

## Who can participate?

LUCCs are comprised of local rank and file delegates and union members, retired members along with their families and supporters in the local community. Anyone who shares a desire to fight for jobs, rights and services is most welcome and encouraged to attend the LUCC in their area.

## What sort of issues do LUCCs campaign on?

Groups have campaigned against jobs cuts and service closures (eg the closure of Grafton gaol), called on politicians in elections to support jobs, rights and services (eg in the Miranda by-election) and joined with other local organisations to advocate for the needs of a community (eg the Central West Jobs Summit).

## What are some the things they do?

LUCCs have a visible presence in their community, holding market, show day and street stalls, organising public forums, providing advice and information and are a hub for local union members and activists from all unions to connect with each other.

## What role can I play?

These are volunteer groups often with little or no formal structure. Regular meetings have action items that people volunteer to follow up, and members take on tasks according to their interests, particular skills and available time.

## When do they meet?

Some groups have a fixed and regular meeting day and time, usually in a local club, while others arrange face to face meetings as required.



For meeting dates and upcoming events for local union community councils in NSW, go to:

[www.unionsnsw.org.au/events](http://www.unionsnsw.org.au/events)

To be added to the email list for the LUCC in your area, go to:

[www.unionsnsw.org.au/signup](http://www.unionsnsw.org.au/signup)

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“People – and unions - can achieve so much more when they are connected and working together than when they act on their own”

*Tony King, Police Association delegate, Clarence Valley Community Unions*



“ As a ‘your rights at work’ group we defeated WorkChoices. Now we work together to campaign for jobs, rights and services in our community.”  
 Mary Court, school assistant,  
 Penrith Valley Community Unions

## A local voice for working people

Local Union Community Councils (“LUCCs”) allow you to connect with other union members and union-friendly people who live or work in your local area.

LUCCs recognise that campaigning together is the best way to make sure governments and councils pay attention to the local issues that matter like quality jobs, rights at work, good services and vibrant communities.

No matter what union you’re in, LUCCs provide a framework for getting involved and making life better.

There are 29 groups in NSW.

## How did the groups form?

Unions and unionists have always worked together in local communities and several regional trades and labour councils (TLCs, which are also listed here) continue this tradition.

In 2005 the then Liberal-National government introduced its ‘WorkChoices’ laws that took away rights at work from millions of Australians. In NSW 44 ‘your rights at work’ groups formed in response and were instrumental in defeating these laws. This experience highlighted the importance of unionists campaigning together in their local communities.

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	Clarence Valley Community Unions (Grafton, Maclean, Yamba)	/groups/476212889056946	Salim Barbar	
	Macleay Valley Community Union Alliance (Kempsey)	/pages/Macleay-Valley-Community-Unions-Alliance/448562305185484	Mary Yaager	
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