

Kerb and Gutter

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.



Kerb and Gutter

Replacement value: \$79.8M

- 373 km kerb and gutter
- 2.5 km heritage sandstone kerbs

The kerb and gutter network transports stormwater run-off from roads, adjoining footpaths and property into the stormwater network. It also supports the edge of the road pavement and prevents vehicles from mounting onto footway areas.

Physical condition

The average condition rating of the kerb and gutter network is 1.5, and the majority of this network is therefore considered to be in very good condition. However, approximately one third of the 2.5 km of sandstone kerb within the Griffin conservation area is currently showing signs of deterioration.

Average condition of kerbs and gutters:



Kerb and gutter assets 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

Most of the works relating to kerb and gutter are small scale repairs as defects are identified from inspections and service requests. However, some funding is set aside to undertake larger scale kerb and gutter replacements every year.

Council spent approximately \$430K on repairs and rehabilitation of kerb and gutter in the 2011/12 financial year.

Construction of new or upgrading of existing kerb and gutter may be a condition of consent for some developments.

Planning for the future

The kerb and gutter in commercial precincts is generally replaced at the same time as footpaths if it is in poor condition. These commercial precincts are generally targeted for aesthetic upgrades as part of Council's Strip Shopping Centre upgrade program. Equally, if adjustment of the kerb and gutter position is required to improve the footpath condition, the works will be done simultaneously.



■ Location of of kerbs and gutters

City of Willoughby

