

FREE

The Armidale Independent

our local newspaper

15,000 copies delivered free to homes and businesses throughout the New England • Ph: 6771 4111 • Wednesday, March 03, 2010 • Vol. 15 Issue 09



From left: Residents of Fayle Street, Harry Philp and Max Schaffer examine one of the trees that has been over zealously trimmed.

Consultation needed for the sake of our trees

Story: Jo Harrison

Max Schaffer has lived in the same street in Armidale for 40 years and has seen many changes over the years. The fondness that he has for the beautiful landscape of the tree lined streets of Armidale has felt disappointment in recent

weeks with the scheduled trimming of trees which have encroached on power lines. Contractors for County Energy have swept through Armidale streets in what appears to be overly excessive pruning and in some cases nearly 4 metres away from the power lines.

Autumn colour for which

Armidale is renowned will in some streets be lacking in what is usually a spectacular display. Max Schaffer has witnessed the trees in his street grow from small seedlings into mature street trees.

"The general aesthetic and look of the street as well as the life of the trees has shortened in my

opinion and we have lost some of the shade in the street" commented Mr Schaffer.

"We need council to be involved in the decision making as to how much a tree is pruned, just letting them have a free go is not on," said

story continued page 5



Armidale Community
Health employee award P7



Call for direction
at Beef forum P9



Belgrave Cinema
Session times P23



Real Estate
House of the week P56



Photos Courtesy of photography EP1552

PLC Armidale 2011 Scholarships

Examination to be held on 15th March 2010
Closing date for applications is 10 March 2010
Academic Scholarships for students entering Years:
• Primary 5 and 6
• Secondary 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11
• Scholarships in Music and Visual Arts

2011 Scholarships
NOW OPEN
Apply Online



PLC
PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING
CENTRE
ARMDALE
NSW
Crest Road, ARMIDALE NSW 2350
T. 02 6770 1700 F. 02 6772 5697
www.plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au

Educating successful learners of tomorrow in a Christian environment