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Parks Asset Management Plan

The Parks Asset Management Plan provides a long-term analysis of asset management requirements over the period of the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

Costs in the AMP are based on maintaining current levels of service (existing numbers of toilets, current lengths and types of tracks etc.). Proposed new developments and service level changes (new parks and their associated new facilities and ranger services), are also costed using asset management methodology for inclusion in the LTCCP if approved by Council.

Asset maintenance works are prioritised on the basis of:

- Meeting safety requirements;

- Meeting legislative obligations/responsibilities;

- Meeting environmental criteria;

- Meeting needs for a particular recreational activity or experience.

Asset Management Information System

The current asset management system for Parks is a Microsoft Access database built up from 1998/99 incorporating changes during the following years. The data includes detailed descriptions of the infrastructure assets along with sizes, locations (mostly on GIS) and construction dates for use by the asset management and maintenance teams. The data is kept up to date including any asset value changes that occur. These value changes (both market and optimised depreciated replacement costs) are not "official" until the next revaluation which will be 30/06/08 (on a five yearly cycle) and will be verified by an independent party.

Life cycle management

Ongoing asset management is a combination of regular and scheduled maintenance to keep the assets in good working condition, combined with routine inspections by both internal staff and external consultants. The Ranger responsible for each park has the first line of responsibility in monitoring and maintaining all assets. Each asset group has a specified service level set down in the AMP and park management plans (with funding provided via the LTCCP process).

Yardstick

We are a member of the "Yardstick" project, which is a system for comparing parks management data. Members include 55% of all territorial local authorities and regional councils, Department of Conservation and several Australian parks agencies. We complete an annual survey questionnaire which is analysed and reported back.

Improvements

We have an ongoing improvements programme for the Asset Management Plan, which involves:

- Updating the database, linking to GIS and incorporating into the proposed Corporate AMIS;

- Refining service levels with public consultation during review of park management plans;

- Improving annual progress reporting against the AMP for asset maintenance and renewals;

- Enhancing ecological monitoring and developing key indicators of environmental condition;

- Developing a methodology for valuing environmental assets;

- Refining service levels, indicators, standards and ways of valuing cultural heritage assets;