

SOME HELPFUL TIPS, HINTS, LINKS AND CONTACTS

Tips and Hints.

Some helpful hints that may help you survive your new living arrangements include:-



Before leaving home find out what you will need and bring the items with you. Consider sheets, towels, pillows, crockery and cutlery, cooking utensils, stationary and personal effects.



Buy second hand items where possible. Check opportunity shops, community notice boards, newspapers, garage sales and auctions. You can pick up bargain quality items.



Consider hiring equipment (fridges, TV, lawn mowers, trailers).



Remember “cheap to buy” may be “expensive to run”. This can be particularly so in Armidale where winter heating can be an expensive item.



Don't go food shopping when you are hungry. Try the “home brand” and compare quality. Often “home brand” items are approximately half price with little variation in quality. Never shop without a shopping list.



Consider taking your lunch with you to UNE. Doing this twice a week can save you at least \$10 a week or almost \$400 per year.

Links and Contacts.

There is a lot of information available to assist you if you happen to experience problems or unsure of your rights and responsibilities.



Here in Armidale the New England and Western Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service (NEWTAAAS) on 1800 836 268 can offer advice and assistance on rent disputes, bond disputes, repairs, locks and security, tenants rights and responsibilities and other tenancy issues. If you have a dispute with your landlord NEWTAAAS advocates can work with you to sort it out. Fact sheets and sample letters to agents can be downloaded from the Tenant Union Website www.tenants.org.au



A listing of Armidale real estate agents can be found at:-
<http://www.nsw.com.au/armidale/realty.html>



The NSW Office of Fair Trading produces a number of brochures and booklets:-
<http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/realestaterenting/tenantslandlords/tenants.html>



Links to the Utilities you may need to contact are here:-
Electricity - <http://www.countryenergy.com.au/>
Telstra - <http://telstra.com/au>
Energy Australia – Gas - http://www.happygas.com.au/default_flash.asp
Edwards Bus Service - <http://www.edwardscoaches.com.au/>



Maps of Armidale and University- <http://www.une.edu.au/about/une/campus.php>