

## FP025 – Depreciation of Non-current Assets

### 1. Intention

To set guidance on how depreciation methods and rates are calculated and applied to Council's non-current assets.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to Elected Members and employees of the Shire of Waroona.

### 3. Statement

Depreciation for all Council assets shall be applied on a straight line basis where practical initially, using the rates applicable to the South West Region of WA, as listed in the Local Government Accounting Manual, as advised by the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries.

Major Depreciation Periods are:

Buildings	40-60 years
Furniture & Equipment	3-20 years
Plant & Equipment	5-20 years
Bridges	60-90 years
Parks & Ovals	10-50 years
Drainage	60-90 years
Footpaths	20-50 years
Sealed Roads and Streets	
Construction	45-55 years
Bituminous Seals	15-25 years
Asphalt Seals	25-30 years
Unsealed roads	
Formed	10-15 years
Gravel	12-15 years

As per regulation 17A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* relating to Fair Value, all assets are to be revalued every three years. As a part of these revaluations, if Council is provided with remaining useful life from a licenced Valuer than these recommendations will be used to calculate each individual assets depreciation rate which will be used until that particular asset is once again revalued.

If however remaining useful life is not provided by the Valuer then the initial depreciation rate and an estimated useful life as prescribed in the WA Local Government Account manual will be used and condition and age will also factor into the assessment to calculate and appropriate depreciation rate.

### 4. Legislative and Strategic Context

The *Local Government Act 1995* and the associated subsidiary legalisation provide the broad framework within which this policy operates.

## 5. Review

This policy is to be reviewed as required.

## 6. Associated Documents

Nil.

<b>Division</b>	Finance				
<b>Policy Number</b>	FP025				
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Director Corporate Services				
<b>Related Legislation</b>	AASB116 Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996				
<b>Related Shire Documents</b>	Nil				
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Previous Policies		
FIN004 – Depreciation of Non-current Assets		
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