2018-19 Your Council's Data Sources and Definitions

Your Local Population

- **Population data** – Population estimates by local government area and population estimates by age and sex by local government area (Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)_3218.0_Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2017–2018_Population Estimates by Local Government Area (ASGS 2018), 2017 to 2018) - Released 27 March 2019 and ABS_3235.0_Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2018_Population by Age and Sex, Local Government Areas (ASGS 2018) (released 29 August 2019).

- **Population density** – Sourced from ABS (ABS_3218.0_Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2017-2018_Population Estimates by Local Government Area (ASGS 2018), 2017 to 2018) (released 27 March 2019).

- **ATSI** – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Peoples' population – This figure gives an indication of the diversity of the community in a local government area which may affect the type and level of service the council needs to provide (ABS_1410.0_Data by Region, 2011-18, Population and People, Local Government Area, 2011-2018 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples_% (released 19 November 2019).

- **Language Other than English/Non English Speaking Background** - This figure is based on the ABS definition. It gives a useful indication of community diversity and service delivery requirements (ABS_1410.0_Data by Region, 2011-2018_Population and People, Local Government Area, 2011 to 2018 - Speaks a Language other than English at Home_% - (released 19 November 2019).

Your Local Economy

- **Socio economic index rating** - Derived from Census variables related to disadvantage, such as low income, low educational attainment, unemployment, and dwellings without motor vehicles. Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) uses a broad definition of relative socio-economic disadvantage in terms of people's access to material and social resources and their ability to participate in society (ABS_2033.0.55.001_Census of Population and Housing: Socio-economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2016_Local Government Area, Table 3.

- **Small Area Labour Market (SALM) Unemployment Rate** - Department of Jobs and Small Business LGA Data Tables Small Area Labour Markets – June Quarter 2019.

- **Average taxable income** –ABS_1410.0_Data by Region, 2011-2018_Income (including Government Allowances), Local Government Area, 2011 to 2018 – released 17 January 2020.

- **Average household size** – ABS_1410.0_Data by Region, 2011-2018_Family and Community, , Local Government Area - (released 19 November 2019).

- **Largest Industry employer** – ABS_1410.0_Data by Region, 2011-18_Economy and Industry, Local Government Area, 2011 to 2018, Number_of_Businesses - (released 19 November 2019).

- **Active Business in Local Government Area (LGA)** – ABS_1410.0_Data by Region 2011-2018, Economy and Industry, Local Government Area Number_of_Businesses - (released 19 November 2019).

- **Development applications determined by councillors** - This indicates the extent to which councillors are involved in the day-to-day operations of council. Information from NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Local Development Performance Monitoring 2017-18.
- **Number of Development Applications determined** - Number of development applications determined by councils, excluding section 96 determinations. Information from NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Local Development Performance Monitoring Report 2017-18.
- **Value of Development Applications determined** - NSW Department of Planning and Environment_ Local Development Performance Monitoring Report 2017-18.
- **Mean gross days for Development Applications determined**- Mean number of days for councils to determine development applications. Information from NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Local Development Performance Monitoring Report 2017-18.

Your Council's Financial Performance
- **Operating Performance Ratio (%)** -Measures council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue –Calculated by total continuing operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, gain on sale of assets and joint ventures), less operating expenses (excluding loss on sale of assets and joint ventures) divided by total continuing operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions, gain on sale of assets and joint ventures). Benchmark is 0% or greater. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's Financial Data Return (FDR) – Note - Performance M'ment – Consol tab.
- **Unrestricted Current Ratio** –Is specific to local government and is designed to represent a council's ability to meet short term obligations as they fall due. Calculated by current assets less all external restrictions divided by current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities. Benchmark is greater than 1.5. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR – Performance M'ment - Consol tab.
- **% of Own source revenue** –Percentage of total continuing operating revenue received by council (excluding all grants and contributions) compared to total continuing operating revenue (including capital grants and contributions). Benchmark is greater than 60%. This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR – Performance M'ment - Consol tab.
- **% Grants of total revenue** -Percentage of revenue received by council from operational and capital grants and contributions compared to total continuing operating revenue (including capital grants and contributions). Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR – Income Statement Tab.
- **Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges (%)** -Used to assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts. Calculated by rates and annual charges outstanding divided by rates and annual charges collectible. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR– Performance M'ment - Consol tab.
- **Debt Service Cover Ratio (%)** -Measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. Calculated by operating results

(Income Statement tab)- (excludes fair value adjustments/decrements, net gain/loss on sale of assets, net share/loss on joint ventures) before capital excluding interest, depreciation/impairment/amortisation divided by principal repayments (from Statement of Cash Flows tab) and the loan interest costs (Expenses Continuing Operations tab). Benchmark greater than 2. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR.

- **Debt Service Ratio (%)** -Indicates the amount of general income that is used to repay debt and interest charges. Calculated by cost of debt service (interest expense and principal repayments) divided by total continuing operating revenue (excluding capital grants and contributions). Benchmark greater than 0 and less than 20. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR – Performance M'ment - Consol tab.

- **Cash Expense Cover Ratio (%)** -This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash flow. Benchmark is greater than 3 months. Calculated from current year's cash and cash equivalents including term deposits divided by payments from Note Cash, Cash Equivs & Investments tab multiplied by 12. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR Performance M'ment - Consol tab.

Your Council's Financial Result

- **Revenue & Expenditure** - Information based on councils' 2018-19 Annual Financial Report and data sourced from Council's FDR – Income Statement tab Revenue and Expenditure from continuing operations excluding fair value/revaluation movements, gain/loss on sale of assets, share in joint ventures

Your Council's Rating Revenue

- **Average rates** –Measures the annual rates paid by the applicable ratepayer –Calculated on data provided by council from 2018-19 FDR, Income Continuing Operations and General Information tabs.

- **Total Land Value / Total Rate Income** —Measures the amount of rates paid in comparison to value of land in the local government area. Calculated on data provided by council from 2018-19 FDR, Income Continuing Operations and General Information tabs.

- **Pensioner rebates** - Number of residential assessments for which council is required to rebate rates under section 575 of the Act as a percentage of residential rate assessments. Information based on annual 2018-19 Grants Return of General Information data provided by councils to OLG.

Your Council's Expenditure on Services

- **Governance and administration; environment; water & sewerage; community services & amenities, housing & education; recreational & cultural; public order, safety and health; roads, bridges and footpaths; other services; library services spending per capita** - Calculated using expenditure data from FDR – Net Cost of Services tab divided by population figures (ABS).

Your Council's Waste Management

- **Typical Residential Water & Sewer Account** –Typical residential bills for water supply and sewer, including user charges. Data supplied by NSW Office of Water, Performance and Monitoring Report 2017-18. It should be noted that some councils supply water and sewer services, some water services only and some sewer only. Some Councils (typically Metro) will not supply either service.
- **Average Domestic Waste Charge -** Average amount of the annual domestic waste charges divided by the number of residential rate payers. Calculated on information from 2018-19 FDR - Income Continuing Operations tab.
- **Recycle Rate (%)** -The amount of waste collected by council that does not go to landfill and is usually recycled. Information provided by the NSW Environment Protection Authority in appendices to the NSW Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Data Report 2017-18 (questions 16, 27, 29 & 35) and data source by EPA for the container deposit scheme.
- **Domestic waste recovery** –This information is sourced from the NSW Environment Protection Authority in appendices to the NSW Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Data Report 2017-18 (questions 16, 27, 29 & 35) and data source by EPA for the container deposit scheme.

Your Council's Services

- **Number of Companion Animals micro-chipped** -The number of companion animals that are permanently identified by micro-chip. Calculated on information provided by councils to OLG via the NSW Companion Animals Register.
- **Percentage of Companion Animals micro-chipped and registered** - The number of companion animals that are permanently identified by micro-chip and registered. Calculated on information provided by councils to OLG via the NSW Companion Animals Register.
- **Total Road Length**—length of all local and regional roads within the local government area. Information based on annual 2018-19 Local Roads Return data provided by councils to OLG
- **Metre Road length per capita -**Indicates the length of road per capita in the council area. Information based on annual 2018-19 Local Roads Return data provided by councils to OLG and ABS population data.
- **Open public space –**Number of hectares of urban open space comprising all land held in public ownership for present and/or intended future use as open space, including parks, playing fields, bushland reserves, vantage point and neighbourhood and trunk flood ways. Information based on annual 2018-19 Grants Return of General Information data provided by councils to OLG.
- **Number of Public Swimming Pools** -Number of swimming pool complexes including rock and tidal pools. Information based on annual 2018-19 Grants Return of General Information data provided by councils to OLG
- **Number of Public Halls –**Number of halls that are used or intended to be used for the purpose of providing public entertainment or conducting public meetings. Information based on annual 2018-19 Grants Return of General Information data provided by councils to OLG
- **Number of Public Libraries** - Number of public libraries in each local government area. Data sourced from Public Library Services, The State Library of NSW.

- **Library circulation -** The number of items circulated by council libraries. Data sourced from Public Library Services, The State Library of NSW.

Your Council's Community Assets

- **Infrastructure Maintenance** –Total expenditure and actual and required asset maintenance expenditure. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Reports and data sourced from Council's FDR – Infrastructure Assets tab.

- **Asset Maintenance Ratio**—Compares actual versus required annual maintenance. Benchmark greater than 100%, indicates enough funds within the year are being invested to stop the infrastructure backlog from growing. Based on information from 2018-19 Annual Financial Reports and data sourced from Council's FDR – Infrastructure Assets tab.

- **Building & Infrastructure Renewal Ratio** –Used to assess the rate at which assets are being renewed against the rate at which they are depreciating. Calculated by asset renewals (infrastructure, buildings and other structures) divided by depreciation, impairment, amortisation of infrastructure, buildings, other structures. Benchmark is greater than 100%. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Reports and data sourced from Council's FDR – IPPE tab.
  Within the 2018-19 Financial Reports, most councils included expenditure related to work-in-progress (WIP) when calculating this ratio. WIP should not be included and has been removed from the calculation within this website, for comparative reporting purposes.

- **Infrastructure Backlog Ratio**—Defined as the estimated cost to bring infrastructure, buildings, other structures and depreciable land improvements to a satisfactory standard. Calculated by using estimated cost to bring assets (infrastructure, buildings, other structures) to a satisfactory condition divided by total written down value of infrastructure, buildings, other structures and depreciable land improvement assets. Benchmark is less than 2%. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Reports and data sourced from Council's FDR – Infrastructure Assets tab.

Your Council's Community Leadership

- **Audited Financial Reports submitted by due date**—Councils are required to lodge the Annual Financial Reports by 31 October each year. This indicates council's ability to meet legislative requirements.

- **Mayor & Councillor Expenses** –Total cost during the year of the payment of expenses of, and the provision of facilities to, councillors in relation to their civic functions. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Reports. Data sourced from Expenses Continuing Operations tab in the FDR.

- **Mayor & Councillor Fees** - Remuneration paid to Mayors and Councillors. Information based on councils 2018-19 Annual Financial Reports. Data sourced from Expenses Continuing Operations tab in the FDR.

- **Mayor & Councillor Overseas Travel Expenses** –Expenses incurred for Mayors and Councillors to travel overseas, including transport, accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses. Data sourced from General Information tab in the FDR. Reported in Council's Annual Report in accordance with clause 217(1)(a1)(vi) of the Local Government (General) Regulation.

- **Mayor & Councillor Conference Expenses** - Total costs incurred for Mayors and Councillors to attend conferences and seminars, (including intrastate travel, but excluding overseas and interstate travel). Data sourced from General Information tab

in the FDR. Reported in Council's Annual Report in accordance with clause 217 (1)(a1)(iii) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

- **Mayor & Councillor Interstate Travel Expenses** –Expenses incurred for Mayors and Councillors to travel interstate, including transport accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses. Data sourced from General Information tab in Council's FDR. Reported in Council's Annual Report in accordance with clause 217 (1)(a1)(v) of the Local Government (General) Regulation

- **General Manager's Remuneration** –Remuneration paid to General Manager for 2018-19. Remuneration may include, but is not limited to salary, bonus, superannuation, non-cash benefits and fringe benefits. Information sourced from 2018-19 FDR, General Information tab.

- **Code of Conduct Complaints**—Number of complaints received by a council alleging a council official, acting in their official capacity, breached the standards covered by the Model Code of Conduct. Information from Code of Conduct return provided by councils.

- **Cost of Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints**—Total estimated amount attributed to dealing with code of conduct complaints. Information from Code of Conduct return provided by councils.

- **Code of Conduct complaints investigated requiring action**—Number of finalised complaints investigated where there was found to be a breach. Information from Code of Conduct return provided by councils.

Your Council

- **Number of Councillors and Number of Councillors per capita** –Councillor Survey Data 2016 and 2017 provided by councils to OLG and ABS data.

- **Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff** - Information based on 2018-19 financial year data provided by councils to OLG. Information sourced from General Information tab in the FDR.

- **Population per FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Staff**—indicates the number of residents per full time equivalent staff member. Calculated by population (ABS) divided by number of FTE staff. Based on information sourced from 2018-19 FDR, General Information tab.