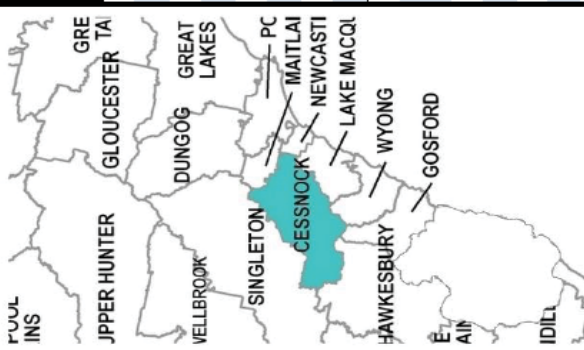


Strengthening Local Government

Cessnock City Council

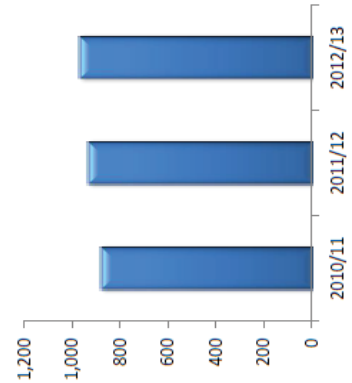


Cessnock City has an area of approximately 1,966.4 km² with a population of 53,289. The area is the gateway to the vineyards of the Hunter Valley. Where the growing wine industry has paralleled the mining decline. The City is also the focus of a thriving tourist industry with other main industries being beef and poultry.

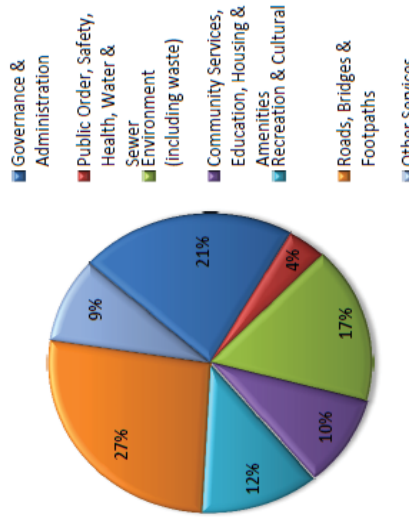
Your Local Population	LGA	Group Avg	Your Council	LGA	Group Avg
Five year population change (%)	10.3	4.6	Councillors (No.)	13	10
Population aged 19 or less (%)	27.8	26.1	Population per Councillor (No.)	4,099	4,055
Population aged between 20 & 59 (%)	51.9	49.6	Equivalent Full Time Staff (EFT) (No.)	261	312
Population aged above 60 (%)	20.2	24.2	2012/13 Revenue (\$'000)	69,712	79,325
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders (%)	4.8	4.7	2012/13 Expenses (\$'000)	66,335	73,370
Language Spoken Other than English (%)	2.5	4.7	Residential Pensioner Rebates (%)	22	21
Socio-Economic Index Rank (1 low, 152 high)	28	n/a	Population Density (residents per km ²)	27.10	59.81

Your Local Economy	LGA	Group Avg	Your Public Facilities	LGA	Group Avg
SALM Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	5.8	Public Swimming Pool Complexes (incl rock pools) (No.)	3	3
Avg Taxable Income (\$)	43,430	40,087	Public Halls (No.)	22	13
Avg Household Family Size (No.)	3.0	2.9	Public Libraries (No.)	2	3
Largest Industry Employer	Manufacturing		Open Public Space (ha)	833	946
Value of DAs determined (\$'000)	138,998	103,374	Total Road Length (km)	1,027.3	1,101.8
Active Businesses in LGA (No.)	2,840	3,158	Access to Internet at Home (%)	67.0	68.3

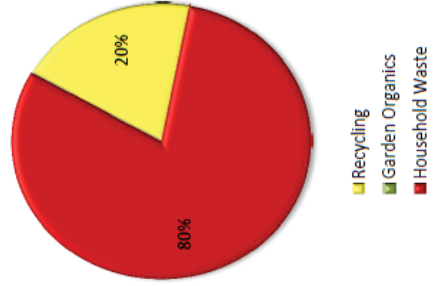
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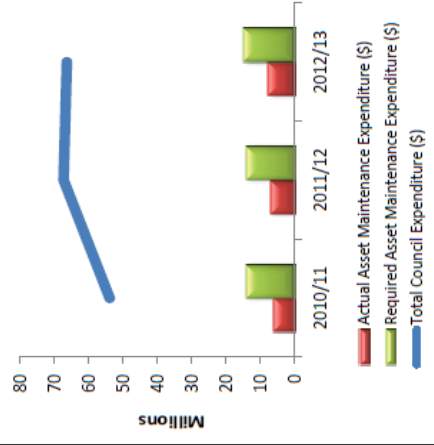
Expenditure on Services



Council's Waste Services



Council's Spending on Assets



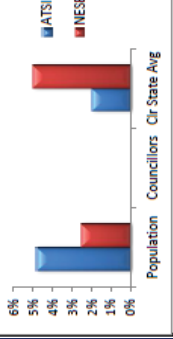
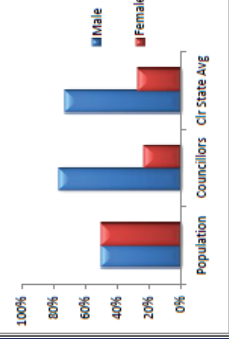
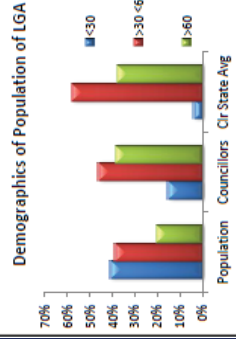
In 2013 TCorp assessed your Council's current Financial Sustainability Rating as Moderate with a Negative outlook.

In 2013 the Infrastructure Audit assessed Council's infrastructure management to be Moderate.

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Your Council's Finances

Item	LGA	Group Avg
Avg Ordinary Residential Rate (\$)	968.61	878.05
Avg Ordinary Business Rate (\$)	2,867.24	3,168.15
Avg Ordinary Farmland Rate (\$)	1,887.67	1,834.89
Avg Ordinary Mining Rate (\$)	152,000.00	206,823.71
Total Land Value / Total Rate Revenue (\$)	139.10	166.32
Typical Residential Water and Sewer Bill (including usage) (\$)	n/a	1,188
Avg Domestic Waste Charge (\$)	486.68	287.64
Own Source Revenue (%) (TCorp Benchmark 60%)	73	64
Grants & Contributions Revenue (%)	23	28
Operating Performance Ratio (%) (TCorp Benchmark >-4.0%)	-1.3	-6.4
Unrestricted Current Ratio	1.9	2.9
Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges (%)	6.2	6.1
Debt Service Cover Ratio (TCorp Benchmark >2.0)	9.2	4.4
Cash Expense Cover Ratio (Mths) (TCorp Benchmark > 3 mths)	2.5	4.3

Your Council's Services

Item	LGA	Group Avg
Governance & Administration Expenditure per capita (\$)	262.23	266.44
Environmental Expenditure (including waste) per capita	206.80	236.74
Water & Sewer Services Expenditure per capita (\$)	n/a	539.74
Community Services, Education, Housing, Amenities Expenditure per capita (\$)	123.63	178.49
Recreational & Culture Expenditure per capita (\$) *	149.82	252.82
Public Order, Safety & Health Expenditure per capita (\$)	49.69	63.87
Other Services Expenditure per capita (\$)	115.92	225.45
Library Services Expenditure per capita (\$)	29.78	45.92
Library Circulation per capita (Items)	4	7
Domestic waste not going to land fill (%)	20	43
Development Applications (mean gross days)	77	61
Development Applications determined (No.)	752	452
Companion Animals microchipped (No.)	28,917	17,347
Companion Animals microchipped and registered (%)	64	58

Your Council's Assets

Roads, Bridges and Footpath expenditure per capita (\$)	336.73	349.74
Building & Infrastructure Renewal Ratio (%)	110.5	75.9
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio (%) (TCorp Benchmark <20%)	21.0	10.6
Road Length per '000 capita (metre)	19.3	30.7
Asset Maintenance Ratio (TCorp Benchmark >1.0)	0.5	0.8

Your Council's Community Leadership

Development Applications determined by Councilors (%)	3	3
Audited Financial Reports submitted by due date (Y/N)	Y	n/a
Code of Conduct Complaints (No.)	1	2
Complaints investigated requiring action (No.)	0	1
Cost of dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints (\$)	300	4,908
Population per EFT Staff (No.)	204	125

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