

Maintaining Existing Assets and Service Levels



We require an additional \$1.3m per year to maintain existing levels of service to the community.

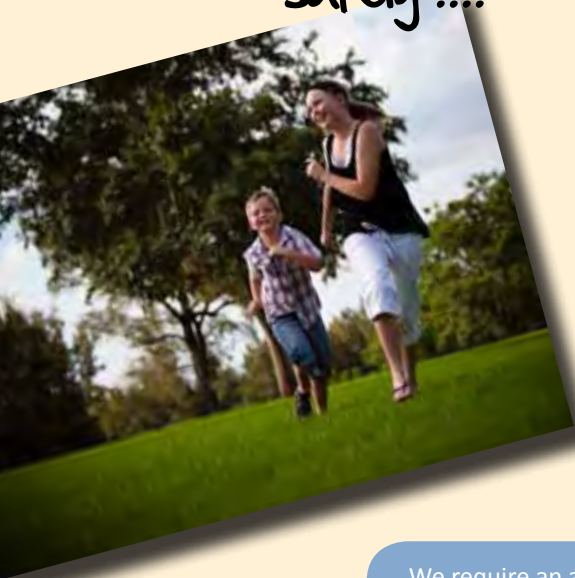
Penrith Council delivers a range of services to the community including the maintenance of parks and sporting fields, libraries, childcare centres, building assets, public amenities and continue existing environmental programs.

Council also supports the Penrith Business Alliance to attract essential economic development and jobs growth to the City of Penrith.

A 2009 customer survey revealed that 87% of Penrith City residents were satisfied with Council's performance with nearly three quarters providing a 'high' satisfaction rating.



"(We want) places for children to play safely"



Parks

"(We want) places for children to play safely in the future... play equipment in parks with shade and seating"

Penrith Plans for our Future (PLANS) November 2003

"70% of respondents ranked the need for parks, nature reserves and playgrounds to be improved as very or somewhat important"

Community Attitudes & Aspirations Survey of Penrith City Residents (PLANS) 2002

"Not enough facilities, equipment not adequate or maintained properly"

Customer Survey 2009

Council looks after 1240 hectares of open space and spends \$13.35m each year on their maintenance and upkeep. Park assets can include: playground equipment, fencing, lighting, irrigation systems, signage, park furniture, seating and playing surfaces. These assets are found throughout the City in ovals, parks, playgrounds and in passive open spaces such as reserves and gardens.

85% of the following range of assets are in good condition, however significant renewal is required:

- Playgrounds
- Sporting fields (including goal posts and lighting)
- Cricket wickets, (run up surfaces, sight screens and nets)
- Netball courts
- Irrigation systems
- Seating, bins, fencing and signage, landscaping and gardening.

We require an additional \$600,000 per year to upgrade existing playgrounds and sportsgrounds to comply with Australian Standards – e.g. floodlights and playgrounds, and to renew water efficient irrigation systems.