



CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL

# NEW RESIDENTS GUIDE



WELCOME TO CESSNOCK CITY



Cessnock City Council acknowledges within its local government area boundaries are the traditional lands of the Wonnarua people, the Awabakal people and the Darkinjung people. We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock LGA.



# WELCOME

We get that moving to a new area can be a little overwhelming, so we hope this guide makes your transition to the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA) a whole lot easier.

Just 120 kilometres north of Sydney and 40 kilometres west of Newcastle, the Cessnock LGA covers 1,966 square kilometres within the beautiful Hunter Valley NSW.

Our region is home to close to 67,118 residents and the towns and villages within it are sustained by a diverse business environment with a backdrop of our famous wine and tourism industry.

The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest wine producing region with around 4,500 acres under vine and the wine tourism industry is worth an estimated \$521 million.

Close to major roads, including the M1 and Hunter Expressway, Cessnock is well situated for access into the Port of Newcastle and the Newcastle Airport.

Cessnock's natural environment has large expanses of untouched natural scenery bounded by National Parks and State Forests. The rural landscape is dominant, with uninterrupted grazing and pastoral lands. We're home to many fine heritage structures and have an emerging cultural precinct, with the Performance Arts Culture Cessnock being centrally located.

Our region is an area of great social, cultural and spiritual importance to the people of the Wonnarua Nation and neighbouring Nations of Awabakal and Darkinjung, and within the LGA boundaries there are many significant Aboriginal sites.

We're a vibrant and growing region and always welcome new residents with a friendly smile.



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# SNAPSHOT

 Population 67,118	 1,966km <sup>2</sup>	 40km west of Newcastle
 Oldest wine region in Aus	 28 schools	 2 libraries
 42 playgrounds	<b>37</b> Median age	 1,157km of road
 Entertainment Centre	 1.5 million visitor nights pa	<b>4,500</b> Acres of vineyards
 3 swimming pools	<b>24°C</b> Average temperature	 2 hospitals





# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

## **Cessnock Mayor** **Jay Suvaal**

As the Mayor of Cessnock City Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our community.

I am dedicated to ensuring our town is an even better place to live, work and raise a family. I was born in Cessnock, grew up in Kearsley, attended the local primary school and Mount View High School. I now live in Cessnock with my wife Emily and our sons Ethan and Caleb.

Our region is welcoming and friendly. I love the sense of place and pride in the community that is part of our character.

I'm enormously proud to have seen the Cessnock LGA grow over time to become a lively and exciting city at the centre of the Hunter Valley. You may be familiar with our region's renowned wine legacy and the warm hospitality of our vineyards and resorts.

We boast a hinterland of outstanding natural landscapes in our National Parks, State Forests and Conservation areas, all of which are naturally beautiful and untouched.

Council has prepared this guide to help you settle into our community and to showcase the range of resources and opportunities we have on our doorstep.

I trust it will not take long for the new to become familiar, and for acquaintances to become friends, here in Cessnock City,

Jay Suvaal  
Mayor



# YOUR COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETINGS, BUSINESS PAPERS AND MINUTES

Council Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and are generally open to the public.

The meetings deal with, but are not limited to, Mayoral minutes, matters referred from previous Council and Committee meetings, reports of the General Manager, adoption of minutes of Standing Committees, mediation reports, notices of motion, matters for information, general business and confidential reports.


Before each Council meeting, a Business Paper is prepared detailing the items to be presented to the Council.

Readers should be aware that the Recommendations and Notices of Motion set out in the Council Business Paper are simply proposals to the Council for its consideration. The Council may adopt these proposals, amend the proposals, determine a completely different course of action, or it may decline to pursue any course of action.

The decision of the Council becomes a resolution and is recorded in the Council Minutes. Readers are referred to this separate document. The Council Business Paper and the Council Minutes are linked by the common Item Numbers and Titles. Audio recordings of Council meetings are also made available on Council's website.

Business Papers are available for viewing on Council's website from 4pm the Wednesday before the meeting.

## STAY IN TOUCH

 02 4993 4100

 council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

 www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

 62-78 Vincent St, Cessnock

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### Plan your visit

Our Administration Building is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays and Picnic Day).

Payments are only accepted until 4.30pm.

### Postal address

Document Exchange  
PO Box 152  
Cessnock NSW 2325

## WARD A



**Councillor  
Paul Dunn**



**Councillor  
James Hawkins**



**Councillor  
Jessica Jurd**

## WARD B



**Councillor  
Anthony Burke**



**Councillor  
John Moores**



**Councillor  
Ian Olsen**

## WARD C



**Councillor  
Karen Jackson**



**Councillor  
Anne Sander**



**Councillor  
Daniel Watton**

## WARD D



**Councillor  
Rosa Grine**



**Councillor  
Mitchell Hill**



**Councillor  
Paul Paynter**





# LIVE

Beautiful countryside, clean air and vibrant communities are just some of the reasons more and more people are making the move to live in the Cessnock LGA.

Our region is surrounded by peaceful bushland and breathtaking mountain views and as a Council we pride ourselves on maintaining the health of our natural environment so our community can enjoy it for years to come.

You can lead a very relaxed lifestyle living in our region, but also enjoy our vibrant culture within our towns and villages including great shopping, dining and huge range of experiences at your fingertips.

For families moving to the area, we offer a number of fantastic childcare centres and have 28 schools to choose from, so you're sure to find one to suit your needs.

We're also lucky to have top notch health services available including two hospitals, a wide range of medical practitioners, community health services, aged care and numerous other support services.

Council works hard to ensure our region continues to be a great place to live and provides our community with a range of services. These include the maintenance of parks, gardens and sporting fields, the provision of libraries and the entertainment centre, waste management, maintenance of roads, bridges, footpaths and more.







# LIFESTYLE

## STRIKE A BALANCE

The Cessnock LGA offers a relaxed, rural lifestyle, but there are also plenty of business opportunities, along with things to keep you and your family entertained during your downtime!

## SCHOOLS

Offering plenty of parks, playgrounds, a variety of sporting facilities, great libraries and entertainment options, the Cessnock LGA is the perfect place to bring up a family. Picking the right school for your child is important for every family and with 28 schools in our LGA you're sure to find the right fit. For more information on what schools are available, check out the community directory on Council's website.

## PETS AND ANIMALS

We understand pets are part of the family and bring so much happiness, but they can also take a lot of responsibility.

It's important to make sure you take your pet to the vet regularly and ensure they're registered and microchipped so they can be easily returned if they decide to take an unplanned adventure in their new home.

We are also a very dog-friendly region, offering a number of leash-free parks to take your furry friends.

For more information on these parks and everything you need to know about owning a pet, visit Council's website.

## ACCESS & INCLUSION

Council is committed to responding to the needs of people with disability living in and visiting the Cessnock LGA, improving accessibility and inclusion for all.

Our Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2021-2025 was developed with the support of the community and lists actions that improve Council's infrastructure, communications, business systems and services for people with disability.

People with disability can apply for a Master Locksmiths Association Key (MLAK) which will give access to local public amenities and facilities.

For more information about access and inclusion, visit Council's website.

# RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

With the completion of Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan called the 'Reflect Plan', Council, with encouragement and support from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee, has developed its second Reconciliation Action Plan, called the Innovate Plan.

The Innovate Plan demonstrates Council's commitment to reconciliation through implementing actions that raise awareness within the organisation and wider community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and strengthen community relationships. The Innovate Plan's vision for reconciliation is to build unity and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

To find out more, visit Council's website.







## OUR ENVIRONMENT

You can make a positive contribution to the environment and sustainability by the way in which you live, even if you don't have the time or inclination to become a volunteer.

It's easy to make a difference; recycling, controlling weeds, minimizing your electricity and water use, maintaining your swimming pool properly and looking after your septic system.

Council is actively involved in a broad range of environmental areas to maintain the health of both our natural and built environments and also the health of the people who choose to live here.

For more information, visit Council's website.

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA (CUA)

Council has supported the annual CUA campaign since its inception in 1989 by providing support and disposal facilities. For more information, visit Council's website or check out the CUA website at [www.cleanupaustralia.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustralia.org.au).

### TIDY TOWNS

Launched in 1981 by Keep Australia Beautiful, Tidy Towns is about community involvement and community pride. Council supports this national program and has 8 registered Tidy Town committees across the LGA. Over the years, numerous projects from various groups have received awards at a state level.

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Council holds many waste and environment related initiatives and events throughout the year. These include but are not limited to Council's Tree Giveaway Program, Love Food Hate Waste, Household Chemical Cleanout days and Mattress Drop Off days. Keep an eye on Council's website, Facebook page or sign up to the monthly Environment newsletter for the latest initiatives!

### WATER MANAGEMENT

Hunter Water delivers water and sewerage services to households across our LGA. Their website provides useful information on responsible water use, rainwater collection and greywater recycling. For more information, visit [www.hunterwater.com.au](http://www.hunterwater.com.au).

## WASTE & RECYCLING

### GENERAL WASTE (RED BIN)

Council operates a weekly kerbside collection service across most of the LGA. This service is for general household waste that is not able to go in the recycling or organics bins.

To find out more, visit Council's website or call 4993 4100.

### RECYCLING (YELLOW BIN)

Your yellow-topped recycling bin is emptied fortnightly, the same day as your regular garbage collection.

To find out if you are 'Recycling Right' visit [www.hrr.com.au/recycle-right](http://www.hrr.com.au/recycle-right) or call 1800 838 884.

### GREEN ORGANICS (GREEN BIN)

Council operates a fortnightly garden organics kerbside collection service. This bin with the lime green lid is emptied on the opposite week to your recycling bin.

To find out more, visit [www.yourorganicsbin.com.au](http://www.yourorganicsbin.com.au) or call 1800 870 250.

### ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping is a serious offence and if you see it happening, we encourage you to report it to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) by calling 131 555 or online at [ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au). We have a local RID Squad working to combat the issue across the region. To find out more, visit [ridsquad.com.au](http://ridsquad.com.au).

### WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

Cessnock Waste Management Centre provides our community with access to a modern, safe and convenient service.

The facility features:

- a series of drop off areas to dispose of different recyclable materials including oil, green waste, masonry, steel, mattresses, e-waste, paints, oils and batteries
- one way traffic flow with slip lanes around individual drop off areas
- a sealed pavement and undercover load/unload area

For more information on our waste services, visit Council's website.







# PLAY

Now that you're here, we invite you to explore what our region has to offer!

Known for our vineyards and beautiful rural landscapes, the Cessnock LGA is a playground for those who love the outdoors. Experience nature at its finest by exploring our National Parks, State Forests and Conservation Areas. Whether you prefer bushwalking, four wheel driving, cycling or horse riding, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

If you're looking for things to entertain the little ones, you've come to the right place, as there are plenty of family-friendly activities on offer. From go-carts and putt putt golf, to the Hunter Valley Gardens and Zoo, we

promise you'll keep the boredom at bay.

We also have a wide range of recreation facilities for the community and visitors to enjoy. Join the crowd at one of our sportsgrounds to cheer on a local team, cool down at one of our swimming pools or let the kids burn some energy at one of our celebrated play spaces.

Our annual events calendar also offers plenty of things to pencil in throughout the year! From many food and wine events to markets and music events, the list goes on.

Whatever it is you enjoy doing in your downtime, you're sure to find something here in the Cessnock LGA.







## EVENTS

The Cessnock LGA plays host to a diverse range of fantastic events throughout the year which are a great way to strengthen our sense of place and show off who we are!

To name a few, some of the most popular events on the annual calendar include the Hunter Valley Wine Festival, Lovedale Long Lunch, A Day on the Green, Balloon Aloft Fiesta, Opera in the Vineyards, Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival, Cessnock Stomp Festival and the Christmas Lights Spectacular in the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens.

These fabulous events attract thousands of visitors each year to experience what the Hunter Valley has to offer. To find out more about events across our region, visit [winecountry.com.au](http://winecountry.com.au).

Council is also committed to hosting exciting events throughout the year for residents and visitors of all ages. We're proud to have won awards for these events and everyone is encouraged to get involved and join the fun, as it is an opportunity to come together as a community.

Our annual celebrations include:

- Australia Day
- Seniors Festival
- Youth Week
- NAIDOC Week
- Spring Awakening
- Carols in the Park

Once program details are confirmed for events, they are listed on Council's website and promoted on social media.

As a Council, we are always on the lookout to play host to special events in our wonderful region.

Over the years, we have hosted some top notch sporting teams who have recognised our facilities as up there with the best of the best. These include a training camp for the Japanese National Team ahead of the Asian World Cup in 2015, an A-League pre-season clash in 2016 and a Qantas Wallabies Training Camp in 2017.

Another must is to see a show at our Performance Arts Culture Cessnock, which offers a fantastic program of performances! Visit [mypacc.com.au](http://mypacc.com.au) to find out more or call the friendly team on 4993 4266.



## HUNTER VALLEY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

As a new resident, we encourage you to drop into our Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre and let our friendly staff share with you some of the great things to see and do around your new home. The centre is also stocked with unique local products which make for great gifts for your loved ones.

Australia's oldest wine region offers more than just premium wines, gourmet delights and beautiful vineyard settings!

Tour the famous Hunter Valley Gardens, visit the zoo, unwind with a round of golf, see a show at the entertainment centre or be pampered in one of the many spas.

For the more adventurous, cycle or go horse riding at sunset, take to the sky in a hot air balloon, skydive or enjoy a joy flight.

The Cessnock LGA is surrounded by a picturesque landscape, making it easy to unwind and appreciate the relaxed country lifestyle. With this said, you're never too far away from a good coffee or the comforts of urban life.

The region has well established health and education facilities, along with excellent cultural and sporting venues. If shopping is your thing, there are many retail outlets centred around our CBDs in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Branxton.

### FIND OUT MORE

[www.winecountry.com.au](http://www.winecountry.com.au)  
455 Wine Country Drive  
Pokolbin NSW 2320  
4993 6700  
[vic@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vic@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)







# PARKS & POOLS

## PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

We have 72 wonderful parks located across the Cessnock LGA for locals and visitors to enjoy. Our youngest residents will be happy to know 42 of these have playgrounds with a variety of activities, equipment and opportunities that cater for everyone.

Our parks and playgrounds have a variety of amenities including picnic areas, barbeques and public toilets.

## OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREAS

We understand it's important to exercise and have fun with your furry friend, which is why we offer a number of leash free areas in our local parks for them to play.

Not only do these areas allow them to burn off excess energy, but it's also an opportunity for them to socialise with other dogs.

While we are happy for your furry friends to run free in these parks, a number of conditions apply, which can be found on Council's website.

## POOLS

Make a splash in our local pools!

We have three pools in our LGA located in Cessnock, Branxton and Kurri Kurri.

Both Cessnock and Branxton Pools are open from October to March and the Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre is open all year round.

Each of these pools offer a range of facilities and programs for our community to enjoy and are a great place for your little ones to learn to swim.

To find out more about our parks and pools, visit Council's website.

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## SPORT

Council provides a variety of sport and recreational facilities across the LGA that make an invaluable contribution to the landscape of the City.

Whether you're into cricket, tennis, netball, hockey, BMX, skateboarding, athletics or football, you're sure to find a facility that suits your needs.

Council aims to continue providing high quality sport, recreation and community facilities that address the needs of current residents and future generations.

If you would like to host an organised sporting activity, you must obtain permission from Council prior to the event taking place. You can do this by contacting our Customer Service Team.

## CULTURAL FACILITIES

With our rich cultural and social heritage, it's no surprise the Cessnock LGA boasts a wide range of cultural facilities, offering our residents unique access to a diverse range of experiences. Our cultural facilities not only attract locals, but millions of visitors who come throughout the year to enjoy what our region has to offer.

If you're on the lookout for great entertainment look no further than the state of the art Performance Arts Culture Cessnock. For those wanting to immerse themselves in the arts, it's worth paying a visit to Marthaville Arts and Cultural Centre which is operated by dedicated community members.

## COMMUNITY HALLS & CENTRES

There are many community halls throughout the Cessnock LGA which cater for social gatherings, functions, meetings, youth activities, cultural activities, local level performing arts, playgroups, martial arts and recreational activities. For a comprehensive list of facilities across the region, visit Council's website.

*For more information and a full list of parks, pools and facilities, visit Council's website.*







# CESSNOCK CITY LIBRARIES

It's free to join your local library, so visit your local branch today or head to [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library) to join online. We have no overdue fees and no reservation fees.

For your convenience, there is a library app which gives members easy access to the Library catalogue, 24/7 eBranch, events calendar, online study support, Library news and more. Find the app by searching Cessnock City Library in your device's app store.

We welcome our community and visitors to enjoy making new friends and local connections by participating in the wide range of programs and events on offer, including:

## For Adults:

- Author and topic talks
- Interesting workshops
- Knitting groups
- Book chat groups
- Local History talks & exhibitions
- Home Library Service
- Free tech help sessions
- Writers' Nest

## For Kids & Teens

- Storytime & Rhymetime
- Lego Club for kids
- Crafternoon for kids
- School holiday programs
- Dungeons & Dragons groups
- Anime & Manga groups

Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries also provide access to around 70 000 books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and free WiFi. You can also do your printing, photocopying, scanning and more!

Our 24/7 eBranch includes eBooks, eMags, eAudio, eMusic, eReference, eCarManuals and free streaming of thousands of movies and TV shows with Kanopy and Hoopla.

We also offer Studiosity, which is a free live, online tutoring service for our members in years 3 to 12. Students can access this fabulous service with their library card.

## CESSNOCK LIBRARY

65-67 Vincent Street Cessnock  
E: [library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)  
P: 4993 4399

Monday	9am - 5.30pm
Tuesday	9am - 7pm
Wednesday	9am - 7pm
Thursday	9am - 7pm
Friday	9am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9am - 12.30pm

## KURRI KURRI LIBRARY

253 Lang Street Kurri Kurri  
E: [library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)  
P: 4937 1638

Monday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 7pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 12.30pm

# CESSNOCK YOUTH CENTRE & OUTREACH SERVICE (CYCOS)

The Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA) is a great place for young people to grow up, with a number of initiatives, events and activities to keep them busy.

The Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service (CYCOS) is an initiative of Council which is popular with our youth and has an active presence across the community.

CYCOS provides a range of supervised social, recreational, educational and cultural activities, offering opportunities that foster personal growth for young people. Programs occur across the LGA including at the Aberdare Centre drop-in centre, in the community and in schools. The team are able to provide additional support, information and referrals to external service providers where appropriate. CYCOS also partners with other community groups and organisations to deliver the best

possible programs and services to our local young people.

CYCOS activities include:

- Pool tables and monthly pool competition
- Art activities including beading, painting, card making and mask decorating
- Computers, free WiFi and Playstation games
- Movie nights
- BBQ and cooking activities
- Karaoke
- Sporting activities
- Board games and cards
- School holiday programs

CYCOS seeks to provide a service which is responsive to the needs of the young people in the area. The team's programming is informed by local youth with a focus on variety and innovation. It is a relaxed, welcoming service which young people can call their own and is supervised by a friendly team of youth workers.

## DROP IN

**Aberdare Centre  
(at Turner Park)  
49D Aberdare Road, Aberdare**

For opening hours and other locations, please follow the Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach service (CYCOS) Facebook or Instagram pages.

## CONTACT

**Youth Services Coordinator**

Phone: 4991 4378  
Mobile: 0427 489 414







# GROW

The Cessnock LGA is an attractive, thriving and welcoming region which continues to grow and develop each and every year.

The Hunter Regional Plan outlined Council would have a projected increase in dwelling approvals of 6,350 between 2016 and 2036 which averages 318 applications per year. This figure was more than doubled in the 2018/19 financial year, with 689 dwellings approved. The boom is set to continue with ongoing growth in new release areas including Huntlee and Cliftleigh.

During this period of rapid growth, Council is striving to achieve the right balance between protecting the environment, supporting a healthy local economy and providing our community with affordable and effective access to community services and infrastructure.

Council's Economic Development Unit (EDU) works hard to support and increase opportunities for local businesses to thrive by expanding our region's exposure and advocating for issues affecting the socio-economic sphere.

The Cessnock LGA is home to Hunter Valley Wine Country, which is one of the top wine tourism destinations in Australia. Our region welcomes 1.5 million visitors per year and tourism is the largest employer, with the potential to grow further.

While tourism is the largest employer, we have a diverse range of economic activities including mining, manufacturing, construction, agribusiness, resource recycling and more.

Council will continue to support the growth of our wonderful region and looks forward to welcoming more and more people to Cessnock City.







# ADVANCE GREATER CESSNOCK

## COUNCIL'S BUSINESS PARTNERS

Advance Greater Cessnock is a strategic partnership between Council, all local chambers of commerce and key industry organisations across the region. The partnership capitalises on our advantages as a region and comes together for a shared vision of future economic resilience and prosperity in the Cessnock LGA.

With a collaborative approach, the partnership brings combined knowledge and resources to advance economic development through business growth and investment opportunities in our region.

## ADVANCING CESSNOCK'S BUSINESSES

Advance Greater Cessnock is a one stop shop for businesses that reinforces a positive and supportive commercial environment, forges strong collaborative partnerships with stakeholders, removes barriers to investment and ensures the LGA is an attractive area to live, work and invest.

Local businesses can register to receive routine business updates via email, register for a free business profile, and learn about local opportunities and incentives to upskill, network and grow their business. Visit Council's dedicated business portal at [advancecessnock.com.au](http://advancecessnock.com.au)

If you're looking for a local job, have a local job to advertise, or need some information on incentives to employ, please visit [cessnockjobs.com.au](http://cessnockjobs.com.au)

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen the local economy and improve resilience
- Strategically diversify our current economic base to support creation of long term and stable employment opportunities
- Promote ongoing investment in a skilled workforce
- Actively recognise future opportunities, encourage and enable diverse long term appropriate investment in our economy
- Develop mutually beneficial cooperative partnerships across the community

For the latest business opportunities, news and support, visit [advancecessnockcity.com.au](http://advancecessnockcity.com.au)

# PLAN & BUILD

## PLANNING ON BUILDING?

If you're planning to carry out building and development works within the Cessnock LGA, you will generally need consent from Council before you begin.

There are certain types of development that don't require consent and these works are referred to as 'exempt' development. It's best to check with Council though, as the criteria for this can be found in a range of development controls and fines can apply if you don't comply.

There is lots of useful information on Council's website, including an overview of the development approval process.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY LAND?

Depending on what you'd like to do, changing the use of your land may require a change in the zone that applies to the land. This will depend on whether the proposed use is permissible or prohibited under the zone.

Decisions about development in the Cessnock LGA is influenced by state and local planning legislation, strategies and policies.

If you have any questions, Council's Strategic Land Use Planners are available to answer enquiries concerning land use permissibility and strategic planning matters.

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

We understand the process of building your dream home can be a little daunting, but the dedicated team at Council are on hand to help with the process.

If you have a question about Development Applications and Construction Certificates, contact Council's Customer Service team, or the relevant assessment officer responsible for the application.

## MEET WITH OUR DUTY OFFICERS

**Duty Planner**  
9am to 5pm weekdays.

**Duty Building Surveyor**  
9am to 10am and 1pm to 5pm weekdays.







# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

This community directory aims to provide you with a short snapshot of Council services, parks and facilities across the Cessnock LGA, we hope you find it helpful!

For a comprehensive community directory, including schools and health services, visit Council's website.

## PARKS & FACILITIES

<b>TURNER PARK</b> Aberdare Road Cessnock NSW 2325	
<b>MULBRING PARK</b> Vincent Street Mulbring NSW 2323	
<b>LOG OF KNOWLEDGE PARK</b> 13 Mulbring Street Kurri Kurri NSW 2327	
<b>BRIDGES HILL PARK</b> Victoria Street Cessnock NSW 2325	
<b>MARGARET JOHNS PARK</b> 158 Northcote St Kurri Kurri NSW 2327	
<b>CHINAMAN'S HOLLOW/ MAYBURY PEACE PARK</b> 135 Cessnock Road Weston NSW 2326	
<b>POPPET HEAD PARK</b> Quorrobolong Road Kitchener NSW 2325	
<b>CRAWFORDVILLE PARK</b> Bennett Street Millfield NSW 2325	
<b>SLACKS PARK</b> Paynes Crossing Road Wollombi NSW 2325	
<b>NORTH END PARK</b> Jurd Street Cessnock NSW 2325	
<b>POKOLBIN PARK</b> 178 McDonalds Road Pokolbin NSW 2320	
<b>MILLER PARK</b> 6 Maitland Street Branxton NSW 2335	
<b>NORMAN BROWN PARK</b> 2 Water Street Greta NSW 2334	
<b>VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 27</b> Pokolbin Street Aberdare NSW 2325	





# PARKS & FACILITIES CONTINUED

## DOG PARKS

Council adopted it's Off Leash Dog Exercise Area Plan in 2021 (refer to Council's website). Off Leash area's can be found within the following facilities:

**VARTY PARK**  
Swanson Street, Weston 2326  
The southern end only.

**GRETA CENTRAL PARK**  
31 Park Street, Greta NSW 2334

**STANFORD MERTHYR PARK**  
Colliery Street, Stanford Merthyr NSW 2327

**HALL PARK**  
37 Stephen Street, Cessnock NSW 2325

**MILLER PARK**  
6 Maitland Street, Branxton NSW 2335  
The western end only.

**MANNING PARK**  
10 Newton Ave, Cessnock NSW 2325  
The northern end only.

**HUNTLEE DISTRICT PARK**  
1864 Wine Country Drive, Branxton NSW 2335

## POOLS

**BRANXTON POOL**  
4 Maitland Street, Branxton 2335  
PHONE: 4938 1450  
OPEN: October to March

**CESSNOCK POOL**  
232 Wollombi Rd Cessnock, 2325  
PHONE: 4990 3704  
OPEN: October to March

**KURRI KURRI AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE**  
Boundary Street  
Kurri Kurri NSW 2327  
PHONE: 4937 1362  
OPEN: All year round

## WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

**CESSNOCK**  
1967 Old Maitland Road  
Cessnock NSW 2325  
PHONE: 4993 4993  
OPEN: 7 days 8.45am - 4:30pm  
CLOSED: Christmas Day, Good Friday, Cessnock City Council Picnic Day.

Please note: Bins should be presented for collection before 5am and placed one metre apart.

## CEMETERIES

**ABERDARE GENERAL & THE GORDON WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LAWN CEMETERY**  
134 Greta Street,  
Aberdare NSW 2325

**BRANXTON CEMETERY**  
Maitland Street,  
East Branxton NSW 2335

**CESSNOCK CEMETERY**  
Wine Country Drive,  
Cessnock NSW 2325

**ELLALONG CEMETERY**  
Helena Street,  
Ellalong NSW 2335

**GRETA CEMETERY**  
Evans Street,  
Greta NSW 2334

**KURRI KURRI GENERAL & LAWN CEMETERY**  
Hospital Road  
Weston NSW 2326

**MILLFIELD CEMETERY**  
Crump Street  
Millfield NSW 2325

**ROTHBURY CEMETERY**  
Wilderness Rd,  
Lovedale NSW 2325

**WOLLOMBI CEMETERY**  
Maitland Road  
Wollombi NSW 2325

**GLENMORE CEMETERY**  
700 Wine Country Drive,  
Lovedale NSW 2325







## BUILDING CERTIFIERS

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