

Strategic Asset Management Plan

Plain English summary

This plan is written by the City of Onkaparinga. When you see the word 'we', it means City of Onkaparinga.

Kaurna recognition

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of Australia. They are the first people of this place – living here and looking after the land and rivers and seas. For us, this is the Kaurna people.

Introduction

We own and look after lots of different types of assets like:

- roads
- footpaths
- sewers
- buildings
- parks and playgrounds.

The assets we own and look after are worth about \$2.9 billion.

For each asset type we look after we have a service level. The service level explains things like how many of the assets we will have, where we will have them and what condition we will keep them in.

Asset management stages

Asset management is the planning, building, looking after and replacing or removing of assets. There are four stages of asset management.

Stage 1: Planning

- Identify that a new asset is needed or that an existing asset needs to be improved or replaced.
- Decide when the asset should be built or replaced. This will depend on how urgent the new or improved asset is and what other assets we need to build.
- Talk to the community about what the new or improved asset needs to be like and what it needs to do. Design the asset and work out how much it will cost and ask Council to approve the asset and the cost.

Stage 2: Building

- Build or replace the asset to match the design and budget. Sometimes this is done by a business or organisation other than council, but council looks after the asset after it is built.

Stage 3: Looking After

- After it is built or replaced the asset gets used and council checks and maintains it.

Stage 4: Replacing or Removing

- When the asset is no longer in the condition we told the community we would provide, a decision is made about whether it should be removed or replaced. This will depend on things like whether the asset is still needed and the cost of removing or replacing it.

Our Plan

When making this Plan we have thought about the way we look after our assets can help achieve the goals of our Community Plan. Our Community Plan explains what the community has told us is important to them.

We also made sure our Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) supports our Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP). Our Long Term Financial Plan helps us make decisions about how we spend our budget so our communities have what they need.

Council has other important plans like the Arts and Cultural Development Action Plan and the Sport and Active Recreation Action Plan. These other strategic plans support the SAMP.

Our goals

The goals of this Plan are to provide assets that:

- meet the needs of the community
- are at the standard we told the community we would provide
- are good value.

Planning to replace or improve assets

For all our different kinds of assets we keep track of:

- how much or how many we have
- how much money they are worth
- the condition of the assets.

Knowing this information helps us plan for how much money we will need to spend in the future to replace or improve our assets in the best way to meet service levels.

For example, we have assessed that our roads are in a good condition and we can plan to spend less on them in the future. This means we can plan to spend more on other assets that need improvement like playgrounds and stormwater.

More information about the condition of each of our asset types and how much money we plan to spend on them are in the full Strategic Asset Management Plan on our website.

Maintaining our assets

As well as planning for new and improved assets we also plan how much we need to spend on maintaining our assets. Maintaining our assets means things like minor repairs and regular servicing to keep them working well.



Tracking how we are doing

To help us know if we are doing what we said we would, we have set measures that we track each year.

Two of the important things we track are:

- whether we are replacing assets when they are worn out. An asset is worn out when it is no longer safe or working as it should.
- whether we have planned enough in our budget to keep replacing our assets in the future.

We will review this Plan every year and update it if needed. We will write a new Strategic Asset Management Plan when we have a new Community Plan.

This Plain English plan is a summary of another plan. It only includes the most important ideas.

If you would like to talk to someone about our Strategic Asset Management Plan call 8384 0666.

