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Capital Projects for 2021/22

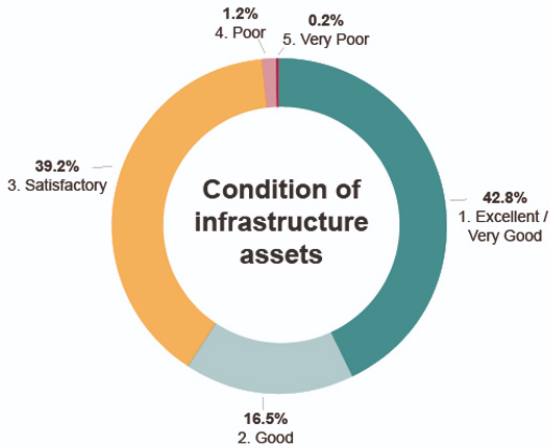
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Developing our 2021/22 Capital Budget

In developing our capital budget our underlying objective is always to maintain our existing assets first and then provide new assets to meet the needs of the community.

We have over \$900 million of assets including roads and buildings, park infrastructure and stormwater systems. Over time these assets deteriorate and need to be renewed so that we can continue to use them. Council has a 10 year asset management plan for each asset class which guides how we manage our existing infrastructure assets. Assets are regularly inspected and their condition rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being excellent/very good and 5 being very poor.

2020/21 Asset Condition Review



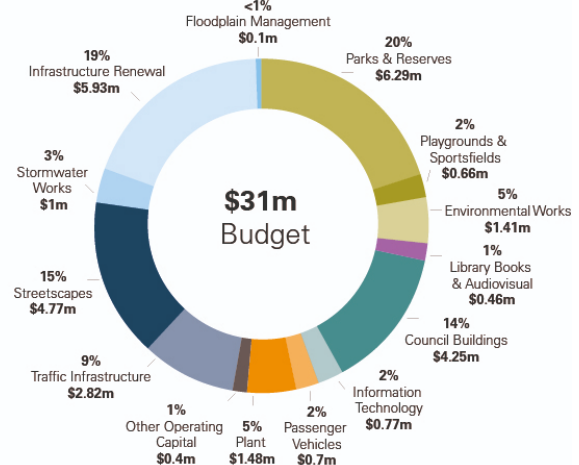
Our infrastructure assets fall into five categories:

- Transport (roads, footpaths, kerb and gutter)
- Stormwater (pipes, pits, quality improvement devices)
- Buildings (community, sporting and operational buildings)
- Land Improvements (retaining and sea walls, harbour structures)
- Open Space (playgrounds, fencing, multi-purpose facilities).

A 2020/21 review of the condition of our infrastructure assets shows we're in a reasonable overall position with 59.3% of our assets in excellent/very good or good condition. Work is prioritised on condition 4 and 5 assets however we also take opportunities to make cost effective upgrades to assets that are in condition 3, a satisfactory condition, to prevent them deteriorating to condition 4 or 5. The challenge is balancing the funds we have available now to undertake these works against the risk of needing to spend more later to bring them back to the adequate condition level.

The funding of new projects is based on community needs. These needs are documented in strategies and long terms plans developed through engagement with our community. The delivery of new community infrastructure is dependent on availability of funds.

2021/22 Capital Budget



Taking all of this into consideration, we've budgeted for \$31 million in capital works for 21/22. \$16.8 million is for new works and \$14.2 million is for renewing existing assets. The program includes \$5.93 million on renewing our roads and footpaths, \$6.29 million on our parks and open spaces, \$4.77 million on streetscapes including a new public plaza at Knox Street, Double Bay.

We've secured funding under the State Government's NSW Public Spaces Legacy and the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. Along with the new public plaza at Knox Street these funds will assist us to:

- accelerated the rollout of LED Street Lighting in residential streets throughout the LGA
- undertake landscaping Improvements and Street lighting equipment in Double Bay
- accelerate the rollout of new road pavements using recycled asphalt products throughout the LGA
- introduce new/additional street planter boxes in business centres throughout LGA, and
- upgrade the Cooper Park community centre.

Read about some our highlight capital projects below.

A full listing of the capital projects we plan to undertake during 2021/22 is available [here](#).

New public plaza at Knox Street, Double Bay (artists' impression)



We have secured \$4.75 million from the NSW Government to create a pedestrianised public plaza on Knox Street between Bay Street and Goldman Lane in Double Bay.

The project will involve the creation of a new pedestrian-only public area with new lighting, plantings, public art and seating, providing a space for the community to meet and visit and encourage people to get out and about and experience local shops, cafes and restaurants.

Cooper Park Community Hall upgrades



We are delivering \$480k in upgrades to Cooper Park Community Hall.

Located in Bellevue Hill with a public playground area at the rear of the venue, the Hall will be available for hire for social events, recreational activities and community groups.

This is funded by an Australian Federal Government Grant.

Dillon Street Reserve playground



\$200k has been dedicated to the upgrade of Dillon Street Reserve in Paddington including landscaping and play equipment.

This is fully funded by Council.

Upgrades to planter boxes in commercial centres



\$150k for new / additional street planter boxes in business centres throughout the Woollahra local government area.

This is funded by an Australian Federal Government Grant.

Double Bay Street Lanterns (artists' impression)



\$167k for the replacement of street lanterns in Cross Street, Double Bay.

This is funded by an Australian Federal Government Grant.

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) system at Kiaora Place



Stage 2 of the solar PV installation will supply over 80,000 kW hours of renewable electricity to Kiaora Place every year, saving over 73,000 kg of CO₂.

This is fully funded by Council at a cost of \$125k.



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