



Integrated Planning Series

Asset Management Plan

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 What is an Asset Management Plan?

Asset Management Plans (AMP) outline how, when, where and to what standard the Shire will maintain and appropriately manage its assets over a 10-year period.

An AMP will generally include strategies to manage a local government’s major assets including roads, buildings, drainage, paths and equipment, etc.

The Shire’s AMP inform the Shire’s Long Term Financial Plan in relation to the financial commitment for the Shire’s maintenance, upgrading and/or renewal of its assets.



WHOLE OF LIFE COSTS



2 What influences Asset Management Plans?

The Shire must take into consideration a number of factors when creating its AMP including the age and condition of all of its assets, the number of assets being managed across the community, their affordability and usage and the duplication of similar facilities in the surrounding area.

The needs and desires of the community must be balanced with financial capabilities to provide such facilities.

DID YOU KNOW TO ACCURATELY MAP OUT FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS, THE “WHOLE OF LIFE” COST OF THE SHIRE’S ASSETS MUST BE DETERMINED?

3 How does the Shire determine which Assets it will develop and which ones it won't?

Each year the Shire receives numerous requests for projects from the community in addition to in-house identified future project needs across the Shire region.

As there is limited dollars to fund these projects (including additional insurance/maintenance costs) there are processes in place to determine priority, rationale and viability.

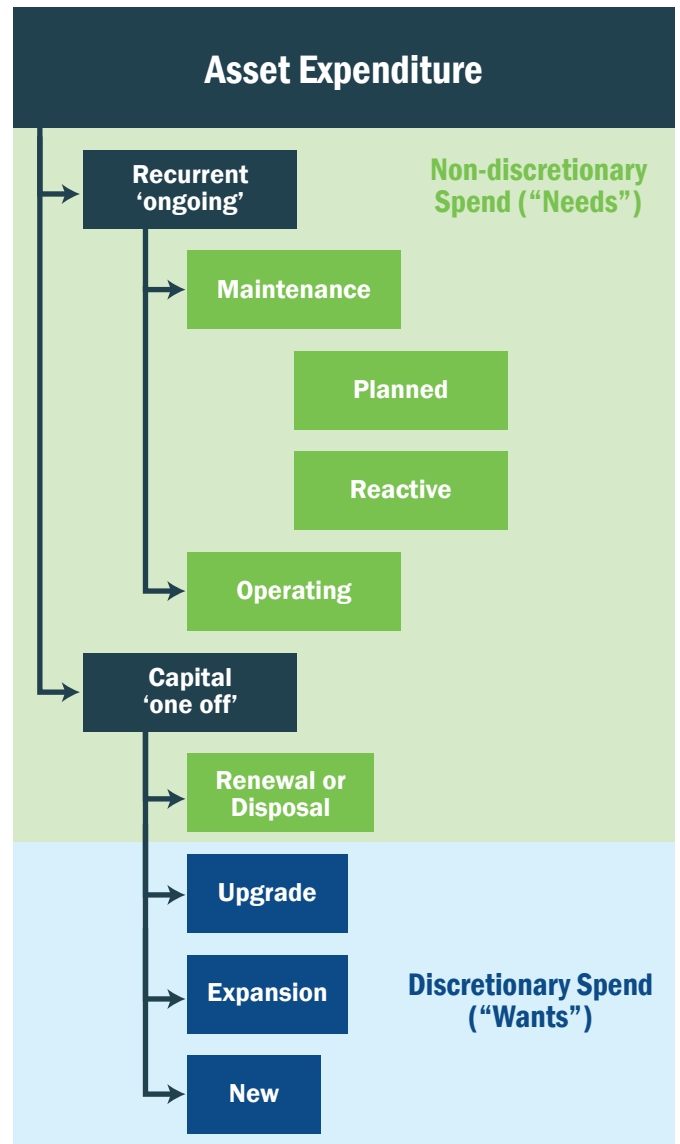
Proposed projects, including those received through the Concept Enquiry process (community inspired infrastructure and asset projects and ideas), are reviewed against informing documents such as Road Renewal and Playground Strategy, the Asset Management Plan, Master Plans, etc.

4 What is the significance of an Asset Management Plan?

An AMP provides guidance to Council and staff to assist them with determining the financial resourcing requirements for the maintenance of all of its assets across the Shire and any future upgrades and/or renewal that needs to be undertaken for those assets.

The Long Term Financial Plan is also informed by the resourcing requirements set out in the Shire's AMP.

Deciding how much to spend on assets annually is a tough job. Council must consider many different factors to ensure the service being provided is relevant to the community and won't overextend Council's finances which are limited



"A financially sustainable and manageable number of assets is a **SMART** asset management strategy which is better than not meeting community expectations"

