
POLICY:	MEMBERSHIP
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OBJECTIVE:	Outline the terms and conditions of membership of Bathurst Library

Membership to Bathurst Library is free to all living, working or studying in the Bathurst LGA. It is also open to people from neighbouring councils with a membership to their local library. There is no minimum age for joining, but those under the age of 16 years require a signature from their parent or guardian. Non-residents may apply for reciprocal membership if appropriate, or temporary membership which is subject to a fee.

Membership types

Adult Membership applies to people 16 years and over. Identification with a current address is required to obtain library membership. Please see the list of accepted forms of identification.

Junior Membership applies to those under 16 years of age. A Junior Membership allows the holder to access non-restricted collection items as well as use the internet when parental permission is granted.

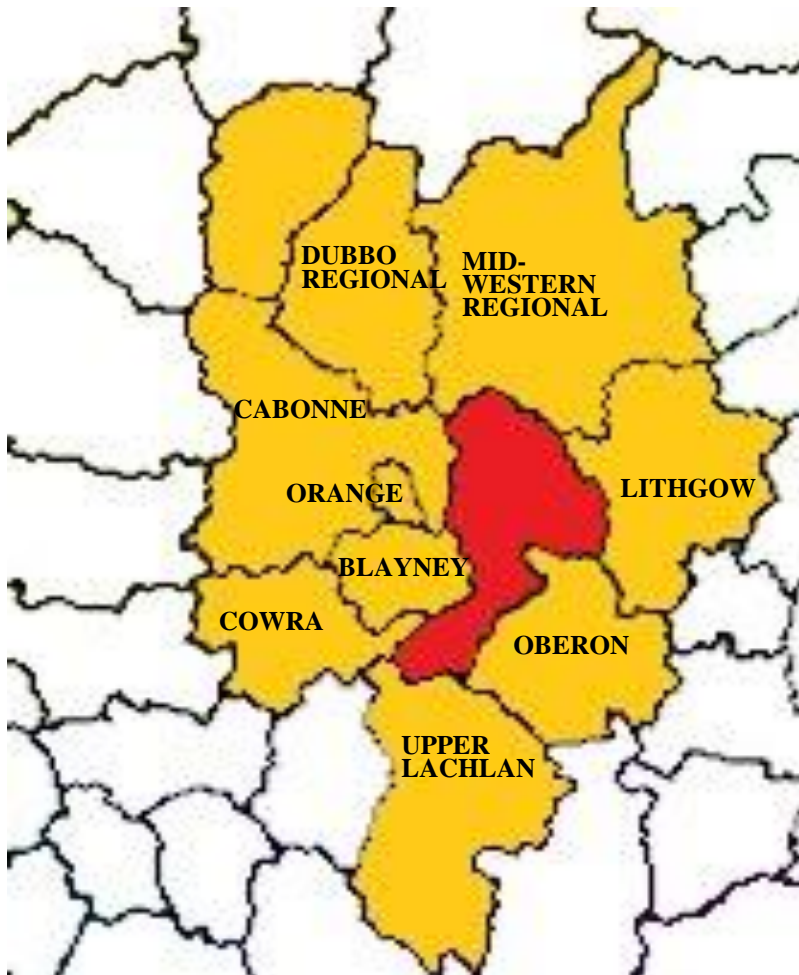
Organisational Membership applies to local organisations wishing to borrow on behalf of a registered group of people e.g. nursing homes, playgroups, etc. Application for an Organisational Membership to Bathurst Library requires a membership form with an acceptable guarantor nominated. Guarantors will need to provide an acceptable form of identification.

Temporary Membership applies to people who do not live in New South Wales, the Bathurst LGA or who are not members of the library in their home (NSW) LGA. Persons applying for this type of membership will be provided with a Bathurst Library card and are bound by the Bathurst Library Lending Policy with borrowing limits. A refundable temporary membership fee applies – please refer to Bathurst Library Fees and Charges Schedule for more information.

Reciprocal Membership refers to applicants from LGAs neighbouring Bathurst (see map below) who hold a current membership to the library in their home LGA (home library), and who wish to apply for membership of the Bathurst Library (host library). Reciprocal borrowers will be provided with a Bathurst Library card and are bound by the Bathurst Library Lending Policy.

Includes:

- Macquarie Regional Library
- Central West Libraries
- Lithgow
- Mid-Western Regional Council Library
- Oberon
- Upper Lachlan Shire Library



NSW Reciprocal Membership refers to applicants from any other NSW LGA who hold a current membership to the library in their home LGA, and who wish to apply for membership of the Bathurst Library. They will be provided with a Bathurst Library card and are bound by the Bathurst Library Lending Policy with borrowing limits.

Accepted Forms of Identification

- Driver's Licence (with Bathurst LGA address / NSW Photo Card)
- Lease Agreement / Rental Receipt
- Utilities Account (Gas, Electricity, Water)
- Rates Notice
- Current Library Card from home library (reciprocal membership)

Other forms of identification are acceptable with a corresponding document showing the current residential address:

- Social Security Card / Pension Card
- Health Care Card
- Student Card (CSU, TAFE, School)
- Defence Personnel Card

Amendments

Amendments to this policy in relation to operational matters may be made with the approval of the Manager Library Services.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

[NSW Library Act 1939](#)

[NSW Library Regulation 2018](#)

[Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#)