



**Shelley Hancock**  
Minister for Local Government

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### **COUNCILS CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THEIR LEGACY OF HELPING THE COMMUNITY**

The NSW Government is throwing its support behind Local Government Week, acknowledging the important role local councils have to play in looking after their communities, particularly during challenging times and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said local councils take immense pride in providing quality services and facilities that help build and strengthen resilience in their communities.

“Local Government Week provides us with a platform to appreciate the crucial work undertaken by all councils across NSW, each and every day, but most importantly, when times are tough and things might not be going our way,” Mrs Hancock said.

“The state’s 128 councils collectively employ more than 55,000 staff, spend over \$136 billion on maintaining community assets and manage 3.5 million tonnes of waste each year.

“Over the past 18 months and today, councils continue to deliver the vital services people rely on, and have played a key role supporting residents and businesses at a local level.

“I urge everyone across NSW to take a moment during Local Government Week to recognise the work your council does to support you and understand the services they have to offer.”

This year’s Local Government Week theme, ‘Locally Led’, promotes the unique aspects of each council and how their diverse backgrounds enrich the community.

Local Government Week 2021 runs from Monday 2 to Sunday 8 August, with celebrations taking many different forms including virtual events, due to the Public Health Orders currently impacting Greater Sydney.

Some regional councils have a number of events planned for the week ahead, to be held in line with COVID-19 rules for regional and rural NSW. For more details about events in your area, visit your local council website.

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