Local government

In the Australian federal system there are three (3) levels of government: federal, state and local. Each level of government has its own responsibilities, though many responsibilities are shared in various ways.

Listed below are the services provided by local government, the lowest level of government in Australia, often seen as being the most accessible to the people. Local government bodies such as councils have specific responsibilities, duties and limitations on their areas of responsibility or influence.

For further information on the City of Gold Coast’s products and services, visit the White Pages under Gold Coast City Council, or refer to our Community Guide, available at all customer service centres.

City of Gold Coast Services

- Arts and culture
- Animal management
- Aquatic centres
- Assisted services (National Relay Service, interpreter services)
- Building assessment
- Cemeteries
- Australian citizenship ceremonies
- City cleaning
- Coastal care
- Community centres
- Construction and maintenance
- Crime prevention
- Economic development
- Employment
- Environmental health
- Events
- Information for the community
- Libraries
- Lifeguards
- Parking
- Permits and licensing
- Pest and weed control
- Seniors
- Sport and recreational facilities
- Stormwater drainage
- Tourism information
- Tourist parks
- Tourism support
- Planning enquiries
- Traffic management
- Waste management
- Water and wastewater (sewerage)
- Youth services and programs

Related information

- Council elections
- Federal Government
- State Government

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Key information

- Brochures, fact sheets & reports
  - Gold Coast Community Directory - PDF version