

Buildings

"Community venues should be upgraded and maintained"

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Customer Survey Report 2009

Council looks after 224 buildings and spends \$3.2m per year on their maintenance and upkeep. Buildings which are constructed and maintained by Council are used by residents and visitors to our City. They include, amongst other things, facilities to host conferences, cultural and social events and provide childcare, emergency services and educational facilities.

It is essential that these assets are maintained to remain safe, usable and provide a much needed service to the community.

Building assets can include: libraries, neighbourhood centres, childcare centres, bushfire brigade halls, youth centres, swimming pools, the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre and Penrith Regional Gallery.

More than 60% of the City's assets are rated as being in 'good' condition, meaning that they are serviceable, however many require significant renewal.

For example, a recent Neighbourhood Facilities Management Services Review has recommended upgrades to Council's Neighbourhood Centres and Community Halls to bring them up to contemporary standards maximising their use and benefit to the community.

Other work on the City's assets will include heritage site buildings, early childhood centres and senior citizen centres.

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We require an additional \$500,000 per year to renew and upgrade our buildings.