scholarships
and gown tips



On campus at UNE

Visiting your university

→ Natural History Museum

A picturesque campus with a rich history; home to diverse activities, thriving colleges and the odd free-range kangaroo!

Australia's first regional university was established in 1938 when the New England University College opened in historic Booloominbah Homestead with just five lecturers and 24 students. Eighty years later, the University of New England is home to thousands of students, some of whom live on campus in residential colleges.

Graduation visitors are welcome to wander the beautiful university campus, where you can explore museums, dine at cafes and restaurants, and meet our resident wildlife.

Natural History Museum

Discover the 'Lightening Claw' dinosaur and a range of fascinating Australian wildlife specimens collected and studied by UNE staff and students.

Booloominbah Homestead

The grand country house designed by architect Horbury Hunt for prominent colonial grazier Frederick White, completed in 1888, is now at the heart of UNE. Enjoy coffee or lunch at the Booloominbah Collection cafe or explore the ground floor artworks and impressive Gordon stained-glass window.

Museum of Antiquities

Discover antiquities from the ancient Mediterranean and near east, with objects

and ethnographic research collections from Australia, South-East Asia, New Guinea, the Pacific region, Mesoamerica and Africa.

University of New England Heritage Centre

Visit the Dixon Library or Armidale Teachers' College (in town) for historical exhibitions and displays from the UNE archives and art collections.

UNE Sport & mountain bike trails

Feeling active? Head to the fully equipped Sport UNE complex, the gateway to our first-class, custom-built world championship mountain bike trail network. Or perhaps the 2km Parkrun (Saturdays at 8am) is more your style?

→ Mountain Bike Trail



Tips from the UNE Alumni Office

How to make your visit memorable

- Don't wait—book your accommodation early.
- If your graduation is on the lawns of Booloominbah, tell your family and friends to wear hats. Sunscreen is also available at the UNE Alumni stand.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are invited to participate in a special pre-graduation sashing ceremony at Ooralta Aboriginal Centre, which is one of the highlights of the day.
- Pre-book for the Graduation lunch at Booloominbah or the BBQ, which has great value food and drinks to help you celebrate.
- Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning in Armidale can seem pretty sleepy, but you'll find a number of cafes and pubs open, the farmer's markets on Sundays, or can visit NERAM or Saumarez Homestead for a look around (both open weekends).
- Take a drive around the region and drop into Uralla for the best pie on the New England Highway, a beer tasting at the Brewery, or enjoy a tippie at Dobson's Distillery in Kentucky.





The Shop.

UNE MERCHANDISE.

Visit The Shop to see all UNE Merchandise, giftware and more!



Find us online and at our Armidale campus
<https://shop.unelife.com.au>

Alumni stories

Sanaz Alian, PhD Graduand

Graduating was always a dream for me.

It took more than 10 years of study post high school to get here. I would go and watch graduation ceremonies because it gave me hope that one day I would sit there and wear that red gown and cute floppy hat!

After waiting for so long, the day finally arrived. The day was perfect—a beautiful sunny day on the lawns of Booloominbah. Everyone was dressed up and you could see happiness and pride in everyone's faces: graduands who had done an amazing job and finished their degrees, supported by family and friends who were always there for them through the lows and highs of study.

After some formal procedures, your name is called and that surreal moment finally arrives. Your heart starts pounding, you get your degree, you sit down and tell yourself, "I did it!"

I definitely recommend that future UNE graduands attend their graduation ceremonies—trust me, you are going to love it and I hope it will be the best day of your life, too!

Becky Amon

Attending graduation on campus was an opportunity to invite friends and family to the place where I'd been living and studying for three-and-a-half years; to celebrate a pretty big achievement. It was also an opportunity to support graduating friends that I had met at UNE throughout my degree.

I loved getting my degree on the lawns of Booloominbah in spring—the sun, the green grass, the view!

My advice to upcoming graduates is to pre-book your lunch/dinner well in advance!



Graduates' Walk

Your name here

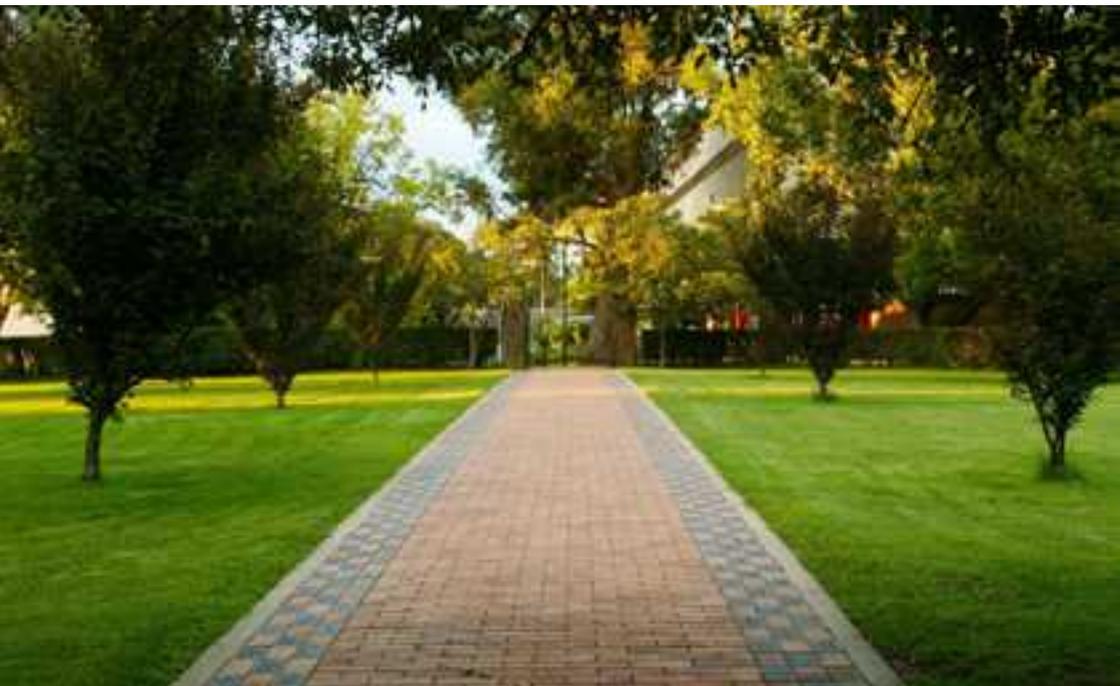
Celebrate your success and support future UNE scholarships

Recognise your achievement by joining more than 900 others on the Graduates' Walk.

Your tax-deductible donation directly assists students through scholarships, and your contribution is recognised with a personal paver.

For more information please visit:
une.edu.au/alumni/give-to-une/graduates-walk

↓ Graduate's Walk,
UNE Armidale



UNE alumni

Stay in touch

When you graduate, you automatically join UNE's alumni community—a rich network of more than 120,000 UNE graduates around the globe.

We are proud of your achievements, and invite you to remain a vital part of the University for the rest of your life.

Congratulations on your achievement!
We look forward to staying in touch:
une.edu.au/alumni/update-details

↓ Alumni event at 2019
Royal Easter Show

Make the most of your alumni experience:

- Stop by our tent at Graduation (if outdoors) or by our table (if in Lazenby Hall) to update your details.
- Share your graduation pics #unegraduation
- Check out Facebook/unealumni to see if you were snapped!
- Stay in touch with other UNE alumni through social media—don't forget to add UNE to your LinkedIn profile education information.
- Keep your contact details up-to-date with us and check our website for upcoming events.
- Email us at alumni@une.edu.au to share your news.

Stay connected and share your successes in the coming years.

Keep your details up-to-date to access a range of engagement events, news and activities, with ongoing professional development and social opportunities to connect with your fellow graduates.



Gown tips

How to wear your academic dress

Here are a few handy to help make your Graduation Day seamless!

Step 1: Know your gown!

Diploma, Grad Diploma/Bachelor Degree – These gowns are black and they have long slits in the sleeves. Make sure that your arm goes straight along the sleeve, not through the slits.

Masters Degree – These gowns are black too, the difference with a Masters Gown is the sleeves. They have a slit on either side of the sleeve. Slide your arms through the slits.

Doctoral Degree – These gowns are red and are a similar shape to the Bachelor gowns.

Top tip: All gowns should fall below the knee but be above your ankle. To put your gown on, just think of it like a dressing gown, one sleeve at a time.

Step 2: The fancy stuff

An academic hood is like a present-day 'hoodie'! It is worn over your shoulders and drapes down your back. The "V" section will sit on your chest with the opening of your hood resting on your shoulders. Do not put your arms through the "V" just your head and chest area should be covered.

Turn the satin part of the hood outward at the neck. A thin line of colour should be visible around your neck, you should also turn the hood outwards at your back, so the coloured satin line is visible at the back.

If your hood starts to slip, pins can be used to keep it in place. Or if you are wearing a button-up shirt, the loop on the hood can be looped around a button to hold it in place.

The Stole (Diploma/Grad Diploma) – Falls from the back of the neck, down the chest with equal lengths on both sides. Stoles generally don't need to be pinned. The stoles are gold in colour with a differing coloured stripe. The different colours will be associated with your degree.

One stripe represents a Diploma and two stripes represent a Graduate Diploma.

Bachelor Hood – These hoods have a black fabric shell and satin edged lining. The colour of the lining will be associated with your degree.

Masters Hood – These hoods are black fabric shell and full inner satin colour lining. The colour of the lining will be associated with your degree.

Doctoral Hood – These hoods are red in colour and have a satin edged lining.

Step 3: Top it off

Warning: Hat hair is a danger – Plan a style that can survive the trencher.

Diploma, Bachelor/Master's Degree – The trencher should sit flat on your head, not tilted or pushed backward. The shorter peak should be at the front, and the tassel should hang on the left-hand side.

Doctoral Degree – Put the bonnet on your head so it sits nice, snug and evenly, the tassel should hang to the left.



Step 4: We've got your back

If you've had a few tries, but just can't seem to get it right, don't stress!

Simply keep your eyes peeled for the team from The Shop – they'll have a pinning tent on the UNE lawns and a station outside The Shop, so you can go to them to help with any alignment issues.

And, before you go on stage, someone will also check that you're picture perfect for the big moment!

Step 5: Celebrate

Well done! All of your hard work has paid off, we can't wait to see and hear about the next part of your journey!

If you haven't ordered your gown, locked in your photography sitting or lunch for your graduation day, it's time to get organised!

Book everything
through the
Graduation Portal

[portal.unelife.com.au/
graduation-order-form](https://portal.unelife.com.au/graduation-order-form)



**The
Shop.**



The Shop.



GET YOUR GOWN!

UNE Life's Graduation Services has a wide range of gowns, bonnets, trenchers, hoods, and stoles for sale to meet the needs of graduands.

You'll find all of these items and more at The Shop.

Be sure to fill out your Graduation Services Order Form as early to ensure you have everything prepared for your graduation day.

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