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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy provides the guidance for implementing consistent asset management planning practices in Moree Plains Shire Council.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 That Council seeks to ensure that its services and infrastructure are fit for purpose and are delivered in a financially sustainable manner through the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated asset management system.
- 2.2 To support Council in implementing appropriate asset management, community engagement and financial resourcing strategies to meet the current and future infrastructure needs of the community.
- 2.3 To demonstrate transparent and responsible asset management planning that align with demonstrated best practice.
- 2.4 To ensure an integrated approach across the organisation in asset management planning.
- 2.5 To support Council to meeting legislative requirements.

3.0 SCOPE

- 3.1 This policy applies to infrastructure assets that are owned, managed or under the care and control of Council.
- 3.2 This policy does not include intangible assets, people, intellectual property and financial instruments.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 “Asset” means a resource controlled by an entity as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the entity. Infrastructure assets are a sub-class of property, plant and equipment which are non-current assets with a life greater than 12 months and enable services to be provided.
- 4.2 “Asset Management” is the combination of management, financial, economic, engineering and other practices applied to physical assets with the objective of providing the required level of service in the most cost effective manner.
- 4.3 “Council” means Moree Plains Shire Council
- 4.4 “Lifecycle costs” mean the total cost of an asset throughout its life including planning, design, construction, acquisition, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation and disposal costs.

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- 4.5 “Level of Service” is the defined service quality for a particular service/activity against which service performance may be measured. Service levels usually relate to quality, quantity, reliability, responsiveness, environmental impact, acceptability and cost.

5.0 POLICY STATEMENT

5.1 Responsibilities

- 5.1.1 The General Manager is responsible for implementing this policy.
- 5.1.2 The Engineering Department is responsible for monitoring, reviewing and updating this policy and ensuring that the policy is adhered to in a consistent manner across the organisation.
- 5.1.3 The Executive Department is responsible for making this policy readily available to community members and the organisation.

5.2 Principles

- 5.2.1 A consistent Asset Management System must exist for implementing systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best practice throughout the organisation.
- 5.2.2 The Asset Management System will be guided by the framework in the International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM) and the ISO 55000 series of standards for Asset Management.
- 5.2.3 The Asset Management System and its associated principles will be integrated with the existing Integrated Planning and Reporting processes.
- 5.2.4 All relevant legislative requirements (political, social, economic and environmental) are to be taken into account in asset management.
- 5.2.5 An Asset Management Strategy informed by the Community Strategic Plan, community consultation and financial plan will be developed.
- 5.2.6 Asset Management Plans will be developed and maintained for major asset categories (eg. buildings, recreational facilities, sewer network, transport and water network) and will be informed by the Community Strategic Plan, Asset Management Strategy, community consultation and the Long Term Financial Plan.
- 5.2.7 An approved inspection regime will be established in accordance with the approved inspection standard which will be outlined in a technical document.

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- 5.2.8 Asset renewals, maintenance, operations and disposals required to meet the agreed levels of service identified in the Asset Management Plans and/or the Long Term Financial Plan will be prioritised and then recognised in the Delivery Program and funded in the annual Operational Plan.
- 5.2.9 Systematic and cyclic reviews will be applied to all asset classes and are to ensure that the assets are managed, valued and depreciated in accordance with appropriate best practice and applicable Australian Standards.
- 5.2.10 Lifecycle costs will be reported and considered in all decisions relating to new services and assets and upgrading of existing services and assets.
- 5.2.11 Affordable level of service will be determined in consultation with the community and will consider the willingness to pay for service and inter-generational equity.

6.0 DELEGATION

- 6.1 The General Manager is authorised, pursuant to Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to allow a matter that does not conform with a policy to proceed if the General Manager is of the opinion that the variation from the Policy is of a minor nature.

7.0 REFERENCES

- 7.1 IIMM International Infrastructure Management Manual (2015) and (2011)
- 7.2 Local Government Act 1993
- 7.3 NamsPlus Asset Management Policy Template
- 7.4 Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for local government in NSW

8.0 DISPUTE PROCEDURE

- 8.1 In the event of a dispute over any aspect of this policy, immediate action will be taken by the Director of the Department who was responsible for developing the policy through effective and constructive consultation between the parties concerned. If a resolution cannot be reached, the General Manager will have the final say on the matter

9.0 ATTACHMENTS

- 9.1 Nil

10.0 REVIEW

- 10.1. This policy will be reviewed every four years.

11.0 LINK TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING

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11.1 This policy is a requirement of Integrated Planning and Reporting framework as a component of Asset Management Planning in the Resource Strategy.

HISTORY

Original Policy	Moree Plains Shire Council Asset Management Policy (2005)
Policy drafted by:	Engineering Department
Policy reviewed and amendments made by:	Managers Meeting
On:	19 January 2017
Policy reviewed and amendments made by:	Manex
On:	24 January 2017
Adopted by Council on:	(Date)
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This policy works in conjunction with these policies:	Nil
This policy supersedes the following policies:	Asset Management Policy (2013)
Classification of policy	External
Issue Date:	
Review Date:	

SIGNED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL,
WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS BELOW.

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LESTER RODGERS

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