



Footpaths

Community Assets – At the Core of Your Neighbourhood

What are the community assets?

The City of Willoughby boasts a large range of services which contribute to our quality of life. Most of these services rely on a pool of assets with a combined replacement value of more than \$760M.

Assets in Willoughby include all buildings, footpaths, roads, stormwater infrastructure, parks, bushland, sportsgrounds and playgrounds. Without these assets Council could not provide its present array of services. These assets are located on Council-owned land as well as land under Council's care and control.

Asset Management has been identified as a federal priority for local government across Australia, as all councils begin to face the issue of aging infrastructure.

Strategic management of these assets, guided by an asset management policy and plans, will ensure the needs of communities are being determined and met, and funding sources for asset renewal are secured for the future.

Managing our assets

Much of the city's infrastructure was built in the first half of the 20th century and an intense period of construction of community buildings took place in the 1970s and again in the 1990s. Many of these assets are already due for replacement, and Council has been undertaking a continual replacement and upgrade program to meet the needs of a growing city. Planning has now begun for the large number of these assets that will be due for replacement around the same time, particularly over the next two decades.

Willoughby City Council has collected the vast majority of data required to produce its Asset Management Plans. They can be accessed from Council's website. These 20 year strategic plans provide scenario-based expenditure projections for nine classes of assets.

The next step for Willoughby is to ascertain the community's priorities and determine the acceptable condition, capacity, functionality, location and quantity of our assets.

Have Your Say

Willoughby Council is seeking feedback from the community to determine the acceptable level of service provision.

We need to know how you use community assets, whether they meet your expectations and how we should prioritise future works so we can develop strategies for their management.

Consultation will seek your opinions about community assets in terms of physical condition and appearance, capacity, fitness for purpose and whether there are enough of them in the right places.

Visit www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au to be involved in the online forum and to receive project updates. Council will also hold community workshops, public meetings and information stalls through 2013.



Footpaths

Replacement value: \$59.1M

- 387 km of footpaths within road reserves
- 49 km of footpaths within parks
- 9.5 km of shared pathways

Council aims to provide safe and usable footpaths and walkways for residents and visitors of Willoughby. The types of footpaths provided include:

- Concrete, bitumen and paved footpaths
- Unsealed footpaths of turf or natural materials
- Shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists
- Stairs (excluding suspended stairs, which are treated as bridges for the purposes of structural inspections)

Physical condition

Average condition of all footpaths within road reserves:

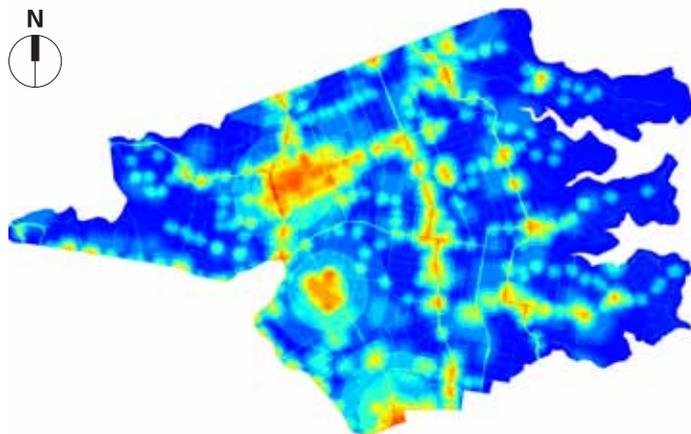


Footpaths are rated on a scale of zero to five, where zero means the asset is in brand new or excellent condition and five means the asset is at the end of its life and no longer able to provide service.

Operations and maintenance

Apart from grinding and concrete slab replacements, which constitute everyday footpath repairs, Council carries out significant paving projects. Some of the more recent projects include the Victoria Avenue mall upgrade and widening of shared cyclist and pedestrian paths in reserves. During the 2011/12 financial year, Council repaired more than 13km of footpaths at a cost of \$1.89M.

A risk map is used to identify and prioritise works, which combines condition assessment with risk management by applying weightings to areas surrounding high-use attractors and taking footpath age data into account. Red areas on the map represent those of highest priority.



Footpaths risk map
City of Willoughby

In strip shopping centres Council is targeting footpaths for aesthetic upgrades and risk management as these may have an impact on the social and economic growth of the area.

Planning for the future

There are two main drivers for construction of new footpaths. The first is an increase of pedestrian activity generated by new development. The second is expansion of the existing footpath network as part of Council's Missing Links Program with the objective of ensuring that linkages are provided to support social and physical connectivity throughout the City; and to encourage active modes of transport

Special maintenance funding continues to be allocated for aesthetic upgrades to footpaths in strip shopping centres. This funding is subject to a different prioritisation process from general maintenance and renewal, and is driven primarily by the physical condition of footpaths.

