

List of councils participating in regional library services in 2019/20 and their cohorts

Section 12 of the Library Act, 1939 enables councils to agree to provide library services regionally, that is across more than one council area. Such arrangements are termed "regional libraries".

ACLG Abrev.	Council	Population 2019	2019/20 Cohort	Regional library
RAS	Brewarrina	1,611	Rural Regional Library Member	Big Sky Libraries
RAM	Bogan	2,580	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Warren	2,697	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Carrathool	2,799	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAM	Hay	2,949	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAM	Walcha	3,134	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAM	Lockhart	3,285	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAM	Murrumbidgee	3,917	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAM	Coonamble	3,958	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Gilgandra	4,239	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAM	Coolamon	4,341	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAM	Gwydir	5,353	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAL	Narrandera	5,899	Rural Regional Library Member	Western Riverina
RAL	Walgett	5,953	Rural Regional Library Member	North Western
RAL	Bland	5,972	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Uralla	6,012	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAL	Temora	6,307	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Narromine	6,517	Rural Regional Library Member	Macquarie Regional
RAL	Junee	6,683	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAL	Blayney	7,379	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAL	Liverpool Plains	7,903	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAL	Kyogle	8,796	Rural Regional Library Member	Richmond Upper Clarence
RAL	Warrumbungle	9,278	Rural Regional Library Member	Macquarie Regional
RAL	Dungog	9,423	Rural Regional Library Member	Newcastle Region
RAL	Forbes	9,906	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAV	Greater Hume	10,764	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Cootamundra-Gundagai	11,235	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Murray River ##	12,118	Rural Regional Library Member	Swan Hill Campaspe Regional
RAV	Federation	12,437	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Cowra	12,743	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
RAV	Bellingen	12,996	Rural Regional Library Member	Clarence Regional
RAV	Narrabri	13,135	Rural Regional Library Member	Central Northern
RAV	Moree Plains	13,261	Rural Regional Library Member	Big Sky Libraries
RAV	Cabonne	13,634	Rural Regional Library Member	Central West
RAV	Snowy Valleys	14,479	Rural Regional Library Member	Riverina Regional
UDS	Hunters Hill#	14,980	Metro Regional Library Member	Lane Cove Hunters Hill
URS	Richmond Valley	23,465	Urban Small	Richmond Upper Clarence
URS	Griffith	27,029	Urban Small	Western Riverina
URM	Byron	35,081	Urban Small	Richmond Tweed Regional
UDM	Lane Cove#	40,155	Urban Small	Lane Cove Hunters Hill
URM	Orange	42,451	Urban Small	Central West
URM	Lismore	43,692	Urban Small	Richmond Tweed Regional
URM	Ballina	44,628	Urban Small	Richmond Tweed Regional
URM	Clarence Valley	51,662	Urban Medium	Clarence Regional
URM	Dubbo Regional	53,719	Urban Medium	Macquarie Regional
URM	Tamworth	62,541	Urban Medium	Central Northern
URM	Wagga Wagga	65,258	Urban Medium	Riverina Regional
URL	Port Stephens	73,481	Urban Medium	Newcastle Region
URL	Tweed	97,001	Urban Medium	Richmond Tweed Regional
URV	Newcastle	165,571	Urban Large	Newcastle Region

Sources: The 2019/20 cohorts are determined using the ABS population figures for June 2019 as this is the figure used for the 2019/20 NSW Public Library Statistics. The cohorts are used in conjunction with Living Learning Libraries: standards and guidelines <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/content/living-learning-libraries>