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#### Local government: a snapshot



**\$73 billion** in assets (June 2013)

**\$903 million** in total grants and transfers to local government in 2014/15

**\$41 million** average size of rural council budget average (smallest \$13 million)

\$154 million average size of metropolitan council budgets (largest \$380 million)



#### Local government: a snapshot

Populations range from 3,000 to more than 275,000

Governed by 624 elected councillors and 6 administrators (Brimbank & Wangaratta)

48,000 people employed



#### **Key achievements 2013-14**



**Governance and Conduct Review** 

**Local Government Electoral Review** 

Ministerial Advisory Council Review of Public Libraries



#### **Key Achievements 2013-14**



**Cost Containment and Capacity Building** 

**Emergency Management** 

**Ministerial-Mayors Advisory Panel** 

Local Government Investigation and Compliance Inspectorate



#### **Emerging issues/priorities for 2014-15**

## Implementation of Local Government Reform Agenda

- Performance Reporting
- Governance & Conduct
- Cost Containment

Libraries



#### 2014-15 Budget initiatives

Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate

**Local Government Performance Reporting Initiative** 

Victorian Government grants to local government



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