

Northern Midlands Council

What is this profile?

This profile contains information and statistical data about the Northern Midlands Council (the Council) across five key areas: demography and population trends, council revenue, council expenditure, asset management and governance and human resource management. The information is by no means exhaustive, but it provides a snapshot of the Council across a number of key council functions and responsibilities.

Comparisons

The statistics include comparisons of the Council with other similar councils in Tasmania as well as similar councils from New South Wales. New South Wales was selected due to the readily available comprehensive data in a similar format to that presented in this profile. As it was important to compare like-for-like councils as much as possible, the classification system used to separate councils into relevant groups was based on the Australian Classification of Local Governments (ACLG). The ACLG is based on population size and density and is attached for reference at Appendix A.

The profile also includes graphics depicting how the Council has performed against a number of financial and asset management indicators.

Key aspects of Northern Midlands Council's Profile

1. Demography
 - Northern Midlands' population is expected to decrease at a rate of 0.03% pa. for the next 10 years
 - By 2025, Northern Midlands is likely to have a lower proportion of 0 to 50 year old citizens and a higher proportion of citizens aged above 50 years compared to the State average.
2. Financial Management
 - Northern Midlands has returned an average operating deficit of -\$0.896 million over the last 7 years.
 - Northern Midlands has decreased its cash reserves by 21.52% to \$7.491 million since 2011-12 and decreased its net financial assets by 16% to \$6.449 million in 2013-14.
 - In 2012-13, Northern Midlands derived approximately 36.40% of its revenue from grants and contributions, which is 5.00% above the average for councils in the RAV¹ class.
3. Asset Management
 - Northern Midlands' road asset consumption ratio has been well above the Auditor-General's (AG) benchmark² for the last 7 years indicating its roads are in good condition.
 - The Council has been on average above the AG's benchmark by 9.30% for asset sustainability ratio over the last 7 years indicating that the council is investing appropriately in its assets.
4. Staff Efficiency
 - In 2012-13, Northern Midlands had 5.02 FTE's³ per 1000 head of population which is below the average of 5.71 for RAV councils.
 - Northern Midlands' employee costs were 29% of total operating expenses, which is 6.70% below the RAV average of 35.70%.
5. Rates Performance
 - Northern Midlands' average rates and charges have increased by 20.22% since 2010-11, which is 8.64% more than the Council Cost Index of 11.58% for the same period.

¹ Rural Agricultural Very Large Councils as defined by the Australian Classification of Local Governments (ACLG).

² Auditor-General's Benchmarks are those used in the *Auditor-General's Report on the Financial Statements of State Entities*.

³ Full Time Equivalent staff

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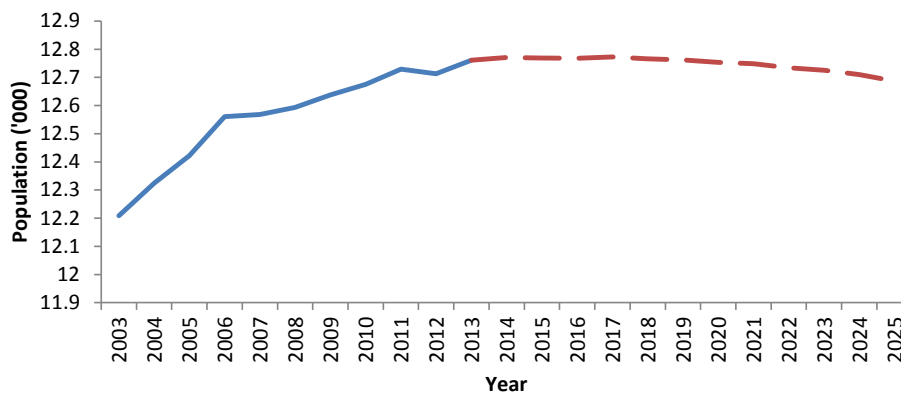
Classification: Rural Agricultural Very Large (RAV)

DEMOGRAPHY AND MUNICIPAL STATISTICS

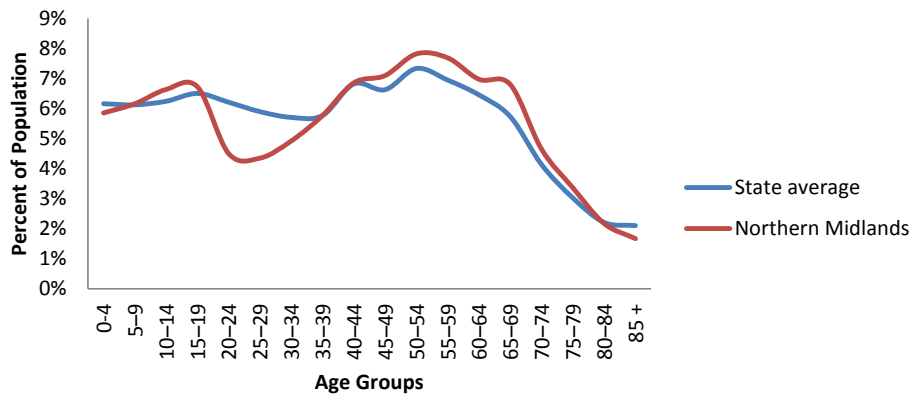
Northern Midlands Council (2012-13)

Municipal Area	5,126 km ²	Population (2012)	12,741	
Roads (council owned) (km)	972	Population density (per km ²)	2.5	
Rateable Properties	6,653	Population growth per year (10 year Ave)	0.40 %	
Rateable Residential properties	4,691	Unemployment rate (per cent) (2011)	5.5 %	
Main employment industry	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (12.4 %)		Median weekly household income (2011)	\$909

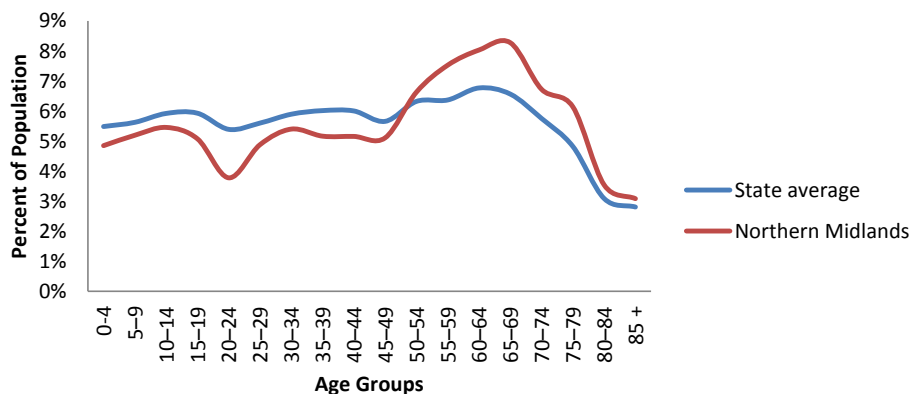
Population trajectory (Med Series)



2013 Age Profile



2025 Age Profile (medium series)

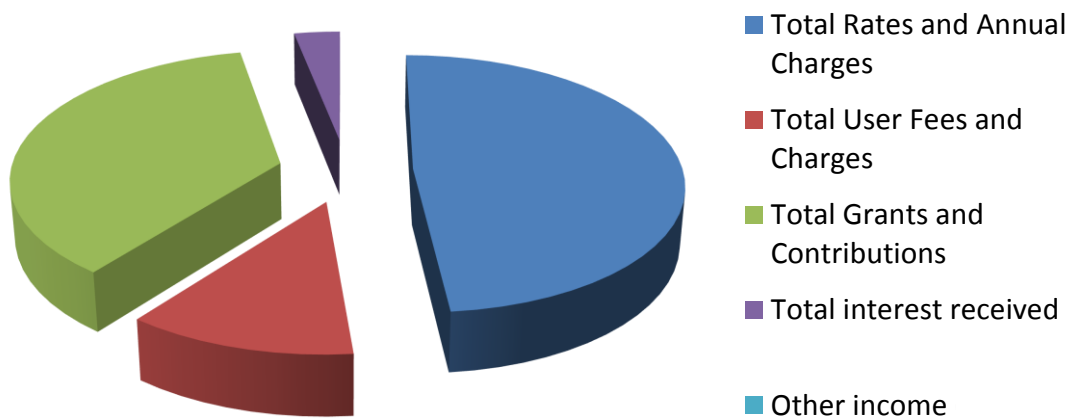


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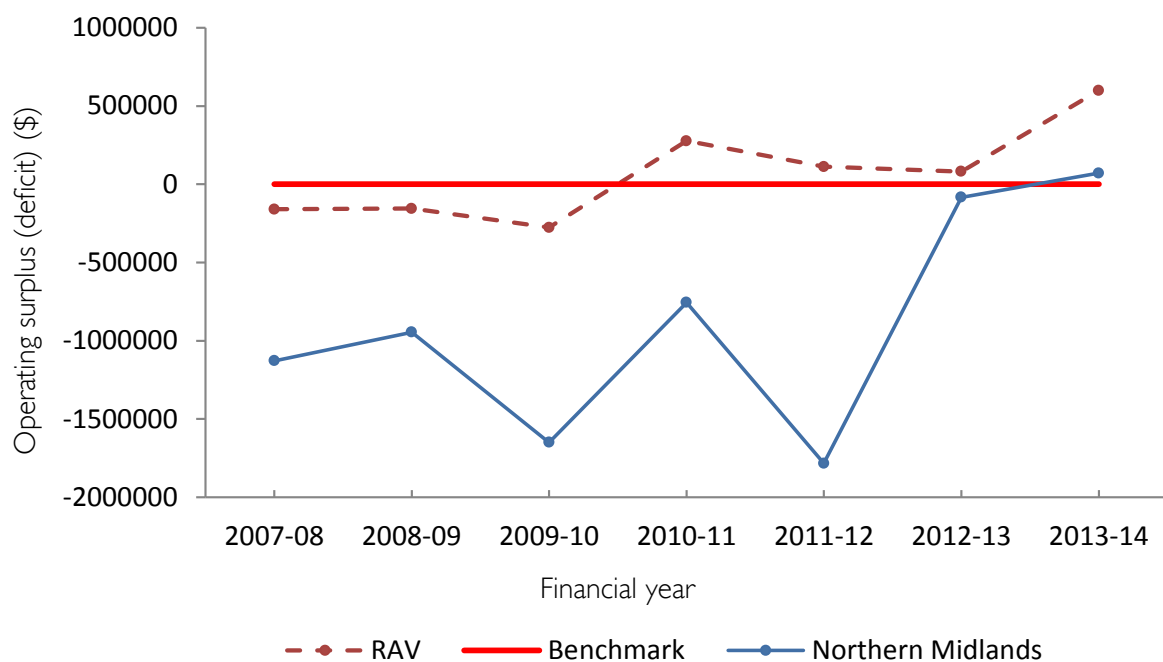
REVENUE AND RATES

Indicator/Statistic (2012-13)	Northern Midlands	RAV Ave	State Ave	NSW RAV Ave
Total Revenue (\$'000s)	17,330	17,678	26,029	38,795
Own source revenue (%) ⁴	60.4	62.2	65.9	55.0
Grants & contributions revenue (%)	36.4	31.4	28.8	37.0
Average rates/charges per Valuation	\$1262	\$1129	\$1322	\$1151
Average residential rate	\$925	\$1032	\$1037	\$643

Total Revenue



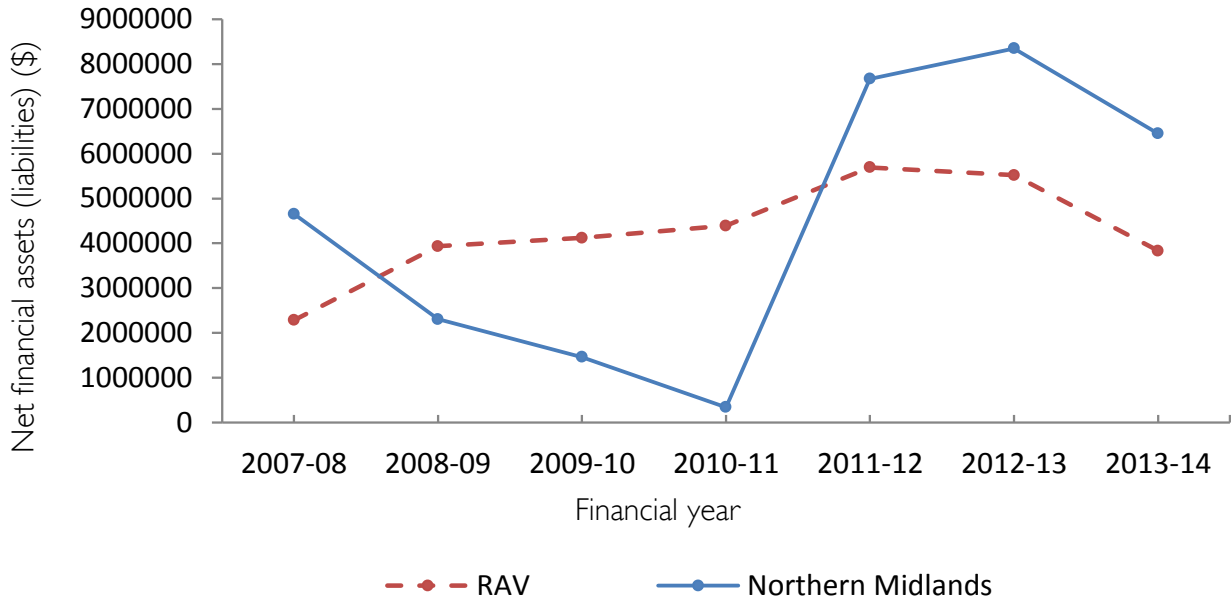
Operating Surplus (Deficit)



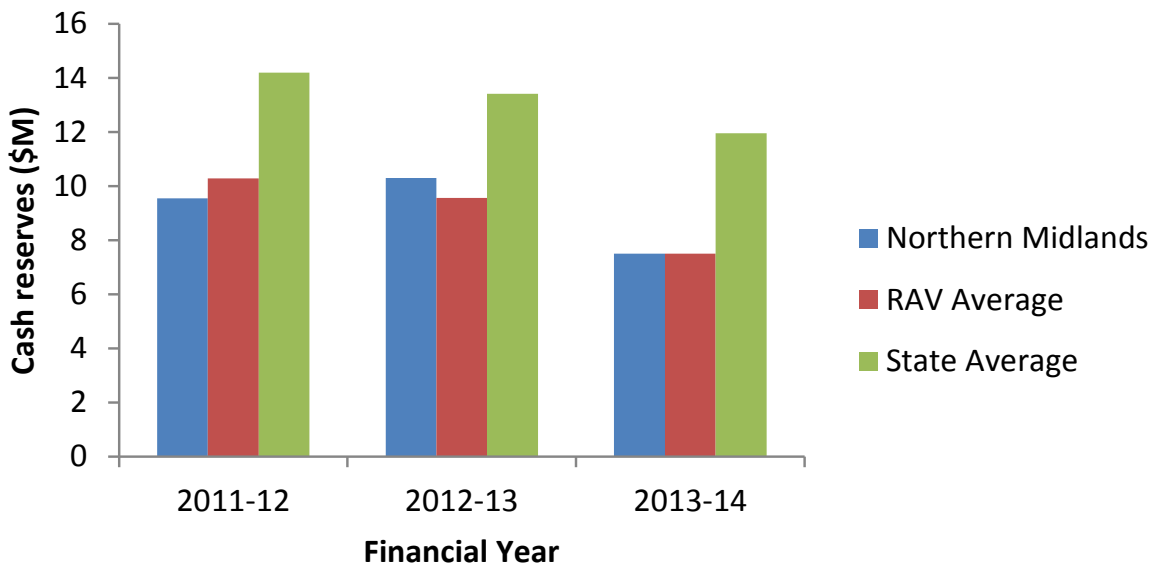
⁴ Own source revenue and grants and contributions revenue are based on total revenue

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Net Financial Assets (Liabilities)



Cash Reserves



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EXPENSES

Indicator/Statistic (2012-13)	Northern Midlands	RAV Ave	State Ave	NSW RAV Ave
Total Expenditure (\$'000s)	15,144	16,305	25,166	34,369
Operating Cost per Valuation (\$)	2276	2049	2471	5081
Operating Expense per Capita (\$)	1188	1121	1756	2599

Operating Expenses by Council Function

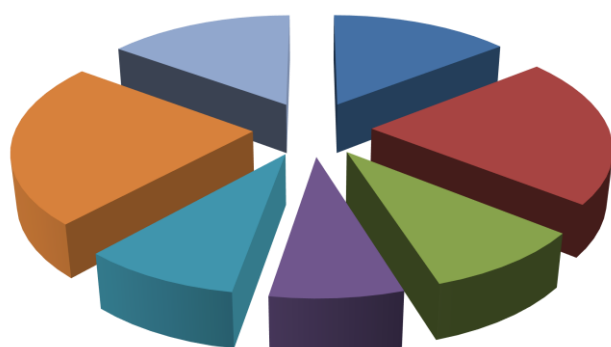
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Tasmanian RAV Average



NSW RAV Average



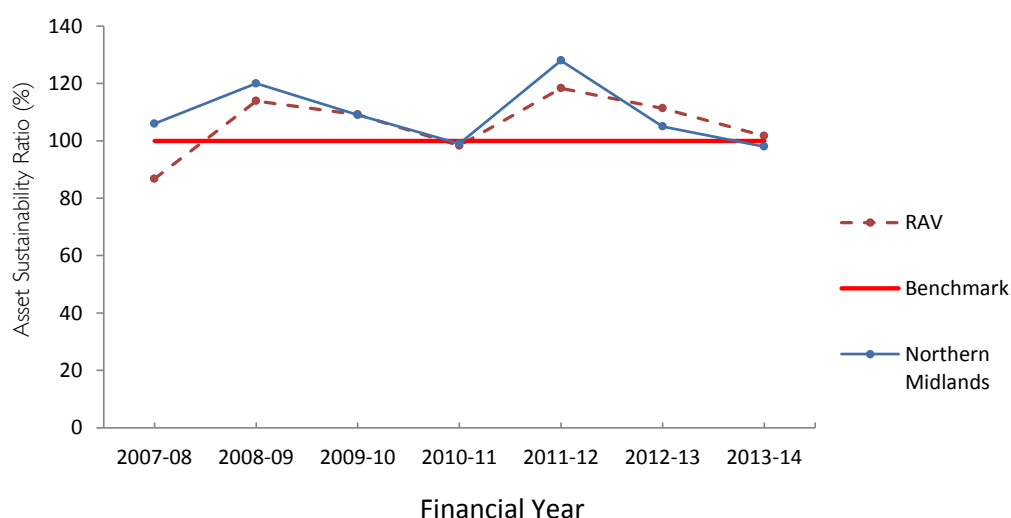
- Governance & Administration
- Public Order, Health & Safety
- Environmental
- Community Services, Education & Housing
- Recreational & Cultural
- Roads, Bridges & Footpaths
- Other Services

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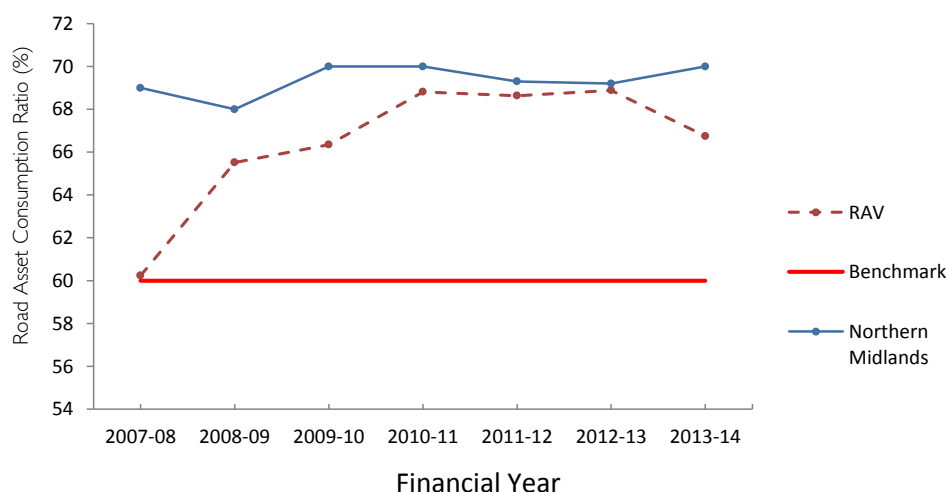
ASSET MANAGEMENT

Indicator/Statistic (2012-13)	Northern Midlands	RAV Ave	State Ave
Non-current Assets (\$'000s)	255,276	203,519	297,287
Capital Expenditure (\$'000s)	6,123	6,080	7,658
Depreciation expenses (\$'000s)	4,456	3,921	5,300
Cap Ex to Depreciation ratio (%)	137.4	155.4	139.7

Asset Sustainability Ratio



Road Asset Consumption ratio



GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Indicator/Statistic (2012-13)	Northern Midlands	RAV Ave	State Ave	NSW RAV Ave
No. Elected Members	9	9.17	9.69	9.3
Population Per Elected Members	1416	1567	1672	1467
FTE's	64	81	118	154
FTE Staff per 1000 population	5.02	5.71	8.36	11.74
Employee costs to Operating Expense (%)	29	35.7	33.2	NA

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APPENDIX A

	Rural Agricultural Small and Medium	Rural Agricultural Large	Rural Agricultural Very Large	Urban Small	Urban Medium
Abbreviation	RASM	RAL	RAV	US	UM
Definition	population of up to 5 000 at a density of <30 per km ²	population of 5 000-10 000 at a density of <30 per km ²	population of 10 000-20000 at a density of <30 per km ²	population of up to 30 000	population of 30 000 – 70 000
Councils	Flinders Island King Island Central highlands Glamorgan-Spring Bay Tasman	Break O'Day Circular Head Dorset Southern Midlands Kentish Latrobe George Town West Coast	Derwent Valley Huon Valley Meander Valley Northern midlands Sorell Waratah-Wynyard	Brighton Burnie Devonport Central Coast West Tamar	Clarence Glenorchy Hobart Kingborough Launceston