

FI8– Asset Management Policy

Objective

To give effect to the Shire of Christmas Island's obligations under legislation and auditing requirements to

- Ensure that assets service the community for current and future generations;
- Ensure that assets provide a level of service and risk the community is willing to support;
- Ensure the sustainable management of assets and;
- Allow informed decision making incorporating life cycle costing principles

Policy

This policy applies to all Council infrastructure assets, which are required to be managed by the Shire and where their components have a useful life of more than one year and a replacement cost greater than +\$5,000, including;

- Road and street network including pathways
- Parks and recreation facilities
- Community facilities and civic buildings
- Associated asset groups to be managed also include plant and equipment, IT equipment and vehicles

Adopting asset management principles will assist the Council in achieving its Strategic Plan and Long Term Financial objectives. A strategic approach to asset management will ensure that Council delivers the highest appropriate level of service through its assets.

Systematic reviews will be applied to all asset classes and are to ensure that assets are managed, valued and depreciated in accordance with appropriate best practice and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

The Shire will adhere to the following core principles in planning and decision making relating to the selection, creation/acquisition operation, maintenance and renewal/disposal of all infrastructure assets.

- Service delivery drives asset management practices and decisions
- Asset planning and management has a direct link with the Councils corporate and business plan including the Long Term Financial Plan
- Application of Renewal or Upgrade for assets is appropriate
- As a principle asset depreciation is to be used to fund renewal and/or rehabilitation of assets
- New or upgrade projects funded by grants are to include full lifecycle (whole of life costs) as part of project evaluation

- Asset management plans are to be developed for the Shire's assets and will be informed by community needs

Asset management requires a whole of organisation approach and involves the participation of and is the responsibility of the Council, Executive and Council staff.

Administration will implement procedures that ensure the asset database is maintained and updated and provide required reports to Council to meet their statutory responsibilities.

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