

Size and scale

County Councils in NSW

Providing vital services to more than **238,000** people across 18 Local Government Areas

What is a county council?

Local councils take care of 'roads, rates and rubbish' and everything else in between.

In regional NSW, county councils undertake one or more critical services on behalf of a group of local councils.

In doing so, a county council provides an efficient outcome for the community and is more cost effective.

For example, a dam may supply the drinking water for six local government areas. Rather than each local council individually sourcing, treating and supplying water from the dam, they can establish a county council to manage the entire region's drinking water supply.

Other examples include managing floods or weed biosecurity, where a whole-of-region strategic approach to an issue is needed.

How many county councils are there in NSW?

There are nine county councils in NSW. The four major county councils are:

- Central Tablelands County Council
- Goldenfields Water County Council
- Riverina Water County Council
- Rous County Council

These four large county councils serve more than 238,000 people on behalf of 18 local councils and invest more than \$50M each year to deliver essential infrastructure and services for the many rural and regional communities they are entrusted to serve.

How are county councils governed?

A county council is a separate organisation to local councils in its service area. These 'constituent councils' nominate Councillors from each local government area to make up the County Council's Board.

Their role is to represent their communities and make decisions that are in the best interest of the area the county council serves.

Each county council is also required to employ a General Manager and operates under the Local Government Act like a local council.



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Goldenfields Water County Council



With an extensive footprint of 22,500km², Goldenfields Water oversees the longest local water utility network of water mains (24,000km) in NSW. Infrastructure to support this area includes five water treatment systems, 39 pumping stations, and 114 reservoirs.

NSW Region:	South West Slopes and Riverina
Year Formed:	1997
Functions:	Water supply
Local Government Areas:	Bland, Coolamon, Junee, Temora, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Narrandera & Hilltops
Population & Service Area:	Services more than 46,000 people over 22,500km ² between the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers
Key Organisation Stats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 70 staff • Total Assets \$339.5M • Capital Expenditure \$14M (2021/22) • Total Income \$22.6M (2021/22) • Total Expenditure \$23M (2021/22)

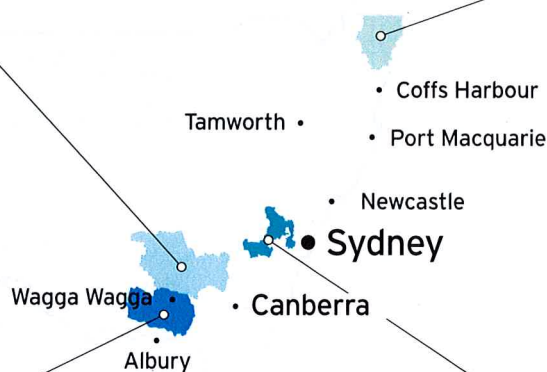
Rous County Council



With a proud history dating 100 years, Rous County Council is the only multi-purpose county council in NSW. Over the next decade, it will invest a record \$140M in new infrastructure and service improvements.

NSW Region:	Northern Rivers
Year Formed:	Amalgamated in 2016
Functions:	Bulk water supply, weed biosecurity & flood mitigation
Local Government Areas:	Ballina, Byron, Lismore & Richmond Valley, weed biosecurity only Kyogle and Tweed
Population & Service Area:	Services approx. 100,000 people across 3,000km with bulk water
Key Organisation Stats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 staff • Total Assets \$555.6M • Capital Expenditure \$17.2M (2021/22) • Total Income \$34.5M (2021/22) • Total Expenditure \$32.3M (2021/22)

NSW context



Riverina Water County Council



With its headquarters in the regional capital of Wagga Wagga - a NSW Government Special Activation Precinct - Riverina Water is planning for a population boom in the coming years.

NSW Region:	Southern Riverina
Year Formed:	1997
Functions:	Water supply
Local Government Areas:	Wagga Wagga, Lockhart, Federation & Greater Hume
Population & Service Area:	Services over 77,000 people across more than 15,000km ²
Key Organisation Stats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 115 staff • Total Assets \$387.54M • Capital Expenditure \$10.4M (2021/22) • Total Income \$31.05M (2021/22) • Total Expenditure \$24.4M (2021/22)

Central Tablelands County Council



For over 78 years Central Tablelands Water has been providing quality drinking water to its consumers across the Central West of NSW.

NSW Region:	Central Tablelands
Year Formed:	1944
Functions:	Water supply
Local Government Areas:	Blayney, Cabonne & Weddin
Population & Service Area:	Services approximately 15,000 people over 8,000km ²
Key Organisation Stats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 23 staff • Total Assets \$105.6M • Capital Expenditure \$1.99M (2021/22) • Total Income \$7.8M (2021/22) • Total Expenditure \$6.7M (2021/22)