



The Draft Darebin Asset Plan 2023-2033 is a long-term plan which outlines how Darebin Council will manage our assets over the next 10 years to support delivering services to the community.

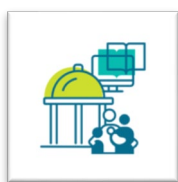
Council owns and manage many assets which range from community centres and sporting and recreation facilities where people love to gather, to local roads and footpaths. Our assets also consist of natural assets such as parks, reserves, bushland areas and street trees.

The Draft Asset Plan outlines, at a high level, the challenges, opportunities, and approach to managing our assets in delivering on our Community Vision and Council Plan objectives. It also incorporates the community identified asset priorities and feedback captured during our recent community survey and community information sessions.

The purpose of the Draft Asset Plan is to:

- Ensure that assets support the achievement of the Darebin 2041 Community Vision and Council Plan objectives
- Demonstrate we will responsibly manage our assets to meet the service delivery needs of our community into the future in a cost-effective way.
- Provide a method to integrate our strategic asset management planning outcomes with our Council Plan, Financial Plan and Budget.
- Improve effectiveness of asset management planning through a more engaged community and informed Council.
- Ensure we meet our asset statutory and legislative obligations

The Draft Asset Plan summarises our assets into four key categories:



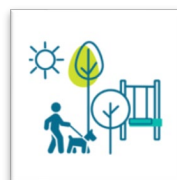
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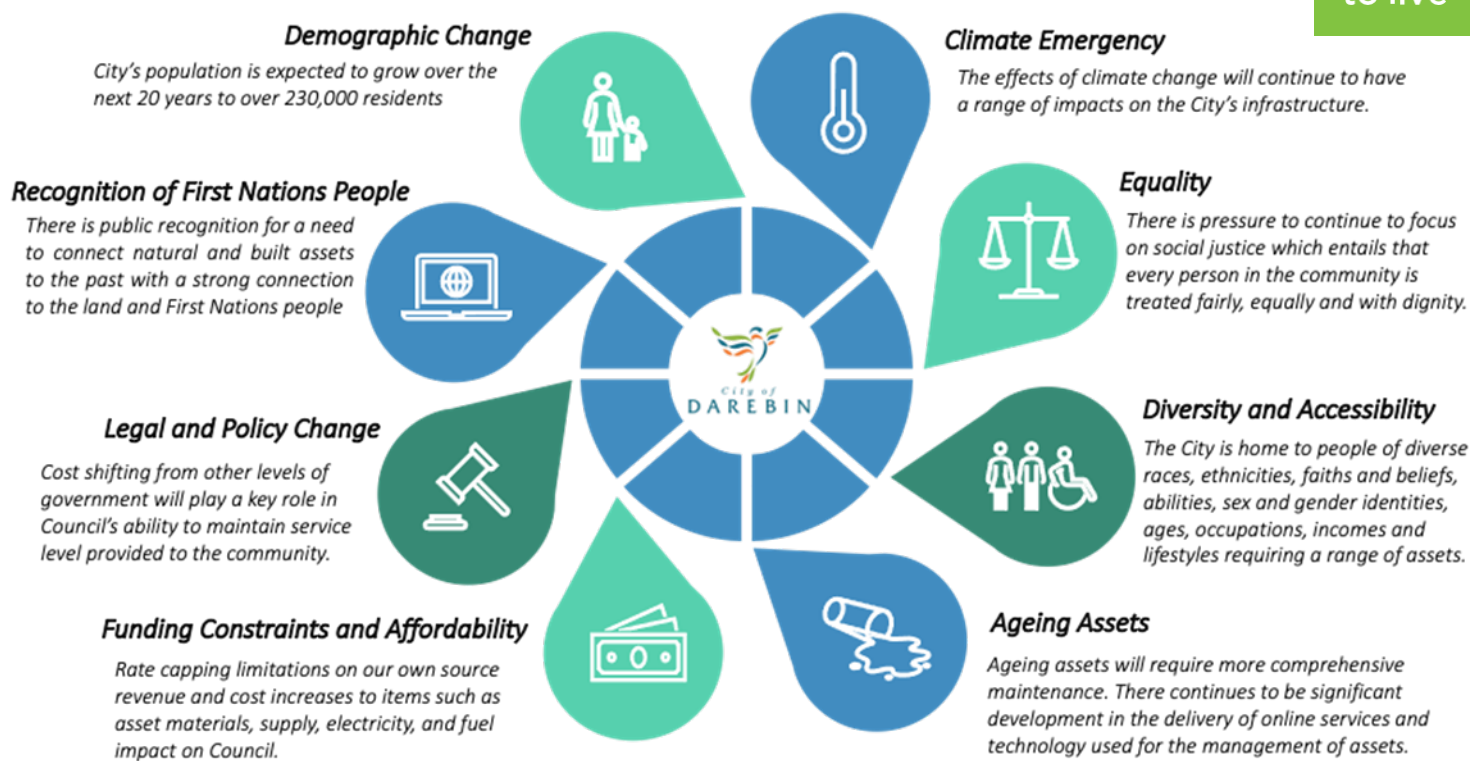
Transport
Infrastructure



Open Space and
Natural Assets

Challenges and Opportunities

The following are challenges and opportunities that have been identified for asset management and service delivery.



Community engagement outcomes

The Draft Asset Plan has been developed with input from our community via online surveys, stakeholder engagement and community information sessions. The community engagement was undertaken across March and April 2022 in line with Local Government Act 2020 requirements, to inform the development of the Darebin 10 Year Asset Plan.

An important part of the engagement was to identify where the community sees asset investment priorities, in addition to the most important assets now and in the future.

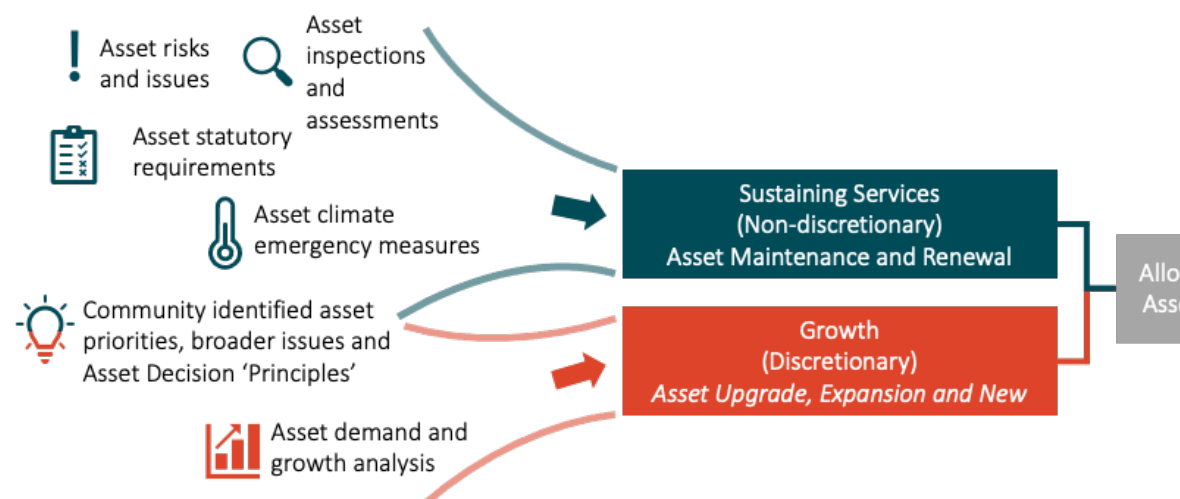
The most selected asset decision-making principles by the community were:

1. Prioritise replacement and fixing of existing assets instead of creating new ones
2. Prioritise easier access to transport and improve transport connections through the city
3. Investing in alternative energy sources for Council

Funding Community Needs

The asset priorities, broader asset related issues and decision-making principles identified from community feedback will be used to inform the prioritisation of non-discretionary and discretionary funding available. They will be used to review current and planned asset investment in new and upgraded assets to meet the needs of the community over the next 10 years. These principles will be progressively implemented over the life of this Asset Plan. Once constructed, these new and upgraded assets will require ongoing maintenance and renewal and will add to the ongoing funding needs over time.

The diagram below summarises the allocation of funding and prioritisation over the life of the Asset Plan.



State of Our Assets

There are key challenges, opportunities, performance, and projected expenditure requirements for each of the four key asset class over the next 10 years. These funding requirements have been determined based on the key principles and outcomes from the community engagement, affordability assessments made in our Financial Plan and represent the investment that is required to maintain our existing levels of service provided to the community.

Buildings and Facilities

Service we provide

Provide buildings and facilities for Council services such as maternal and child health centres, community centres, arts and library facilities, sporting pavilions and change rooms, aquatic (swimming), gym and leisure centres, youth centres, kindergartens, childcare and public amenities.

Service Objective

To provide buildings and facilities that are safe, functional, fit for purpose and accessible to all users.

Key Challenges and Opportunities

- **Ageing buildings:** maintaining, funding older buildings and changing use and purpose of buildings to support multiple services
- **Changing use of buildings and future needs:** changing use and purpose of buildings to meet needs and priorities of changing population
- **Building technology:** Using technology to improve how we provide buildings and facilities for Council services

Transport Infrastructure

Service we provide

Provision of transport services to the community including vehicular, cycling and other relevant modes. Provision of off-street carpark facilities at key locations.

Service Objective

To provide the community, road users and pedestrians with a safe, functional and fit for purpose road and pathway network. To provide safe and suitable off-street carparking facilities.

Key Challenges and Opportunities

- **Sustainable transport:** Moving to alternative forms of transport and use of sustainable materials for roads pathways and bridge construction
- **City redevelopment:** Managing car parking and increase use of Council roads and footpaths
- **Transport safety:** Keeping our paths and roads safe and accessible to all

Stormwater Drainage

Service we provide

Provide flood mitigation and drains to the community including stormwater treatment and pollutant removal from stormwater run-off

Service Objective

To protect the community from flooding and improve the quality of stormwater runoff discharged to natural water courses

Key Challenges and Opportunities

- **Ageing assets:** Our stormwater assets are ageing and some are under capacity and will need upgrade or renewal
- **City redevelopment:** Further development throughout our city will require changes to our stormwater systems and new stormwater quality treatment assets
- **Climate Change:** More frequent and intense storms will require larger stormwater pipes along with the need to treat stormwater run off before it enters our creeks

Open Space and Natural Assets

Service we provide

Provide open space assets to support active and passive recreation activities.

Service Objective

To enhance the city's public open space areas to enhance quality of life and promote social connectedness

Key Challenges and Opportunities

- **Open space demand:** We don't have enough open space in Darebin to meet the needs of our growing community
- **Changing demographics and use:** The use of our open space and sporting facilities is changing and we need our assets and facilities to change as well
- **Quality of open space, climate change and sustainability:** We need further indigenous trees and vegetation planted in and around our natural areas and creeks, and we need more resilient open space areas to cope with the impacts of climate change