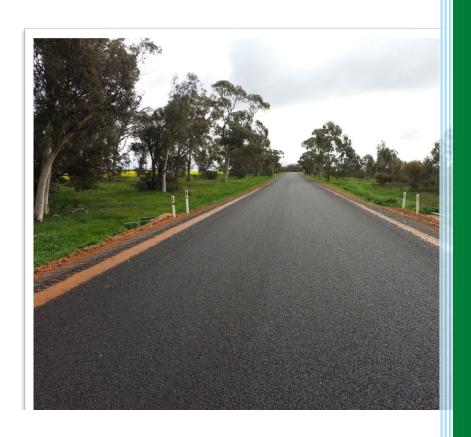
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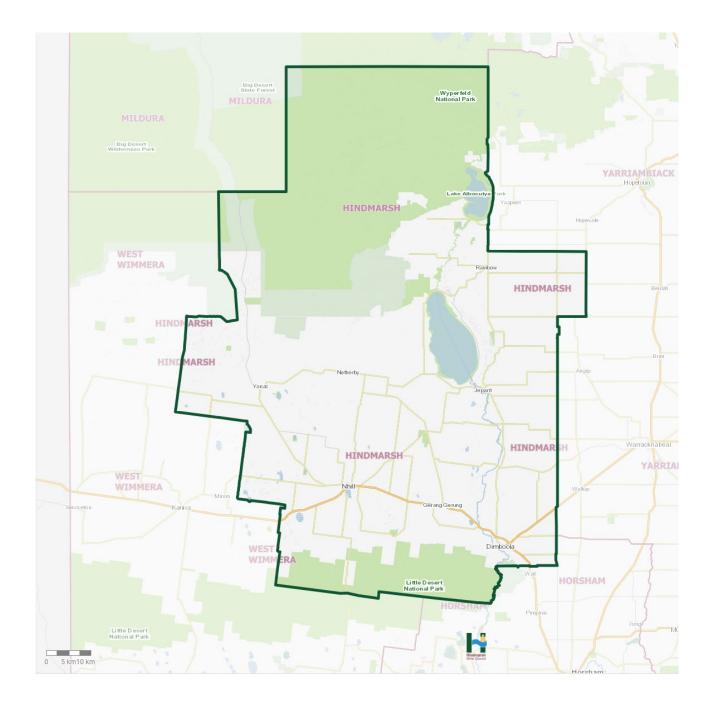
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Map of Hindmarsh Shire Municipality



The Asset Plan

Introduction

The Plan is a means of outlining the key elements involved in managing Council assets. It combines management, financial, engineering and technical practices to ensure that the level of service required by user groups is provided at the lowest long term cost to the community within the limits of any fiscal constraints that may be imposed by Council.

The specific purpose of the Plan is to:

- Demonstrate responsible stewardship by the Council;
- Define and articulate how the infrastructure is and will be managed to achieve the organisation's objectives;
- Provide a basis for customer consultation to determine the appropriate levels of service;
- Manage risk of asset failure;
- · Achieve savings by optimising whole of life costs; and
- Support long term financial planning.

The objectives of this particular Plan are to:

- Consolidate all of the available information pertaining to Asset Management into a single location;
- Define how assets will be managed into the future. This will be done through;
 - o Identify services
 - Develop Service Standards
 - Identify and describe Councils assets
 - Undertake Demand projections
 - o Identify gaps between required assets and actual assets
 - o Identify management options
 - Determine the best option
 - Determine ways of measuring performance

A key component of the Asset Plan is the Long Term Capex Plan (LTCP) which compiles the range of capital projects proposed for renewal, upgrade and new capital works over the next 10-year period.

In addition to identifying the operational and strategic practices that ensure that Council manages assets across their life cycle in a financially sustainable manner, the Asset Plan quantifies the asset portfolio and the financial implications of those practices.

Community Engagement

This Asset Plan has been prepared to address the requirements of section 92 of the Local Government Act (2020), including the various phases of the asset life cycle listed in point (3)(a) of that section of the Act, and the requirement for deliberative engagement in the development of the Plan.

Council adopted Asset Management Plan Part A (General Information) and Part E (Pathways) on 15 November 2017. This followed community consultation via advertising and making documents available at Customer

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Service Centres and on Council's website for a period of 4 weeks, which concluded on Friday 06 October 2017. No public submissions were received during this period.

It is an ongoing process and community feedback will be sought as appropriate during the implementation of this Asset Plan. The deliberative engagement process included the establishment of a Community Panel, which developed the Community Vision, and provided recommendations to Council on the Council Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

Relationship with Other Planning Documents

Asset Plans are a key component in Council's planning process and it is important that this Plan is linked to the relevant strategies and actions in the following plans and documents.

- Hindmarsh Shire Council Road Management Plan 2021-2023
- Hindmarsh Shire Council Asset Management Strategy 2015
- Hindmarsh Shire Council Road Hierarchy Review 2015
- Hindmarsh Shire Council Long Term Financial Plan 2021-2031
- Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan 2021-2025 and Community Vision 2040
- Asset Plan Guidance 2022, Local Government Victoria
- Integrated Strategic Planning & Reporting Framework
 - Section 6.4 Technical description Asset Plan
 - Local Government Victoria December 2020
- Local Government Asset Management Better Practice Guide
 - Local Government Victoria 2015
- Asset Management Plan Part A General Information Adopted by Council 15 November 2017
- Asset Management Plan Part B Roads, Draft for SMT Review June 2018
- Asset Management Plan Part C Bridges, Weirs and major Culverts, Draft for Council Briefing January 2016
- Asset Management Plan Part D Buildings and Other Structures, Draft for Council Briefing January 2016
- Asset Management Plan Part E Pathways Roads, Adopted by Council 15 November 2017
- Asset Management Plan Part F Drainage, Draft for Council Briefing January 2016

The Assets

Roads

Hindmarsh Shire Council provides an extensive network of roads throughout the municipality. This Asset Management Plan – Roads has been compiled to ensure the maintenance and renewal of the road network is undertaken in a systematic way that reflects community needs. This section includes a number of analytical tables and charts, the important numbers are highlighted in green background.

The Roads network has been defined into the following hierarchies in the rural and urban environment.

Rural Roads

- Class 3R Transport Routes
- Class 4R Collector Roads
- Class 5R Residential Access
- Class 6R Property Access
- Class 6S Strategic Property Access
- Class 7 Secondary Property Access
- Class 8 Paper Roads

Urban Roads

- Class 3U Transport Routes
- Class 4U Collector Roads
- Class 5U Residential Access
- Class 6U Secondary Access

The main components within the roads asset class are typically:

- sealed surfaces, pavements and kerbs in the urban areas
- sealed surfaces, pavements and shoulders for the rural sealed network
- unsealed pavements for the rural unsealed network.

Vicroads assets, private roads, crown land roads, private vehicle crossings/driveways are excluded from this plan. Road asset class is the most significant of all infrastructure assets. Data used to produce this plan are considered good and Council can consider itself in a sustainable financial position in respect to the management of this asset class.

A summary of the road assets managed by Council with financial values is:

Asset Type	Asset Length (km)	Asset Length %
Sealed Urban Roads	74.2	3%
Sealed Rural Roads	520.9	19%
Unsealed Roads	1,191.6	43%
Non-Financial Roads (e.g. fire access, road reserve)	1,001.2	36%
Roads Total	2,787.7	100%
Kerbs and Channel	72.5	

Table 1 Road Assets Inventory Stock as in April 2022

A summary of road assets by hierarchy is:

Hierarchy	Pavement Length (km)	Pavement Length %	Kerb Length (m)	Kerb Length %
3R	86.2	3.1%	222	0%
3U	28.9	1.0%	33,828	47%
4R	333.1	12.0%	33	0%
4U	48.0	1.7%	36,075	50%
5R	905.6	32.5%		
5U	9.7	0.3%	1,397	2%
6R	324.2	11.6%		
6U	9.0	0.3%	380	1%
7	28.9	1.0%		
8	7.2	0.3%		
Reserve/Parking	6.0	0.2%	116	0%
Non-Financial Roads	1,001.0	35.9%		
Total	2,787.7	100%	72,051	100%

Table 2 Road Assets by Hierarchy as in April 2022

Bridges, Weirs and Culverts

Within the road network there are major structures that cross waterways including bridges, weirs and minor culverts.

There are 5 bridges, two major culverts and two weirs. Albacutya Road Bridge was re-built in 2022.

Council owns and manages 372 culverts as in April 2022. The average size of the culverts ranges from 450mm to 1200mm diameter. The total length of the culverts is 5,113m.

Buildings

This asset class includes 145 buildings with the following classifications:

- Administrative Buildings.
- Public Halls.
- Recreation Reserve Buildings.
- Aquatic Centres.
- Public Toilets.
- Caravan Parks.
- Senior Citizens Centres.
- Pre-School Centres.
- Maternal Child Health Centres.
- Libraries.

Pathways

This asset class includes footpaths, tracks and trails. Council manages 41 km of footpaths and pathways as in April 2022, of which:

Surface Material	Pathway Length (m)	Pathway Length %
Asphalt	286	1%
Brick Paver	1,668	4%
Concrete	36,911	90%
Concrete Paver	240	1%
Concrete Paving Slab	135	0%
Gravel	1,447	4%
Bitumen	393	1%
Total	41,080	100%

Table 3 Pathway Length by Surface Material as in April 2022

Stormwater Drainage

The urban stormwater drainage network includes underground pipes, open drains, pits and drainage structures. Most of the stormwater drainage assets are located at town centres.

There are approximately 23.5 km of stormwater pipes and 954 pits included in the stormwater drainage asset class.

Pipe Diameter	Pipe Length (m)	Pipe Length %
150	172	1%
225	1,971	8%
300	6,357	27%
375	3,992	17%
450	3,809	16%
525	1,690	7%
600	2,580	11%
750	1,780	7%
825	135	1%
900	263	1%
1050	241	1%
1200	551	2%
Open Drain	343	1%
Total	23,881	100%

Table 4 Stormwater Pipe Length by Pipe Diameter as in April 2022

Recreation and Open Space

This asset class includes 4 swimming pools, playgrounds, recreation reserves, parks and gardens. There is a vast range of asset types including, but not limited to, the following:

Asset Type 1	Quantity	Asset Type 2	Quantity
Arbour	1	Information Board	1
BBQ	3	Lighting Pole	19
Bench Seat	32	Park Bench	6
Bike Rack	1	Pavilion	1
Bin Holder	12	Picnic Table	63
Drinking Fountain	1	Sculpture	4
Flagpole	5	Shelter	15
Footbridge	6	Walkway	2
Gateway Entrance	1	Playground Equipment	99
Total		272 No.	

Table 5 Recreation and Open Space Assets Quantity as in April 2022

Transfer Station

Transfer stations where rubbish / recycling can be received are at the following locations:

- Rainbow Transfer Station, 16 Kruger Rd, Rainbow
- Jeparit Transfer Station, Jeparit East Rd, Jeparit.
- Dimboola Transfer Station, 73 High St, Dimboola
- Nhill Transfer Station, 102 Nhill-Netherby Rd, Nhill

Financial Summary of Assets

Each class of the assets has been valued by external consultants with internal guidance. The summary is provided in below table:

Asset Class	Category Name	Replacement Value	Accumulated Depreciation	Written-Down Value	Depreciation Expense
Doods & Karbs	Roads	\$220,385,443	\$77,035,086	\$143,359,358	\$3,463,894
Roads & Kerbs	Kerbs	\$37,466,582	\$15,270,614	\$22,195,968	\$374,666
Bridges, Weirs &	Bridges & Weirs	\$12,025,117	\$3,752,303	\$8,272,814	\$120,251
Culverts	Culverts	\$4,027,064	\$1,423,615	\$2,603,449	\$50,338
Buildings	Buildings	\$60,174,408	\$36,211,377	\$23,963,031	\$916,848
Pathways	Pathways	\$9,846,439	\$3,876,580	\$5,969,859	\$157,461
Stormwater	Drains	\$14,472,595	\$5,597,745	\$8,874,851	\$153,173
Drainage	Pits	\$2,154,425	\$839,756	\$1,314,669	\$26,930
	Park Equipment	\$941,900	\$463,454	\$478,446	\$26,535
Recreation & Open Space	Park Infrastructure	\$1,093,800	\$458,981	\$634,819	\$16,527
Open Space	Pool Structures	\$6,128,081	\$2,203,998	\$3,924,082	\$61,721
Transfer Station	Landfill	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$37,500
Total		\$371,715,854	\$148,133,509	\$223,591,346	\$5,405,844

Table 6 Summary of Financial Values as in April 2022

Total Infrastructure Replacement Value \$372M

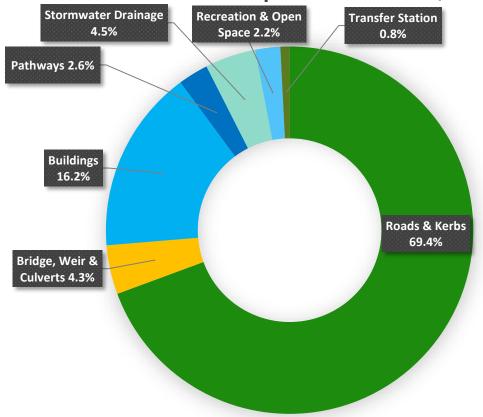


Figure 1 Assets Replacement Value Proportion as in April 2022

Service Levels

The levels of service will be based on:

- Community engagement and expectations,
- Information gathered from customers on expected quality and cost of services,
- Strategic and corporate goals,
- Legislation, regulations, environmental standards and industry and Australian Standards that impact on the way assets are managed, and
- Design standards and codes of practice.

Roads

The current service levels provided have been determined as part of the development of the Council's Roads Hierarchy, having taken its account the following factors:

- Traffic assessment;
- The number of houses served;
- Whether the road is used by school buses, heavy vehicles etc.;
- Functional role; and
- Community consultation.

The following definitions are provided as a guide and as time proceeds, reclassification of these roads may be required to meet the needs and expectations of the community and the management of Council's road assets.

Additionally the introduction of the Road Asset Management Plan Act 2004 requires the establishment of the Road Register. The development of the Road Register could see a variation in the Road Hierarchy in relation to unused or "Paper" roads in which Council decide not to assume responsibility.

Functional hierarchies applicable to assets included in this plan are:

Declared Roads

Primary Arterial -Freeway/Highway and Declared Main Roads.

These roads form the principal network of roads to cater for through traffic movements in a municipality and linkage to main townships. They would normally carry the highest level of traffic volumes and be constructed to the highest standards.

These Arterial roads are made up of the VicRoads Declared Road Network, which includes freeways/highways and declared main roads.

Local Roads

These roads provide the primary network on which the majority of resident's travel occurs. They are essentially the financial responsibility of Council. The Hindmarsh Shire Council's Road Hierarchy defines the following classes of local roads in both rural and urban areas.

RURAL

(1) Class 3R – Transport Routes

These local roads provide the major direct freight route for agriculture produce and agriculture chemicals such as gypsum, between the declared road network and rural localities. They would usually connect two towns, villages or districts and carry traffic both private and commercial from both within and outside the municipality.

Council will endeavour to provide a sealed road pavement and formation, which allows the safe and efficient movement of all vehicles. Improvements to these roads will depend on a number of factors including horizontal and vertical alignment and traffic count.

(2) Class 4R - Collector Roads

These roads provide the link between locations and districts. They also provide the link between residential and property access roads into the higher class roads. They would carry mainly traffic originating from within the municipality both private and commercial.

Council will endeavour to provide an all-weather pavement, which allows for the safe movement of all vehicles.

Changes in status of residence and property access roads could lead to a change in classification of existing collector roads.

(3) Class 5R - Residential Access

These roads are probably the most important from an individual's view as they are designed to provide all weather access for emergency and day to day activities.

Council will endeavour to provide all houses which are occupied for residential purposes with a road pavement of a type and depth capable of being trafficked under all normal weather conditions.

If a house has been unoccupied for residential purposes for more than two years, all weather access rights will be deemed to have lapsed. Any proposal for the access road to be upgraded or reinstated to residence access in the event that the house is subsequently re-occupied shall be treated as access for a new house in accordance with this policy.

(4) Class 6R - Property Access

These roads are used by people requiring access to carry out farming or other legitimate activities on properties they own or lease. Ideally, every property would be provided with a good quality, all weather access. Unfortunately, such an approach is not possible in an environment of limited funds.

Council will endeavour to provide and maintain a minimum of an earth formation capable of providing dry weather access only. It is recognised that this may cause inconvenience from time to time; however limiting use of these roads during wet weather will ensure a more serviceable road surface.

Localised drainage or gravelling work may be undertaken by Council where it is required to reasonably maintain dry weather access.

Removal or trimming of native vegetation that results from the purchase of larger machinery by landowners will only be carried out following a contribution from the initiating landowner. Such work will not be as of right and will depend upon Council and planning permit approvals being obtained by the applicant.

(5) Class 6S – Strategic Property Access

These roads are generally all weather access to rural commercial or industrial properties and serve as access to non-residential properties and link those non-residential properties to higher classification roads. Maintenance/grading is carried out annually. Shoulders and drains of road are maintained as required.

(6) Class 7 – Strategic Property Access

These roads are dry weather access roads to non-residential properties and link to higher classification road. Maintenance/grading is carried out less frequently and only when required.

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(7) Class 8 – Paper Roads

These roads are unconstructed roads and not maintained by Council. These roads may be on Council's Road Register.

URBAN

(1) Class 3U – Transport Routes

These local roads provide the major direct freight route for agriculture produce and transport goods between the declared road network and local transport hubs. Council will endeavour to provide a sealed road pavement and formation, which allows the safe and efficient movement of all vehicles.

(2) Class 4U – Collector Roads

These roads/streets provide the link between residential access roads into higher class roads within the township areas

Council will endeavour to provide a sealed pavement which allows for the safe movement of all vehicles.

(3) Class 5U - Residential Access

These roads provide the access to residential commercial or industrial properties to allow for the carrying out of day to day activities, business or occupations.

Council will endeavour to provide a road pavement of a type and depth capable of being trafficked under all normal weather conditions.

(4) Class 6U - Secondary Access

Roads or laneways that provide alternate access to un-occupied properties and business or access to vacant land.

Council will endeavour to provide a minimum of an earth formation which is trafficable in dry weather.

Classifications for Grants Commission

Road Type

Classification	Description			
Kerbed Road	Kerb on both sides of the road			
Unkerbed Road	Roads without kerbs both sides			

Table 7 Grants Commission Road Type

Strategic Routes

Classification	Description		
Kerbed Road Strategic Route	 Bus route Road > 500vpd Road with at least 50 trucks/day 		
Unkerbed Strategic Route	 Bus route Road >100vpd with at least 10 trucks/day Road >100vpd with average grade at least 6% Road >100vpd in drip or flood irrigated horticultural or agricultural area 		

Table 8 Strategic Routes Classification

Where:

• Bus Route: Normal scheduled public transport route. Special school only routes.

• Truck: Class 3 to class 12 vehicle

Classification by Purpose:

Classification
Public road
Aerodrome, recreation reserve, park access roads
Car parks

Table 9 Road Purpose Classification

Community and Technical Service Levels

Council's current position is to:

- Maintain current level of service, however upgrade if successful in obtaining grants to do so.
- Maintain existing levels of service, all weather access to be maintained to dwellings.

Current service levels are:

Service: Transport – Vehicle Access				Assets utilised: Urb gravel roads	oan and rural sealed roads,
Customer	Service	Community Levels of Service		Technical Levels of Service	
Expectation	Indicator	Community Measure	Community Target	Technical Measure	Technical Target
Rural access to residence and property	Availability Accessibility	Customer requests for road upgrades All weather access	All weather access to dwelling Dry weather access only to property	Road formation Surface type	Transport: Formed, drained, sealed Collector: Formed, drained, sealed or gravel Access Residential: Formed, drained, sealed or gravel Access Property & Access Minor: Earth formation as minimum. Localised drainage or gravelling work may be undertaken by Council where it is required to reasonably maintain dry weather access.
Urban access to residence and property	Availability Accessibility	Customer requests for road upgrades	All weather access to dwelling and property	Road formation Surface type	Transport: N/a Collector: Sealed Access Residential: Formed, drained, sealed or gravel Access Property & Minor: Earth formation

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Sealed road provided to residence	Availability of the sealed network	Customer requests sealed access to individual property		Max length travel dwelling to sealed road And/or Min traffic volumes	Collector & Access Residential: Sealed if As per Road Management Plan (RMP)
K&C provided in urban areas	Availability of kerb and channel	Customer requests for kerb and channel Result of resident survey		Demonstrated need	 To resolve a drainage issue, or Define parking, or Dimension limitations Protection of public and property
Provide a safe roads network	Safety & Responsivene ss	Reduction in the number of injury vehicle crashes recorded	Downward trend in VicRoads Crash Statistics Annual in recorded injury crashes	Regular defect inspections. Number of identified defects outside intervention corrected within the response time as defined in the RMP	100% in compliance with RMP, refer Appendix 1-4
Wider seal widths	Amenity and safety.	Customer requests for shoulder works, edge drop-offs		Seal width	As per risk assessment and available budget for all categories. As per RMP
No inconvenience from dust	Amenity free from dust	Customer requests	<1/year	Budget \$ expended	will be manage case by case basis as per customer request and RMP
Rough gravel roads	Amenity of the road,	Customer requests corrugations		Routine maintenance gravel road grading frequency (times per year) Or RMP	As per RMP, refer Appendix 1-4

Table 10 Roads Community and Technical Service Levels

Note: If a house has been unoccupied for residential purposes for more than two years, all weather access rights will be deemed to have lapsed. Any proposal for the access road to be upgraded or reinstated to residence access in the event that the house is subsequently re-occupied shall be treated as access for a new house in accordance with this policy and Road Management Plan.

Bridges, Weirs and Culverts

The Bridges, Weirs & Culverts hierarchy directly follows the Road Hierarchy as shown in page 12.

Asset Classification by Type:

Classification	Description
Bridge	Structure incorporating several structural elements and can be of different materials
Weir	Structure incorporating several structural elements and can be of different materials
Culvert	Round or rectangular precast or cast-in-place elements generally of concrete material

Table 11 Bridges, Weirs and Culverts Classification

Community and Technical Service Levels

Current service levels are:

Service: Transport – Vehicle Access		Assets utilised: Br	idges & Major Culverts		
Customer	Service	Community Levels of Service		Technical Levels of Service	
Expectation	Indicator	Community Measure	Community Target	Technical Measure	Technical Target
Bridges should be located to provide access to dwelling and property	Availability.	Requests for new bridge	< 1/year	Structure that provides all weather access.	Transport Routes All weather structure Collector Roads All weather structure Access Roads No structure or a floodway only may be provided taking into account: Probability access denied (eg. flooded) Length detour Hierarchy Traffic volumes Emergency access needs
Bridges should not have any load limits	Accessibility for heavy vehicles	Customer requests for increased load capacity	< 1/year	Load limits present.	Transport Routes Increase load capacity when grant available. Collector roads Increase load capacity when grant available. Access roads May be load limited considering detour assessment of: Length & condition Travel time Frequency Traffic volumes
Bridges should be able to accommodate farm machinery	Accessibility for wide vehicles	Customer requests for increase in width	< 1/year	Trafficable bridge width (between kerbs) Refer Appendix 6	Transport routes Upgrade to 7.5m minimum when grant available Collector & Access roads May be restricted provided reasonable detour

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					Structures shall only be upgraded at time of scheduled replacement.
Bridges should be safe	Safety	Number of accidents/year	< 1 bridge /year	Bridge Safety Score	Continuous improvement
Bridges should be well maintained	Amenity: Bridges are maintained	Number of requests for bridge	< 5/year	Bridge Structure maintenance expenditure	100% of budget expended annually
	in a smooth, safe manner	maintenance		Requirements of Road Management Act are met	No bridge defects exceeding intervention, and service requests are dealt with adopted response frames. Refer Appendix 6

Table 12 Bridges, Weirs and Culverts Community and Technical Service Levels

Buildings

Buildings Hierarchy

Hierarchy	Description				
High Use	Significance at Municipal LevelSignificance at Community level				
	 Critical To Council Operations Critical To Service Delivery 				
	 Key Heritage Or Icon Must Meet Stringent, Special Requirements 				
Medium Use	 Significance At Town or Locality Level Important To Council Operations Or Service Delivery Need To Meet Special Requirements 				
Low Use	 Significance at locality level Can operate in very basic conditions Ancillary to main function 				

Table 13 Buildings Hierarchy Classifications

Community and Technical Service Levels

Current service levels are:

Community Level of Service	Technical Levels of Service		
(based on customer needs)	Technical Measure	Technical Target	
I require DDA access Accessibility	No. buildings with DDA/ramp	Most buildings are DDA compliance, 100% target by 2027	
Maintenance works need to be fixed promptly Response	Maintenance response within response time	Achieve by yearly maintenance program	

Table 14 Buildings Community and Technical Service Levels

Pathways

Pathways Hierarchy

Hierarchy	Function	Characteristic
Commercial Footpath	Provides access to businesses in the central activity centre. Also used by businesses to conduct trade to through traffic. Generally experiences the highest foot traffic within the towns.	Paths are constructed with reinforced concrete, but can also include clay/stone pavers, tinted concrete or bricks when aesthetics need to be enhanced. Footpaths generally extend from shop front to back of kerb. New path to be DDA compliant, and program to be implemented to bring existing paths to DDA compliance where possible.
Key Access Footpaths	Links the Commercial Footpaths to major facilities within the towns including hospitals, schools and facilities frequently used by the community.	Paths are constructed with reinforced concrete. Path widths should be between 1.5m and 2.0m. The wider paths allow for mobility vehicles to pass each other comfortably without forcing each other off the footpath. New path to be DDA compliant, and program to be implemented to bring existing paths to DDA compliance where possible.
Residential Footpaths	Residential Footpaths make up a majority of the footpath network. They provide access to properties.	Paths are constructed within reinforced concrete. Paths are to be 1.5m wide. New path to be DDA compliant, and program to be implemented to bring existing paths to DDA compliance where possible.
Park Paths	Footpaths that are located on Council property or Crown land and act as part of the footpath network. As they are not located within the road reserve managed by Council, they are not subject to Council's Road Management Plan.	Paths are to be constructed with reinforced concrete, gravel, bricks or pavers. Paths are to be 1.5m wide. If for aesthetic reasons a pervious material layer is used, paths are to be 2.0m wide for maintenance reasons.
Trails	Trails are pathways that are used for recreation and tourism. These pathways are found alongside the Wimmera River or within parks and reserves. Users of these paths are undertaking exercise, accessing recreational facilities or enjoying the environment.	Paths are generally made from sandstone/limestone, granitic sand, crushed rock and wood chips. Paths widths range from 2.0m to 3.0m to allow vehicle traffic for maintenance and emergency services.
Shared Paths	Shared paths are wide paths that allow both pedestrians and cyclists to use the same pathway. People over the age of 12 are not allowed to ride a bike on a footpath in Victoria. Shared paths help separate cyclists from vehicle traffic on busy routes, creating a safer cycling environment. Currently there are no shared path within Council.	Bike paths are constructed with reinforced concrete or bitumen/asphalt. Signage and line marking is required to identify that the path is shared between cyclists and pedestrians. Path widths should be no less than 2.5m and no greater than 3.0m. Bollards should be erected where the path crosses roads to discourage vehicles using the shared path.

Table 15 Pathways Hierarchy Classification

Community and Technical Service Levels

Footpaths current service levels are:

Contamor Europtation	Technical Levels of Service			
Customer Expectation	Technical Measure	Technical Target		
My house will be connected to the footpath network - Availability	Constructed footpath present, refer Appendix 5	Commercial – Constructed concrete (or brick) paths will be constructed adjacent to commercial properties in the CBD and between key destinations Key Access – Constructed concrete path will be provided Residential – Constructed concrete path will be provided on one side of the road only		
Paths will be wide enough - Amenity	Width of path	 Commercial – Generally full width from property line to kerb or >2.0m width Key Access – 1.5m – 2.5m Residential – 1.5m 		
Paths will be safe to use - Safety	Compliance with the RMP, refer Appendix 5	100% compliance		
Paths should include features such as seats and drinking fountains -Quality	Availability of Path furniture	 Commercial – CBD seats at 100m interval. Key Access & Residential – Path furniture will not be provided 		
Accessible by a wheelchair or pram - Accessibility	No. Crossings with complaint DDA ramp.	100%		

Table 16 Footpath Community and Technical Service Levels

Trails Technical Service Levels

Trails current service levels are:

	Technical Levels of Service						
Customer Expectation	Technical Measure	Technical Target					
Recreation paths will be provided - Availability	Constructed trail present, refer Appendix 5	High, Medium: In accordance with adopted strategy Low: N/a					
Paths will be wide enough - Amenity	Width of path	High, Medium: 2m minimum for shared use. Low: N/a					
Paths should include features such as seats -Quality	Availability of Path furniture	 High: Seats and shade at 1000m intervals Medium, Low: No path furniture provided. 					

Table 17 Trails Community and Technical Service Levels

Stormwater Drainage

Functional hierarchies applicable to assets included in this plan are:

Hierarchy	Description
1	Intensely developed business and industrial where flooding would cause serious damage or inconvenience
2	Other business and industrial areas, developed residential
3	Sparsely populated residential such as parks, playing fields

Table 18 Stormwater Drainage Functional Hierarchy Classification

Community and Technical Service Levels

Current service levels are:

Customer Expectation	Technical Levels of Service	Technical Target
Not to be flooded Safety and financial	Average recurrence interval	1 in 5 years flood event
Concern with children entering pipes Public health & Safety	Pipe entry barriers present Pedestrian barriers	Barriers to entry provided at all piped sections >600mm diameter. All locations with fall > 1m adjacent or near to
	present	a pedestrian path
Open drains are untidy Amenity	Drain type	Pipe all main drains when grant/fund available
Litter is getting into the river Environmental	Litter traps present	Litter traps to be provided on channel outfalls

Table 19 Stormwater Drainage Community and Technical Service Levels

Recreation and Open Space

Functional hierarchies applicable to assets included in this plan are:

Functional Hierarchy	Description
Regional	 Would cater for high use It would have a large number of play experiences, include accessible features, typically consisting of an 'adventure' style configuration. Would be an attraction in itself.
	Would be an attraction in itself. Would service a larger town
District	 Most likely co-located with a sport reserve or other community infrastructure Basic multifunction equipment and include accessible features.
Neighbourhood	 Would be similar to a District playground Within walking distance
	Only minimal equipment

Table 20 Recreation and Open Space Hierarchy Classification

Community and Technical Service Levels

Current service levels are:

Customer Expectation	Technical Levels of Service					
	Technical Measure	Target				
A playground nearby (availability)	Number, location & distribution of playgrounds	Playgrounds provided at: 1 equipment /200 Towns. 1 x District CBD. 1 x Neighbourhood @ Rec reserve, kindergarten Hamlet: Nil Skate parks provided at: Town x 1				
Diversity and originality of play (quality)	Facilities provided	District: 5 items Neighbourhood: 3 items Shade Supervision seating Water				
Fully accessible equipment (accessibility)		District No Neighbourhood No				
A safe playground (safety, responsiveness)	Defect Inspections No. reported accidents	100% completed as scheduled 0 year				

Table 21 Recreation and Open Space Community and Technical Service Levels

Condition Assessments

Regular condition assessments are critical to guide Council's asset maintenance and renewal priorities. Customer initiated maintenance requests also inform this understanding of asset condition. A summary of a generalised condition ranges applied to individual assets is provided in table below.

Condition	Description							Grade			
0	New							Excellent			
1	Between	Excellent ar	nd Very Goo	d							
2	Near nev	v or recently	rehabilitate	ed						Ve	ry Good
3	Between	Very Good	and Good								
4	The infra	structure in	the system	has some el	ement that :	show genera	I signs of de	terioration		Good	
5	Between Good and Fair										
6	The infrastructure in the system shows general sign of deterioration that requires attention; some element requires significant deficiencies						Fair				
7	Between Fair and Poor										
8	A large portion of the system exhibits significant deterioration						Poor				
9	Between Poor and Very Poor										
10	Many component of system exhibit sign of failure which is affecting services						Very Poor				
0	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9								9	10	

Table 22 Condition Assessment Rating 0 - 10 Scale

Council had adopted the industry standard colours (Green represents Good whilst Red represents Poor) to represent asset condition grades as above.

Condition Assessment Timetable

Condition assessment has a critical role in renewal and maintenance planning works whilst the assessment can be very expensive to carryout. Council has scheduled a comprehensive condition assessment program listed as below.

	Last Survey	Condition Survey Frequency	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Sealed Surface	2021/22	4yr				х				Х		
Road Pavements sealed & unsealed	2021/22	4yr				х				x		
Kerb and Channel	2021/22	4yr				X				x		
Bridges, Major Culverts & Weirs	2018/19	4yr	x				X				X	
Buildings, Land & Structures	2020/21	4yr			x				x			x
Pathways	2017/18	4yr		Х				Х				х
Transfer Station		4yr	х				х				х	
Stormwater Drainage		4yr		x				x				х
Recreation & Swimming Pool		2yr	x		х		х		х		х	
Open Space		4yr		Х				х				х

Table 23 Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program

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The following shows the condition profile for each asset class based on the most recent assessment as shown with the date in the chart caption. Non-financial roads are excluded from the condition analysis.

Roads

Roads condition assessment was carried out in October 2021 by an external contractor.

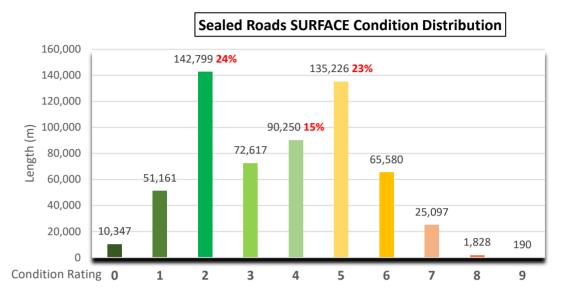


Figure 2 Sealed Roads Surface Condition Distribution as in October 2021

Most sealed roads surface is between condition 2 and condition 5. Condition 7, 8 and 9 road surface needs immediate attention.



Figure 3 Road Condition Example: 0, 6, 9 from left to right

Length (m)

20,000

Condition Rating 0

1,617

7

6

368

8

Sealed Roads PAVEMENT Condition Distribution 180,000 162,080 **27%** 160,000 136,278 **23%** 140,000 120,000 101,830 17% 100,000 84,173 **14%** 80,000 60,000 44,874 41,911 40,000 21,964

Figure 4 Sealed Roads Pavement Condition Distribution as in October 2021

1

2

3

The sealed roads pavement condition pattern is similar to the road surface, large percentage in the middle and small percentage at both ends.

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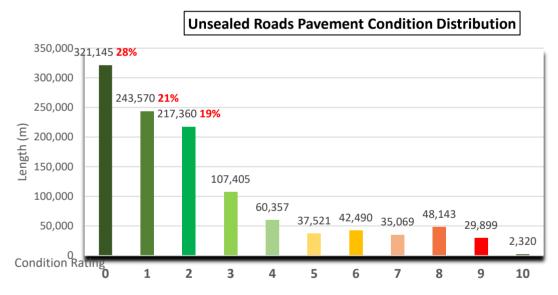


Figure 5 Unsealed Roads Pavement Condition Distribution as in October 2021

The unsealed roads exhibits different condition pattern to the sealed roads. Condition 0 to condition 4 (Brand New to Good) consists approx. 80% of the road network. Condition 9 and 10 unsealed roads will be re-sheeted as priority work.

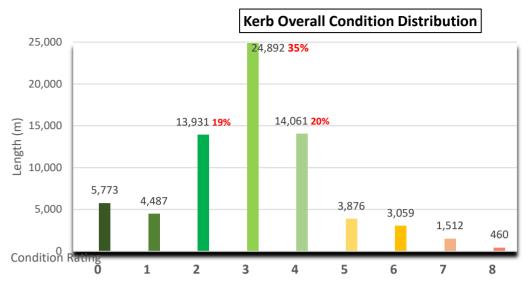


Figure 6 Kerb Overall Condition Distribution as in October 2021

Most of the kerbs are between Condition 0 and Condition 6 whilst Condition 7 and 8 kerbs require immediate attention.



Figure 7 Kerb Condition Example: 1, 5, 9 left to right

Bridges, Weirs and Culverts

The bridges and weirs were inspected in 2016 by external contractor and updated internally in April 2022.

Bridge/Weir Name	Overall Condition	Replacement Value
Wimmera St Dimboola Bridge	4	\$2,171,791
Antwerp Woorak Rd Bridge	5	\$ 1,987,978
Tarranyurk West Rd Bridge	5	\$ 1,656,466
Rainbow Rises Rd Bridge	3	\$567,720
Albacutya Rd Bridge	0	\$3,422,000
Rainbow-Nhill Rd Major Culvert	3	\$153,200
Bothe Rd Major Culvert	2	\$150,000
Dimboola Weir	3	\$771,962
Jeparit Weir	5	\$1,447,200

Table 24 Bridge and Weir Overall Condition as in April 2022

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Figure 8 Bridge Condition Example: 1, 4, 9 from left to right

Approximately half of the culverts was inspected by Council staff in June 2020 and the remaining culverts' overall condition is derived from a study undertaken in 2009.

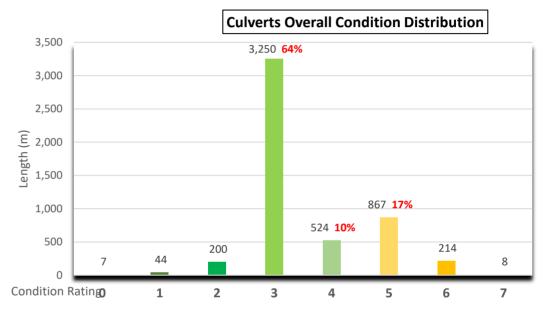


Figure 9 Culverts Overall Condition Distribution as in April 2022

Majority of the culverts do not need any intervention except 8 metre is in condition 7.



Figure 10 Culverts Condition Example: 1, 5, 7 from left to right

Buildings

Buildings were inspected and valued by an external contractor in 2021.

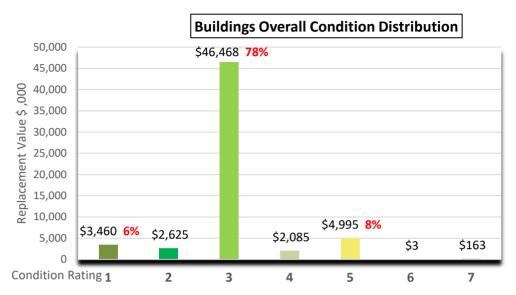


Figure 11 Buildings Overall Condition Distribution as 2021

Approx. \$46 million building components are in condition 3, approx. \$170,000 building components (condition 6 and 7) require immediate capital work.



Figure 12 Buildings Condition Example: 1, 5, 8 from left to right

Pathways

Pathways were inspected in July 2017 by an external contractor. The conditions are updated with time factor in April 2022.

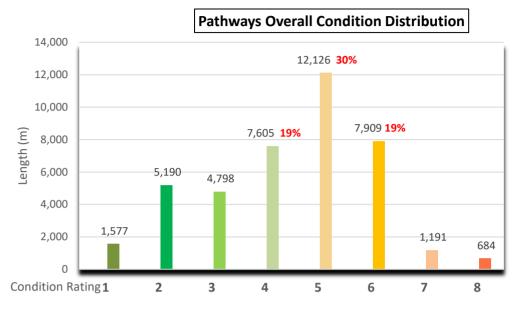


Figure 13 Pathways Overall Condition Distribution as April 2022

Condition 5 and 6 pathways which consists half of the overall pathways network are going to transit into condition 7 and 8 in the next decade. 684m of pathways require immediate capital work.



Figure 14 Pathways Condition Example: 4, 6, 9 from left to right

Stormwater Drainage

As the drainage network is buried it is not readily practicable to conduct regular inspections of the condition of drainage pipes. Council undertakes in-pipe CCTV inspections of some sections of the drainage network based on the identification of parts of the network that are performing poorly, and that are not responding to routine maintenance. The stormwater pipe and pit condition is based on the study undertaken in 2009, then applied an age factor at year 2022.

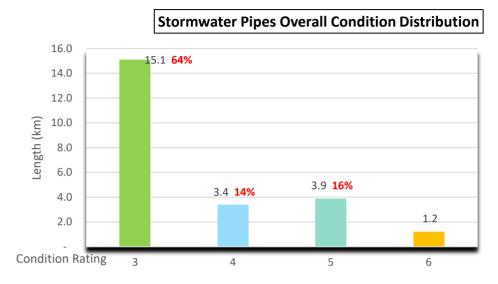


Figure 15 Stormwater Pipes Overall Condition Distribution as April 2022

Majority of the stormwater pipes are still at the early stage of their expected useful life. Condition 3 pipes consist of two thirds of whole pipe network.



Figure 16 Pipe Condition Example: 2, 5, 8 from left to right

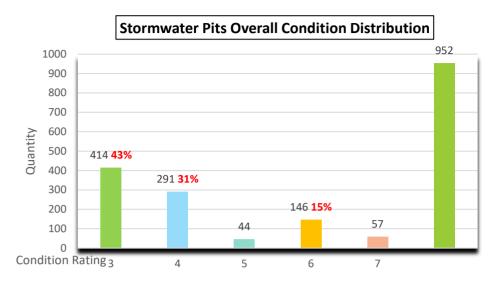


Figure 17 Stormwater Pits Overall Condition Distribution as in April 2022

The pits exhibits a similar condition pattern as the pipes, a large proportion in Condition 3 and 4 whilst a small percentage at condition 6 and 7.



Figure 18 Pit Condition Example: 1, 4, 7 from left to right

Condition Rating 2

Recreation and Open Space

The play equipment's overall condition is derived from the age of the equipment as a percentage of the expected useful life in 2022.

Quantity **28% 25% 13%**

Play Equipment Overall Condition Distribution

Figure 19 Play Equipment Overall Condition as in April 2022

The play equipment conditions exhibits a scattered pattern.

The park infrastructures' conditions were assessed in 2016 and updated with an age factor in 2022.

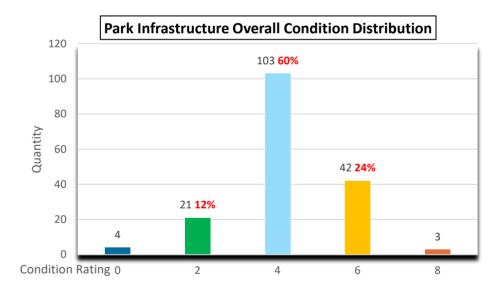


Figure 20 Park Infrastructure Overall Condition as in April 2022

60% of the park infrastructures is in Condition 4 whilst 3 assets are in condition 8 which requires immediate attention.

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The swimming pools were renovated at various levels in the past decade, the overall condition had been updated by internal staff in April 2022

Swimming Pool Location	Overall Condition
Rainbow Pool	4
Jeparit Pool	4
Dimboola Pool	3
Nhill Pool	3

Table 25 Swimming Pools Overall Condition as in April 2022

Transfer Stations

Council had undertaken a desktop study for transfer stations condition assessment by internal staff in April 2022.

Swimming Pool Location	Overall Condition
Rainbow Transfer Station	4
Jeparit Transfer Station	4
Dimboola Transfer Station	3
Nhill Transfer Station	3

Table 26 Transfer Stations Overall Condition as in April 2022

Future Demand

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Shire's estimated residential population at the 2016 Census was 5,721. The 2021 census will be released in June 2022. Almost 90% of the population live in the townships of Dimboola (1,730), Jeparit (477), Nhill (2,184) and Rainbow (683). Based on the 2016 Census data, our shire has the second lowest population density in the State of Victoria at less than one person per square kilometre.

Hindmarsh Shire Council has a small population base with aging population issues. The new migrants program is unlikely to have a significant impact on the demand of various assets.

Asset Class	Demand Factors	Impact on the Plan	Actions
Roads	Increasing Truck Mass Changes in Farming Practices	Legal axle loads for trucks have steadily increased The shift towards cropping away from grazing has resulted in a significant increase in the tonnage of goods carted off-farm with a corresponding effect on the road pavement	Review B-double and HML access Monitor
	Rural Population	Blue gums Reduction in occupied rural residences requires less all-weather access roads	Monitor
	New Development	Council will consider any development proposal that requires upgrade of the existing standard of road to meet the need of the development, on its merits. Should Council approve such an upgrade, the owner / developer would be expected to fully contribute to upgrading the access to current Council standards. A maintenance contribution may also apply.	Investigate, negotiate and monitor
Bridges, Weirs &	Heavy vehicle legal load increases	Greater number of bridges with load restrictions	Investigate formal bridge upgrade program
Culverts	Movement of grazing to cropping	Increased number of heavy vehicle trips. Greater impact on users from any detours	Monitor traffic counts and impact on levels of service
Buildings	Greater public mobility.	Decreases demand for facilities	Refer to service plans and availability levels of service
	Changes in building uses. Eg New recreation reserve social rooms duplicating halls.	Duplication of services. Additional costs	Monitor use and refer to Disposal process
	Population and demographic changes. Eg aging population	Main factor in changing demand for services	Refer to service plans
	Changes in service preferences	Factor in changing demand for services	Refer to service plans
Pathways	Ageing population	With the ageing population there is a corresponding growth in the use of scooters for mobility and a greater need for level well-constructed paths	Monitor
	Disability Discrimination Act	The Act requires that Council provides equitable access for all. This requires Council to: - Improve kerb ramps to remove the obstacle created by the lip, - Install tactile surface indicators on key connector paths for the visually impaired, and	Continue with Kerb Ramp Upgrade program

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Asset Class	Demand Factors	Impact on the Plan	Actions
		Improve paths to provide for the passage of wheelchairs and similar. Council is obligated to progressively address these issues.	
	Recreational Paths	Walking is a popular growing activity.	Refer to Service Planning
	Increased use of scooters (gophers)	Increased demand for kerb ramps, smooth, new paths	New upgrade program to remove lip from existing kerb ramps.
Stormwater Drainage	Climate change	It is possible that climate change will cause more severe rainfall events that will place additional stress on the drainage networks. Council will need to be aware of any deficiencies that become evident and respond in an appropriate manner.	Monitor
	New developments	Increased loading on downstream existing assets.	Include retention requirements in new subdivisions
	(residential, industrial)	There has been a growing number of initiatives to manage urban stormwater in a more sustainable manner. This integration of management of urban stormwater with urban planning and design is known as Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD). WSUD has environmental benefits including improving urban landscape, reducing pollutant export, retarding storm flows and reducing irrigation requirements.	Consider in design solutions
Open Space	Playgrounds	Demographics: Increase in child, youth population	No impact: declining population
Transfer Stations	Rural Population	Reduction in occupied rural residences requires less waste treatment	Monitor

Table 27 Infrastructure Future Demand

Financial Summary

Current and Historical Costs

Council's current cost profile for managing all asset classes is presented separately as renewal and maintenance.

The renewal and maintenance costs over the last two years are presented in the table below:

Asset Category	2020-2021 Renewal	2021-2022 Renewal (Estimated)	Average Renewal	2020-2021 Maintenance	2021-2022 Maintenance (Estimated)	Average Maintenance
Roads	\$796,170	\$4,527,657	\$2,661,914	\$1,171,830	\$1,303,619	\$1,237,725
Kerbs	\$386,948	\$826,665	\$606,807	\$5,031	\$5,000	\$5,016
Bridge & Weir	\$11,839	\$4,211,341	\$2,111,590	\$33,271	\$39,872	\$36,572
Culverts	\$15,249	\$99,664	\$57,457	\$119,148	\$196,159	\$157,654
Buildings	\$1,498,558	\$3,203,959	\$2,351,259	\$131,236	\$152,606	\$141,921
Pathways	\$471,736	\$1,103,250	\$787,493	\$72,394	\$74,501	\$73,448
Drains and Pits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,708	\$53,250	\$45,979
Recreation	\$0	\$816,706	\$408,353	\$261,453	\$337,590	\$299,522
Pool Structures	\$7,330	\$121,580	\$64,455	\$290,817	\$347,500	\$319,159
Transfer Stations	\$0	\$460,000	\$230,000	\$1,185,873	\$1,330,155	\$1,258,014
Total	\$3,187,830	\$15,370,822	\$9,279,328	\$3,309,761	\$3,840,252	\$3,575,010

Table 28 Current and Historical Renewal and Maintenance Cost

Future Costs

Council had adopted an industry leading predictive software – Assetic Predictor to model the lifecycle costs of its infrastructure assets. Modelling has been undertaken for up to a 10-year period for each asset class to estimate the financial demands for renewal funding balancing short life and long life assets using the data that is available. The modelling also splits roads into several key elements / categories (including sealed and unsealed roads, and kerb and channel).

The modelling tool has been configured so that the standard life and condition at end of life can be varied so that assets can be renewed when they reach those intervention levels. The purpose of the modelling is to provide an estimate for each asset class on what the demand on funding is by applying unlimited funding. This is based on a set of assumptions and provides an indication both on how the funding demand varies with time and on how the certain asset classes may have spikes in funding demand. 2% inflation factor has been used to estimate the future costs.

For this Plan the longer-term average funding requirement has been reported together with the time-based funding profile generated by the model. While both figures are based on the best available information there is ongoing work to refine assumptions and balance funding and service levels and affordability.

Roads

The road network has been modelled assuming resealing at \$4.6-\$6.5/m2 for spray seal and \$7.86 for asphalt surface. Road pavement work costs \$30-\$38/m2 for different road hierarchies. The intervention levels are condition 7-7.5 for different sealed road hierarchies. Gravel resheet is assumed to cost \$7.5/m2. Re-sheet intervention level is set at condition 6.5.

It is assumed kerbs are renewed when they reach a condition of 7.5 at a replacement cost of \$500/m.

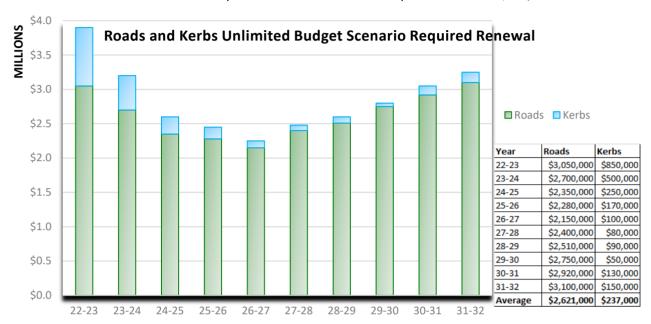


Figure 21. 10 Years Roads and Kerbs Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

Bridges, Weirs and Culverts

Bridges and weirs will be partially renewed when they reach the intervention condition of 5.5 with 15% replacement value as the partial renewal cost. Culverts are expected to be renewed at condition 6.5 with replacement value as the renewal cost.

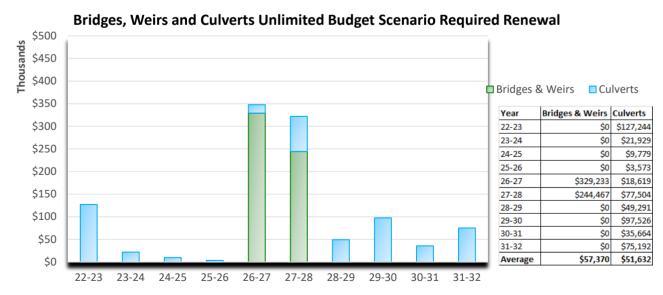


Figure 22. 10 Years Bridges, Weirs and Culverts Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

Buildings

The buildings have been modelled so they are partially renewed (renovated) at condition 5.2 at the cost of 22% of the replacement value.

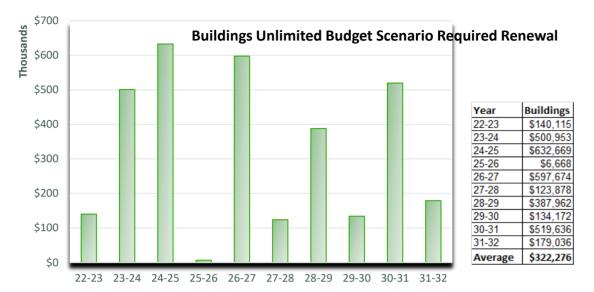


Figure 23. 10 Years Buildings Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

Pathways

Pathways are modelled with the intervention level at condition 7. Different surface materials had been allocated with different renewal unit rate.

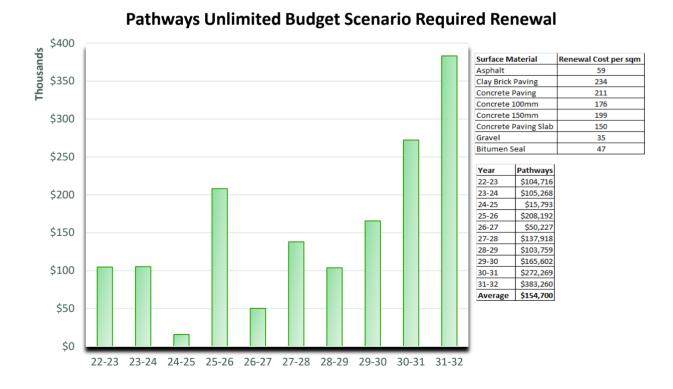


Figure 24. 10 Years Pathways Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

Stormwater Drainage

Stormwater Pipes are modelled with intervention level at condition 7 and stormwater pits are modelled with intervention level at condition 7.5. The renewal cost is the financial replacement cost.

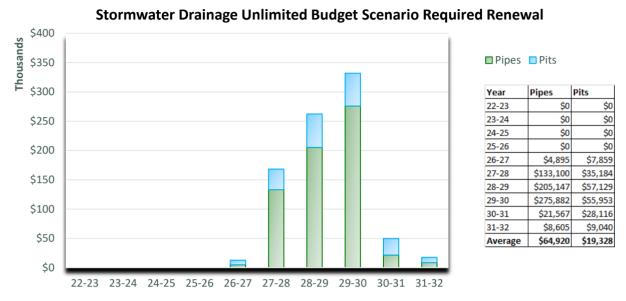


Figure 25. 10 Years Stormwater Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

Recreation and Open Space

The pool structures are modelled with partial intervention at condition 5, the partial renewal is estimated to cost 5% of the replacement value. The park infrastructure and play equipment are modelled with intervention level of condition 7 and 8 respectively, the renewal cost is estimated using the financial replacement cost.

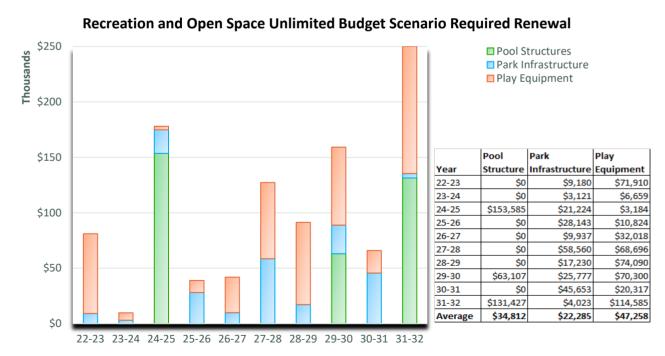


Figure 26 Recreation and Open Space Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

Transfer Stations

Council estimates the transfer stations' long-term financial plan budget is sufficient for the unlimited budget scenario.

Transfer Stations Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal \$130 ■ Transfer Stations \$110 \$90 Transfer \$70 Stations Year \$70,000 22-23 \$60,000 23-24 \$50 24-25 \$60,000 25-26 \$62,000 26-27 \$81,000 \$30 27-28 \$81,000 28-29 \$83,000 29-30 \$115,000 \$10 30-31 \$87,000 31-32 \$87,000 \$78,600 Average 22-23 23-24 24-25 25-26 26-27 27-28 28-29 29-30 30-31 31-32 -\$10

Figure 27 Transfer Stations Unlimited Budget Scenario Required Renewal

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Modelling Scenarios

The previous charts are based on the current data sources which require improvement to better forecast renewal for specific years. These data sets will require review and refinement in methodologies to better predict end of useful life and will be part of regular review and updates and part on an improvement plan.

Accordingly for the purposes of this plan, in order to even out spending an overall average expenditure for renewal has been determined based on attempting to reduce the deterioration of the asset base, recognising the uneven nature of the unlimited budget scenarios presented above.

Council had prepared a long-term financial plan from 2022 Financial Year to 2031 Financial Year. This modelling assumed 2032 Financial Year LTFP has the same budget as 2031 Financial Year.

Asset Class	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32
Roads	2,741	2,940	2,520	2,583	2,648	3,114	3,350	3,434	3,365	3,365
Bridges & Weirs	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	0	0	0
Buildings	250	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130
Pathways	154	154	130	155	155	158	163	166	170	170
Drainage and Culverts	190	88	268	145	169	173	177	182	186	186
Recreation and Open Space	0	70	70	93	95	98	100	103	105	105
Transfer Station	70	60	60	62	81	81	83	115	87	87
Total	3,405	3,442	3,178	3,218	3,278	3,804	4,003	4,130	4,043	4,043

Table 29 Long-Term Financial Plan in \$,000's (Capital Renewal Expenditure from 2023 to 2031)

The table below shows the proposed increase in average annual renewal funding to reduce the funding gap.

Asset Class	Proposed Average Annual (Long-Term Financial Plan)	Average Annual Demand (Unlimited Scenario)	Theoretical Gap
Roads	\$2,966,111	\$2,858,000	\$(108,111)
Bridges, Weirs & Culverts	\$63,771	\$109,002	\$45,231
Buildings	\$143,333	\$322,276	\$178,943
Pathways	\$156,111	\$154,700	\$(1,411)
Stormwater Drainage	\$52,600	\$84,248	\$31,648
Recreation and Open Space	\$81,556	\$104,355	\$22,799
Transfer Stations	\$78,600	\$78,600	\$0
Total	\$3,542,082	\$3,711,181	\$169,099

Table 30 Proposed average annual renewal expenditure v average annual demand

Below renewal funding profile illustrates the funding gap for each asset class. The main gap is forecasted to occur for roads, bridges and buildings.

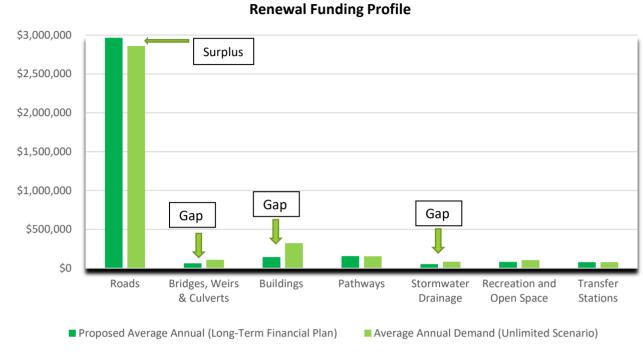


Figure 28 Renewal Funding Profile

In all cases the actual and planned spending does not meet theoretical demand. Further work is needed to refine the assumptions and data collected for determining demand. It is anticipated the theoretical demand will reduce in future versions of this plan.

As a result the planned renewal for this plan has the following impacts on increasing condition and potentially reducing service levels in the following groupings:

Roads

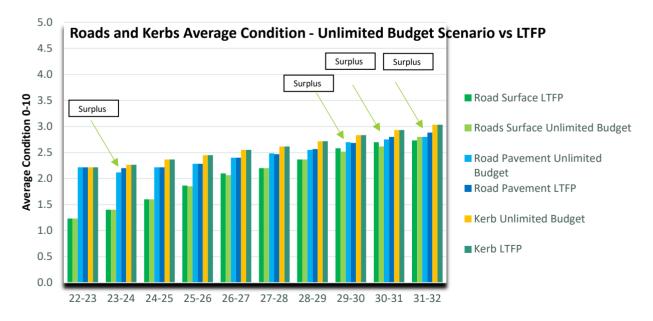


Figure 29 Roads and Kerbs Average Condition - Unlimited Budget Scenario vs LTFP

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The scale (condition 0 to 10) of the above figure had been modified to 0-5 in order to better illustrate the changing pattern overtime. Roads surface condition, pavement condition and kerb condition are almost identical between two scenarios as LTFP meets the unlimited renewal target, LTFP will achieve 0.1 better condition if LTFP is adopted from the 4^{th} year.

Bridges, Weirs & Culverts

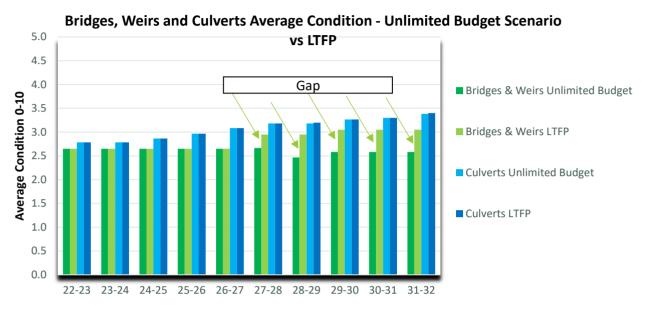


Figure 30 Bridges, Weirs and Culverts Average Condition - Unlimited Budget Scenario vs LTFP

Bridges and weirs are forecasted to be 0.5 condition worse if Council adopts LTFP due to a renewal gap of \$45,000 per year.

Buildings

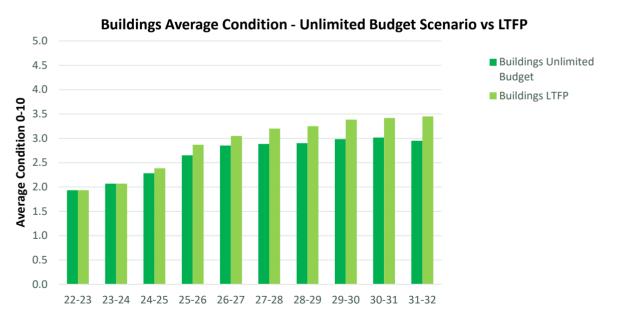


Figure 31 Buildings Average Condition - Unlimited Budget Scenario vs LTFP

Buildings are predicted to be 0.5 condition worse if Council adopts LTFP due to a renewal gap of \$180,000 per year.

Pathways

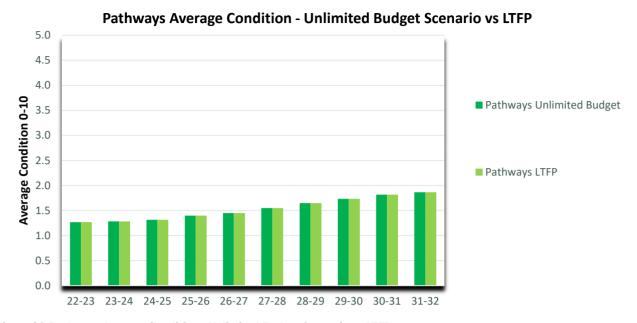


Figure 32 Pathways Average Condition - Unlimited Budget Scenario vs LTFP

Both funding scenarios are forecasted to achieve the same condition pattern as the renewal expenditures are almost identical.

Stormwater Drainage

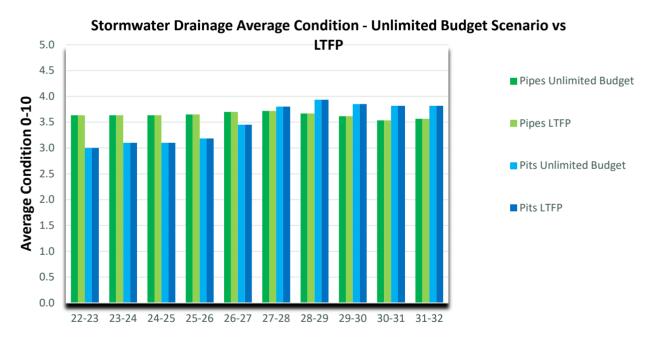


Figure 33 Stormwater Drainage Average Condition - Unlimited Budget Scenario vs LTFP

Similar to Pathways, two scenarios are forecasted to achieve similar condition pattern as funding gap is minimal considering overall asset class replacement value.

Recreation and Open Space

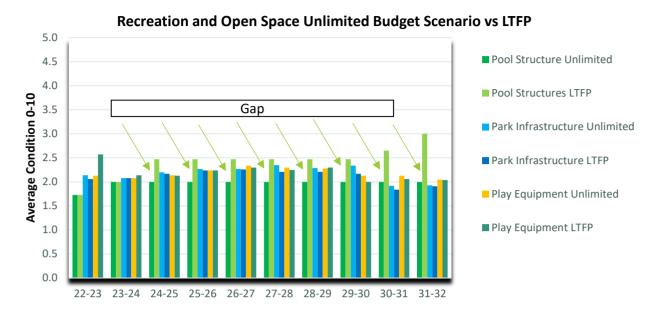
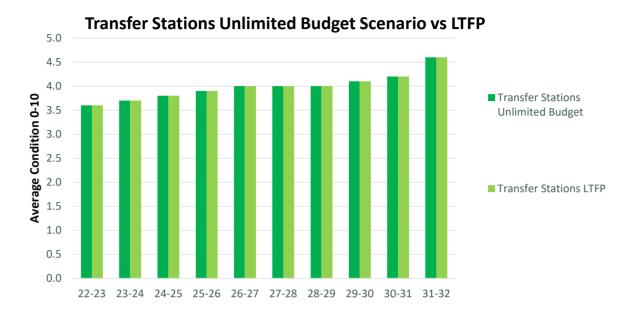


Figure 34 Recreation and Open Space Average Condition - Unlimited Budget Scenario vs LTFP

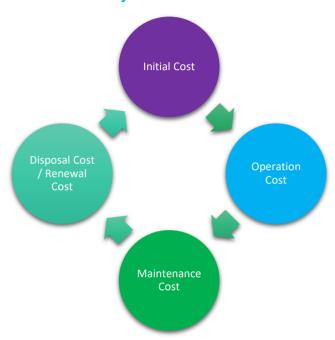
Transfer Stations

Transfer Stations are forecasted to achieve the same average condition over ten years as the funding is identical for both scenarios.



Life Cycle Costs

The Asset Life Cycle



The lifecycle management plan provides information about assets, including particular actions and costs to provide a defined (current and/or target) level of service in the most cost effective manner.

This section provides background information on the assets and details of what is planned to manage the assets. Note that most of the background information may be constantly changing and is only accurate at the time of this plan. The location of up to date information should be identified in each plan.

Council ensure the most efficient actions are taken through the life of assets in the following ways.

Planning

Council consult with the community to ensure the correct services are being provided and prioritised

Purchase of Assets

Council complete a comprehensive study prior to purchase which considers the following:

- Is the asset fit for service (ie will it perform the intended outcome)
- Is it the best way to provide the service (are there other non-asset solutions that are better)
- Complete life cycle costs
- Risk assessment
- Maintenance and operation. It is paramount that recognition of all costs associated with the operation
 and maintenance of an asset over its entire life is considered when determining the performance of that
 asset. In undertaking this assessment it is important to also recognise that initiatives to reduce life cycle
 costs can be considered in 5 key stages;
 - o planning;
 - o design;

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- o construction/acquisition;
- o maintenance & operation; and
- o disposal

It is essential to quality asset management that the data is accurate and in many cases reinforced each year by field inspections.

Where the data is sourced from personal judgement and/or extracted from hard copy data sources, a follow up program is essential to allow the asset management software to re-adjust the outputs based on more reliable information

The condition, remaining service life, repair/replacement imperatives and the timing of rehabilitation or replacements are critical factors in assessing the asset and constructing models to manipulate available or needed funding that produce affordable and acceptable long-term outcomes.

In some cases infrastructure and community assets can be renewed or rehabilitated throughout their lifecycle so that their lives may be almost infinite. Nevertheless, the risk might well be that the asset has certain characteristics, which may lead to extremely expensive maintenance requirements. Examples may include timber bridge structures, or a recreational facility with particular component and/or physical characteristics, or a masonry structure requiring particular stonemason skills which may be impossible to obtain.

Operations/Maintenance

Operations expenditure is incurred on assets that require regular and ongoing activities to service and clean assets so that they continue to deliver the services expected by the community. This includes the development of systems and processes needed the help manage assets in a systematic way.

Maintenance is driven by Council's approach to inspecting assets and identifying defects and planning rectification works in line with set intervention and service levels. Council is also responsive to community requests. Council strives to be proactive in planning and delivering programmed maintenance works and is also responsive to issues identified in a more reactive manner.

Historic maintenance costs from 2021FY to 2022FY have averaged \$2.8 million per year. The future maintenance cost is predicted according to the condition of the assets. In general, the maintenance cost would be higher as the assets approaching the end of their useful life, for example, a condition 5 road surface will cost significantly more to maintain than a condition 1 road surface.

For the purpose of this plan \$2.8 million operation cost has been adopted for year 2021-22 and a 2% indexation has been allowed for each subsequent year.

Allowance has not been made for the increase in maintenance cost in time because of the introduction of new assets. Consideration in future versions of this plan will look at the impact on the increase in maintenance cost for new assets for growth or to meet demand.

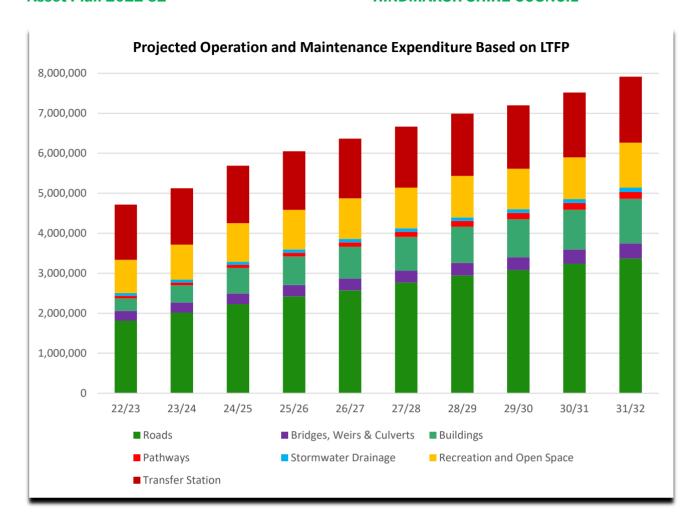


Figure 35 Projected Operation and Maintenance Expenditure Based on LTFP

Renewal

Asset renewal is driven by a condition-based assessment process which considers the useful life of the assets with consideration to their utilisation and service level. The utilisation is represented in the asset hierarchy. Council has developed a rigorous approach to regularly inspecting assets and predicting their remaining life. When assets reach end of life they are programmed and budgeted for replacement with the most appropriate treatment (considering whole-of-life costs) to ensure the asset continues to provide the required services to the community.

This plan has been developed based on the assumptions included in the modelling with the inclusion of other structures and allowances for escalation. This funding level, which is an increase from historic levels, is considered appropriate recognising the overall condition in the future will be deteriorate further then today.

By doing this the majority of assets are maintained to be serviceable and are treated prior to them reaching an unserviceable condition.

The allocation of funding for renewal should be sustained to maintain service levels. An annual CPI index of 2% is included.

Upgrades

Upgrades are driven by the need to increase the capacity of assets to cope with the current or emerging need or demand of the community.

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Council has developed a systematic approach to these upgrades, based on definition of standard service levels to be provided from assets, and reflecting the hierarchy of assets in each asset class. The gaps between the current and desired service levels is a key driver of planned asset upgrades in the roads, bridges, buildings and open space asset classes.

A second driver for upgrades is the range of strategies developed by Council which identify changes to existing services or in some cases new services that Council aims to provide. These strategies may identify either upgrades or new asset requirements.

The proposed expenditure profile in response to the demand drivers can be summarised as follows:

- Roads deficiencies in road width on freight corridors is driving the road upgrade plan.
- Bridge and Major Culverts with increases in heavy vehicles, bridges need to be assessed against current bridge codes and upgraded for future demand. In the meantime, strategies to manage the risk to road users are being considered.
- Buildings- in response to driving economic development in the region consider investment is planned.
- Pathways in response to demand drivers for having footpaths on both sides of the street on main routes, improving pedestrian access to key destinations, and increasing shared paths, allowance is made for significant expansion of the footpath network.
- **Stormwater Drainage** the perceived demand for stormwater upgrade is low and limited funding is allocated to stormwater. New subdivisions will be required to incorporate detention systems that do not increase the discharge from the historic land use into the drainage system.

The timing of works will be driven by availability of funding and projects will be prioritised in accordance with documented methodologies included in the Long Term Capex Plan, presented later in this document.

Upgrades will impact the future depreciation and sustainability of the Council as the more assets it has the more money is needed to manage them together with increases in depreciation. This is being factored into the development of the Long Term Financial Plan so that there is a balance between demand and financial sustainability.

Acquisition

In some cases, to deliver a new or upgraded service as identified in a strategy, Council may need to either acquire land or a developed property to achieve the planned outcome. Acquisition of these assets will be through normal commercial processes and based on a business case assessed by Council (subject to the level of expenditure / officer delegations).

Expansion

Council manages this expansion by requiring compliance with a set of infrastructure standards, known as the Infrastructure Design Manual (and the Sustainable Infrastructure Guidelines – which are under development), which has been adopted by many councils across rural Victoria. Council both reviews the submitted plans and oversees works to ensure the developments are constructed to these standards.

On completion of the works, many of these assets are then "gifted" to Council, which then takes on the ongoing maintenance and renewal responsibility. Assets typically gifted to Council include roads, kerb and channel, footpaths, drainage (including wetlands) and open space. Other assets may be gifted to various utilities, e.g. GWM Water.

Disposal

Where assets are obsolete to current and future requirements, Council can plan to dispose of assets no longer meeting a community need, and by doing so ensure that Council only manages assets that are required by the community.

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Council maintains an asset disposal policy to ensure that good value is obtained from any disposal of assets and that transparent processes are used in the disposal.

Decommission

Decommissioning is the final stage of the asset lifecycle.

Planning for decommissioning is often done as part of the initial planning of a new project, so that any asset that may no longer be required on completion of a new project or change to service can be identified and its future determined. Assets may also be decommissioned in other cases where there is no ongoing service need or where the delivery approach has altered, and an asset is no longer required to supply services to or for the community and is surplus to Council's needs.

Decommissioning of an asset may involve a range of options, including:

- Demolition and returning to previous condition of the asset.
- Disposal / sale of an asset, including potentially land on the open market.

Long Term Capex Plan

Development of Long Term Capex Plan

Council has established a systematic process for development of its 10-year, Long Term Capex (Capital Expenditure) Plan (LTCP). Two key elements contribute to the projects and costs of the Plan, these are:

- The costs of asset renewal, as identified in this Asset Plan.
- Upgrade and new projects identified in the Council Plan and a range of other strategies and plans.

Project cost estimates were developed for all projects, as well as the identification of the potential source of funds for projects. A key to this funding is the reliance on grants.

There are many semi-regular grant funds available from the Australian and Victorian Governments which enable Council to match its own funds on a 1:1 basis for some projects. For some larger projects, a greater level of grant funding is required to enable these projects to proceed. Development of this LTCP enables Council to focus on the further development of business cases and advocacy efforts for these key projects.

Prioritisation

A systematic approach to prioritisation of capex projects has been developed. This is based on the following key parameters:

- The service level standard for the hierarchy of that asset, compared to the current service level of the asset
- The level of use of the asset,
- Equitable service levels between areas, and
- The ability for assets to be multi-use (depending on the class of asset).

Different parameters are used for different asset classes, with the detailed scoring process outlined in Appendix B of this Plan.

The scoring developed through this process was used in the initial prioritisation of projects in the LTCP. Ultimately, some minor adjustments in priority are required to achieve a balanced and affordable program of works in each year's budget taking into account factors such as the mix of available funds, including the potential availability of suitable grants.

Community Panel Recommendations

This plan is to be reviewed by the community.

Long Term Capex Plan Expenditure

Below table illustrates Council's adopted Long Term Capex Plan in thousands from 2023 FY to 2031 FY. Please note below table includes budget for non-infrastructure assets.

	Asset Class	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31
	Roads & Kerbs	2,741	2,940	2,520	2,583	2,648	3,114	3,350	3,434	3,365
	Bridges & Weirs	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	0	0
	Buildings	250	130	130	130	130	130	130	130	130
	Pathways	154	154	130	155	155	158	163	166	170
Infrastructure	Drainage and Culverts	190	88	268	145	169	173	177	182	186
	Recreation and Open Space	0	70	70	93	95	98	100	103	105
	Transfer Station (Other Structures)	70	60	60	62	81	81	83	115	87
	Plant, machinery and equipment	1,514	1,614	2,030	1,540	1,599	1,640	1,673	1,732	1,719
Non- Infrastructure	Fixtures, fittings and furniture	50	50	50	50	52	50	50	50	54
iiiiasti ucture	Computer and telecommunication	0	0	0	50	40	40	40	40	40
	Library books	0	0	0	20	20	20	22	22	22
Total Capital Expenditure		4,969	5,106	5,258	4,878	4,989	5,554	5,788	5,974	5,878
Capital	Capital New	130	130	130	135	135	135	135	135	135
Expenditure Represented	Capital Renewal	3,755	4,022	4,373	4,592	4,821	5,062	5,315	5,581	5,721
	Capital Expansion	0								
by	Capital Upgrade	1,084	954	705	151	31	307	388	257	22
Total Capital		4,969	5,106	5,208	4,878	4,987	5,504	5,838	5,973	5,878

Figure 36 Long Term Capital Plan

Long Term Financial Projection

The financial projections are shown in table below for the projected operations, maintenance, capital renewal and capital new/upgrade and estimate budget funding.

Financial Year	Operations & Maintenance	Capital Budget	Total Assets Budget
2022-23	\$4,717,608	\$3,405,000	\$8,122,608
2023-24	\$5,124,064	\$3,442,000	\$8,566,064
2024-25	\$5,687,546	\$3,178,000	\$8,865,546
2025-26	\$6,050,324	\$3,218,000	\$9,268,324
2026-27	\$6,366,822	\$3,278,000	\$9,644,822
2027-28	\$6,664,994	\$3,804,000	\$10,468,994
2028-29	\$6,989,184	\$4,003,000	\$10,992,184
2029-30	\$7,198,899	\$4,130,000	\$11,328,899
2030-31	\$7,516,972	\$4,043,000	\$11,559,972
2031-32	\$7,916,703	\$4,043,000	\$11,959,703
Total	\$64,233,116	\$36,544,000	\$100,777,116
Average	\$6,423,312	\$3,654,400	\$10,077,712

Table 31 Projected Operation, Maintenance and Capital Expenditure

Projected Operation and Maintenance and Capital Budget

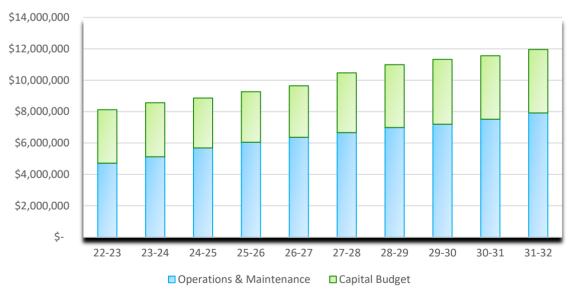


Table 32 Projected 10-Year Operation and Maintenance and Capital Budget

Appendices

APPENDIX 1 DEFECT INSPECTION FREQUENCY

Nature of	INSPECTION FREQUENCY BY ROAD CLASSIFICATION									
Inspection	Rural						Urban			
PROACTIVE	3R	Bus	4R	5R	6S	6R	4U	5U	6U	
INSPECTIONS - DEFECT #	Transport Route	Route /Tourist Route	Collector/ Through	Resident Primary Access	Strategic	Property Secondary Access	Collector / Through	Resident Primary Access	Property Secondary Access	
DAY TIME Level 1 (Pavement /	1 time per year		1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years		1 time per year	1 time per 2 year		
Day Time Level 2 (Pavement / kerb & channel / shoulder / road furniture / table drains / culverts / vegetation) #	1 time per year	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 3 years	1 time per year	1 time per 2 year	1 time per 2 year	
NIGHT TIME Level 1 (Pavement / shoulder / road furniture) #	1 time per year	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years			1 time per year	1 time per 2 year		

Note1: Level 1 inspection frequencies have been split into Day and Night as some defects are more readily identified at night.

Note2: Inspections to be scheduled such that each inspection type is carried out at the frequencies shown. Each inspection type is to be carried out independently of other inspections for each road.

APPENDIX 2 RISK ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION - SEALED

NATURE OF	TARGET STANDARD	REPAIR TARGET TIME FOR INTERVENTION ACTION					
INSPECTION	CONDITION	INTERVENTION LEVEL	3 Transport Route	4 Collector or Through	5 Residential Primary Access	6 Property Secondary Access	
Pothole Patching	Hole is to be repaired to a smooth surface consistent to line and level of surrounding	Hole is more than 450mm diameter or more than 75mm deep.	1 week	3 weeks	2 months	6 months	
Regulation of Wheel Ruts and Depressions	Return to line, level, and trafficable surface, with no ponding of water evident.	Wheel rut or depression is more than 75mm deep and more than 20m2 in	2 weeks	1 month	3 months	12 months	
Edge Repairs	To provide a trafficable lane.	Edge breakaway is more than 125mm over 5m in length.	2 weeks	1 month	3 months	6 months	
Pavement Failures	Failure is to be repaired to a smooth pavement surface consistent with line and level of surrounding pavement.	Surface disruption is more than 75mm over area more than 20m2.	1 week	3 weeks	2 months	6 months	
Kerb and Channel	Minimal ponding	When ponded water extends outside the lip of the channel.	Subject to funding	Subject to funding	Subject to funding	Subject to funding	
Table Drains	Minimal ponding	Any obstruction that significantly prevents free flow of water.	6 months	12 months	12 months	In conjunction with works	
Culverts/inc. separated Culverts	Water flow is unrestricted	Silting or 50% obstruction of cross section.	3 months	6 months	12 months	2 years	
Shoulder Grading	Provision of a trafficable surface which is free draining and which prolongs the pavement life.	Edge Drop off is more than 100mm over more than 50m in length.	3 weeks	6 weeks	3 months	6 months	
Roadside Signage/Gui de Posts	A fully visual signposted and delineated road network.	Illegible or missing warning signs or missing guide posts at culverts.	2 weeks (see note 3)	1 month (see note 3)	3 months	6 months	
Roadside Grass Cutting	To maintain sight distance and reduce fire risk.	Inadequate visibility at intersections or on curves.	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	

- Note 1: Where the defect warrants emergency action, this is taken within 24 hours of receipt of notification.
- Note 2: The times shown in the above tabulation are subject to variation in times of extreme weather conditions when extra demands may be placed on Council resources.
- Note 3: Depends on availability of signs/guideposts.
- Note 4: Signage/notifications may be used as an intervention.

Appendix 3 RISK ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION – UNSEALED

NATURE OF	TARGET STANDARD	HAZARD	REPAIR TARGET TIME FOR INTERVENTION				
INSPECTION	CONDITION	INTERVENTION LEVEL	3 Transport Route	4 Collector or Through	5 Residential Primary Access	6 Property Secondary Access	
Potholes and Corrugations	Trafficable pavement free of potholes, corrugations and other surface defects.	Potholes and corrugations are more than 600mm diameter and 150mm deep	1 month	2 months	6 months	12 months	
Pavement Failure	Failure is to be repaired to a smooth pavement surface consistent with line and level of	Area of failed pavement is more than 20m2 in area.	1 month	2 months	6 months	12 months	
Roadside Signage / Guide Posts	A fully visual signposted and delineated road network.	Illegible or missing warning signs or missing guide posts at culverts.	1 month (see note 3)	3 months	6 months	12 months	
Roadside Grass Cutting	To maintain sight distance and reduce fire risk.	Inadequate visibility at intersections or on curves.	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	
Table Drains	Minimal ponding	Any obstruction that significantly obstructs free flow of water.	6 months	12 months	12 months	In conjunction with	
Culverts	Water flow is unrestricted	Silting or 50% obstruction of cross section	3 months	6 months	12 months	2 years	

- Note 1: Where the defect warrants emergency action, this is taken within 24 hours of receipt of notification.
- Note 2: The times shown in the above tabulation are subject to variation in times of extreme weather conditions when extra demands may be placed on Council resources.
- Note 3: Depends on availability of signs/guideposts.

APPENDIX 4 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVELS & STANDARDS

ROADS HIERARCHY - URBAN ROADS

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	SEALED ROADS				UNSEALED ROADS	
			EDGE REPAIRS	SHOULDER GRADING & DRAINS	KERBING	0.0.0	SHOULDERS & DRAINS
4U	Unclassified roads linking parts	Annually or	Annually or	Annually	When I.L.	Annually	As necessary
COLLECTOR	of the townships or leading to	when I.L.	when I.L.		exceeded		
OR THROUGH	the town centre. Would be	exceeded.	exceeded				
	sealed or surfaced all weather						
	roads.						
5U RESIDENTIAL	Unclassified road providing	Annually or	Annually	As necessary	When I.L.	As	As necessary
PRIMARY	access to occupied residential,	when I.L.			exceeded	necessary	
ACCESS	industrial or commercial	exceeded.					
	properties. Would be sealed or						
	surfaced all weather roads.						
6U PROPERTY	Roads or laneways providing	Annually	Annually	As necessary	When I.L.	As	As necessary
SECONDARY	alternate access to occupied				exceeded	necessary	
ACCESS	properties or access to vacant						
	land. Would not necessarily be						
	all weather construction.						

ROADS HIERARCHY - RURAL ROADS

3R LINK	Unclassified roads connecting	Annually or	2 times	Annually or	2 times per	Annually
	two towns, villages or districts.	When I.L.	per year or	When I.L.	vear or when	1
	May be sealed or formed and	exceeded.	when	exceeded	I.L. exceeded	
	•	exceeded.			i.L. exceeded	
	surfaced.		I.L. exceeded			
4R	Unclassified road linking	Annually or	Annually or	Annually	Annually or	Annually
COLLECTOR	residence and property access	When I.L.	When I.L.		When I.L.	
	roads into higher class roads.	exceeded.	exceeded		exceeded	
	May be sealed or formed and					
	surfaced.					
5R	Unclassified road providing all	Annually	As	As necessary	As necessary	As necessary
RESIDENTIAL	weather access to occupied		necessary			
ACCESS	houses in rural or rural					
	residential areas.					
6S	Class 6 road considered strategic	N/A	N/A	N/A	Annually or	As necessary
STRATEGIC	and maintained more regularly				When I.L.	
					exceeded	
6R	Roads providing access to rural	N/A	N/A	N/A	As necessary	As necessary
PROPERTY	properties for farming purposes.					
ACCESS	Would not necessarily be an all-					
	weather road.					

I.L. – Intervention level

Appendix 5 FOOTPATHS AND VEGETATION FREQUENCY

INSPECTION	DEFECTS RECORDED	PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS – DEFECT					
NAME		COMMERCIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TYPE	HAZARD	USE	
Footpaths	All	6mths	12mths	4 Pavers	1. 10-20 mm 3. 20-30mm or Obtruding Foliage + 6. +30 mm or Obtruding Branches	2 LOW 4 MEDUIM 8 HIGH	
Constructed Trails	All	As Necessary	As Necessary				

Appendix 6 BRIDGE INSPECTION FREQUENCY

The following tabulation, in accordance with the VicRoads Bridge Inspections Manual guidelines, indicates the frequency and detail required for the inspections of all bridges within the Shire.

	DESCRIPTION	PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS - DEFECT
LEVEL 1	To check the general serviceability of the structure, particularly for the safety of road users, and identify any emerging problems	Every 6 months
LEVEL 2	To assess and rate the conditions of the structure (as a basis for assessing the effectiveness of past maintenance treatments, identifying current maintenance needs, modelling and forecasting future changes in condition and estimating future budget requirements)	All new structures within 12 months of opening, thereafter on a 5 year cycle.
LEVEL 3	To assess the structural condition and behaviour of a structure, to identify and quantify the current and projected deterioration of the structure, and to assess appropriate management options.	 Bridges; reporting poor condition in the Bridge Inspection System showing evidence of accelerated deterioration for which significant works such as rehab, strengthening or widening is proposed