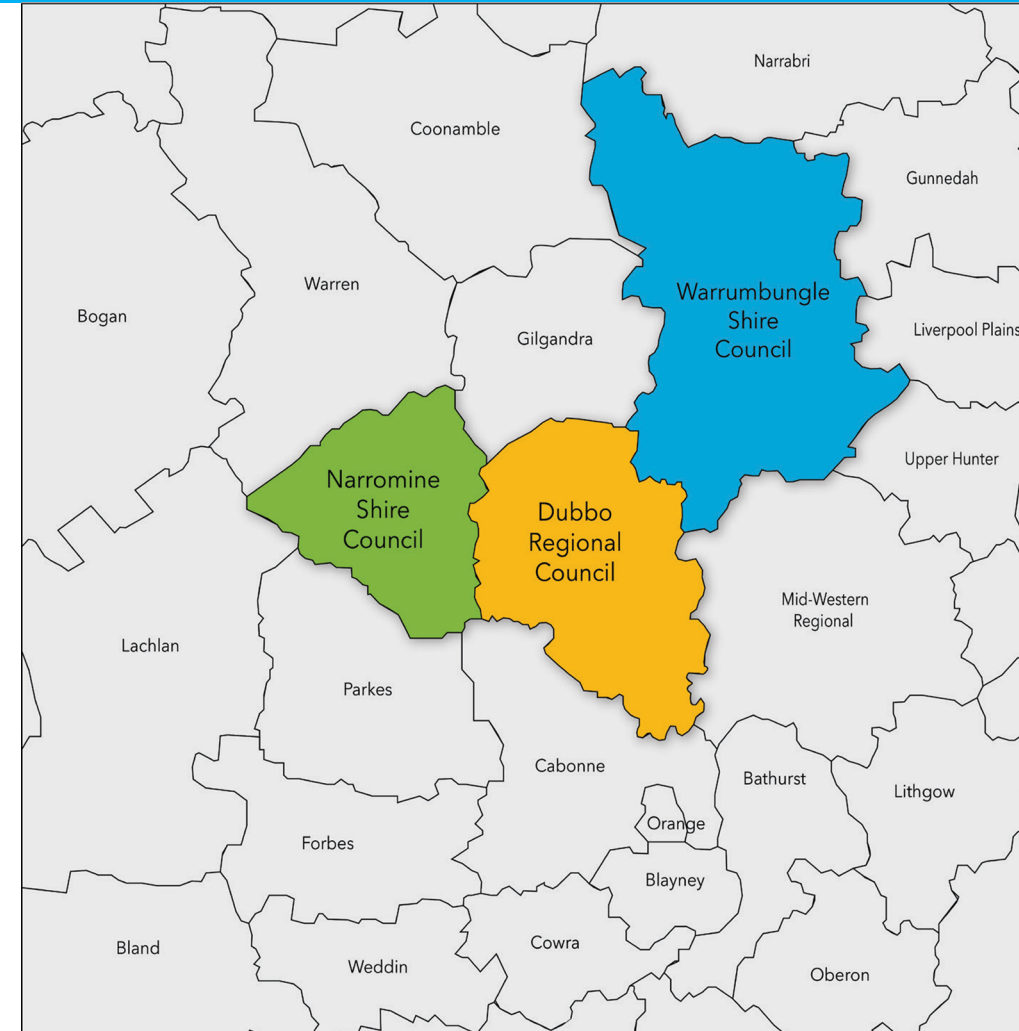# Macquarie Regional Library (MRL)

- A regional partnership between Dubbo Regional Council, Warrumbungle Shire Council and Narromine Shire Council

- Cost-effective library services through economies of scale and purchasing power

- Regional status enhances grant applications and facilitates joint training programs

- Expanded regional collections for broader community use

- Share professional staff and knowledge

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warrumbungle SHIRE COUNCIL

Narromine SHIRE COUNCIL

MRL Member Councils

Dubbo Regional Council

Dubbo Library

Wellington Library

Warrumbungle Shire Council

Coonabarabran Library

Coolah Library

Dunedoo Library

Baradine Service Point

Binnaway Service Point

Mendooran Service Point

Narromine Shire Council

Narromine Library

Trangie Library

MRL Budget 2022-2023

- The member councils' annual contribution rate of a 3% increase on the previous year (2021/2022) is not sustainable to maintain existing service levels

- Historically, contributions rates have changed over the years, e.g., 9% contribution (2014-2017)

- Changing contribution rates create a divergence in contribution equity over time

- Population trends reflect Dubbo LGA increasing population and Warrumbungle and Narromine Shires decreasing populations

- Operational costs continue to rise, e.g., courier costs (30%), software/hardware licences, online database and subscription services, technology, Workers Compensation

NSW Benchmarks for Public Libraries

Key Performance Indicators 2021/2022

Performance Standards NSW Public Libraries	State Median Benchmark	Dubbo Libraries Benchmark (Urban Medium)	Narromine & Warrumbungle Libraries Benchmark (Rural Region)	2020/2021 Actuals (COVID-19)	2021/2022 (COVID-19)
S1. Library expenditure per capita	$55.25	$49.25	$55.43	$45.58	$45.46
S2. Library members as % of the population	38.58%	42.88%	26.83%	48.79%	51.22%
S5. Visits to library per capita	4.02	4.03	3.84	1.53	1.54
S11. Acquisitions per capita	0.22	0.18	N/A	0.1	0.17
S14. Circulation per capita	4.63	5.04	4.65	3.08	2.77

Source: State Library of NSW (2020) *Standards and Guidelines for NSW Public Libraries* 2020

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Libraries are more than just stores of books and knowledge. They are the cornerstone of neighbourhoods and communities'. *Tanner Colby*

Your library

MRL Member Councils
Dubbo
Narromine
Warrumbungle

**Customers
Clients
Visitors**

Regional Office
Manager MRL
Technical Services
Library Services &
Collections
Administration Support
Information Technology

Branches
Baradine
Binnaway
Coolah
Coonabarabran
Dubbo
Dunedoo
Mendooran
Narromine
Trangie
Wellington

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EMPOWER

Empower people to enrich their lives and participate fully in the community.

We will:

- Support lifelong learning and discovery
- Provide information and resources that meet our communities' needs and preferences
- Deliver programs that develop and support literacies
- Provide opportunities for people to enhance their participation in the community
- Support local economies and employment

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INNOVATE

Embrace innovative practices and technologies to improve library services continually.

We will:

- Nurture a culture of continuous improvement
- Optimise existing and emerging technologies
- Provide new and inspiring user experiences
- Proactively respond to trends in public libraries
- Build staff capacity to develop, implement and evaluate new ideas and services

ENGAGE

Connect and engage with our community in social, recreational, creative and learning experiences.

We will:

- Provide welcoming and inviting spaces
- Form partnerships with relevant stakeholders
- Ensure our customers have a positive experience
- Provide and promote services to all members of the community
- Explore opportunities to increase community participation
- Acknowledge and support the cultural diversity of our communities

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