

List of councils participating in regional library services in 2016/17 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".

In the NSW Public Library Statistics some indicators are collected at the council level and some are collected at the library service level.

Year:	2016/17	
Library	Population	Cohort
Brewarrina	1,875	Rural Regional Library Member
Carrathool	2,760	Rural Regional Library Member
Warren	2,901	Rural Regional Library Member
Hay	2,956	Rural Regional Library Member
Bogan	3,007	Rural Regional Library Member
Walcha	3,054	Rural Regional Library Member
Lockhart	3,103	Rural Regional Library Member
Murrumbidgee	4,071	Rural Regional Library Member
Coonamble	4,188	Rural Regional Library Member
Gilgandra	4,349	Rural Regional Library Member
Coolamon	4,419	Rural Regional Library Member
Gwydir	5,030	Rural Regional Library Member
Narrandera	5,912	Rural Regional Library Member
Bland	5,917	Rural Regional Library Member
Temora	6,088	Rural Regional Library Member
Junee	6,329	Rural Regional Library Member
Uralla	6,376	Rural Regional Library Member
Walgett	6,750	Rural Regional Library Member
Narromine	6,796	Rural Regional Library Member
Blayney	7,457	Rural Regional Library Member
Liverpool Plains	7,738	Rural Regional Library Member
Edward River	8,876	Rural Regional Library Member
Dungog	9,323	Rural Regional Library Member
Kyogle	9,542	Rural Regional Library Member
Warrumbungle	9,688	Rural Regional Library Member
Forbes	9,768	Rural Regional Library Member
Central Murray*	9,815	Rural Regional Library Member
Greater Hume	10,406	Rural Regional Library Member
Murray River	10,657	Rural Regional Library Member
Cootamundra-Gundagai	11,392	Rural Regional Library Member
Murray River	11,596	Rural Regional Library Member
Cowra	12,527	Rural Regional Library Member
Federation	12,569	Rural Regional Library Member

Bellingen Shire	13,066	Rural Regional Library Member
Narrabri	13,717	Rural Regional Library Member
Moree Plains	13,866	Rural Regional Library Member
Cabonne	13,999	Rural Regional Library Member
North Western*	14,445	Rural Regional Library Member
Upper Hunter Shire	14,522	Rural Standalone
Upper Hunter - Muswellbrook	17,414	Rural Standalone
Big Sky Libraries*	22,491	Urban Small
Upper Hunter*	31,936	Urban Small
Richmond-Upper Clarence*	32,968	Urban Small
Western Riverina*	41,824	Urban Small
Clarence*	64,277	Urban Medium
Macquarie*	67,933	Urban Medium
Central West*	86,107	Urban Medium
Central Northern*	97,715	Urban Medium
Riverina*	139,508	Urban Medium
Richmond-Tweed*	214,838	Urban Large
Newcastle*	243,495	Urban Large

*regional library service data including all member councils

Sources: The 2016/17 statistics are based on data submitted by library services as at 30 June 2017 with per capita calculation based on ABS population figures for June 2016.