

## WAAMI and NAMS.PLUS

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Effective asset management is a critical component of Local Government's business. It is critical that Local Governments have robust asset management plans linked to their long-term financial and strategic plans within an integrated planning framework. Also critical is that Local Governments are able to continually improve their asset management capability in order to deliver an appropriate level of service to their communities.

In Western Australia, there are two industry based programs to assist Local Governments improve their asset management.

**WAAMI** is the *Western Australia Asset Management Improvement Program* delivered by CT Management Group in partnership with WALGA.

**NAMS.PLUS** is an initiative of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA).

It has been brought to our attention that there may be confusion within Local Government as to what both of these programs provide. WAAMI and NAMS.PLUS are in many ways complementary to each other. It is up to each Local Government to determine its particular needs and participate in one or both programs to meet those needs. WAAMI establishes a framework for asset management; NAMS.PLUS provides online tools and guidelines to write asset management plans.

Both programs have evolved in line with National and State Asset Management developments including:

- New WA Department of Local Government Asset Management Framework and Guidelines; and
- Proposed National Assessment Framework for Local Government Asset Management and Financial Planning

[The Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) is developing the National Assessment Framework in partnership with the Australian Local Government Association, State Local Government Associations, State Local Government Departments, the Federal Government and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia.]

**WAAMI** in broad terms **instils an asset management culture** in Local Governments across the professional disciplines and to elected members. WAAMI targets getting elected member and senior management support for sustainable service provision through asset management. It has a particular focus on facilitating recognition of the importance of asset and financial management in local government authorities.

WAAMI Consultants visit a Local Government to provide face to face interaction at an organisational level to **assess and measure the progress** with implementing asset management in an organisation.

WAAMI also provides an **Asset and Financial Management Competency Assessment** based on the Federal Governments National Sustainability Frameworks. WAAMI includes **network based financial modelling** using the Moloney Renewal Model using condition assessment to estimate maintenance and capital renewal expenditure required into the future.

WAAMI ensures participants have the foundation to determine, measure and track their asset management capability.

For further information on WAAMI please visit

<http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/infrastructure/waami>.

**NAMS.PLUS** provides the **hands-on tools and training** for staff to develop and **write their asset management plans**. NAMS.PLUS comprises a complete **suite of comprehensive templates and guidelines**.

Training in the use of the NAMS.PLUS templates is **delivered through a series of 2 x 2 day workshops** to assist organisations write their own asset management plans. NAMS.PLUS provides comprehensive step-by-step **eBook guidelines** and **help desk / discussion forum support**.

**Asset Management for Small, Rural or Remote Communities (AM4SRRC)** is a new resource of tools & templates now available that is consistent with the full NAMS.PLUS approach. It includes **maturity assessment** based on the National Sustainability Frameworks.

NAMS.PLUS also provides **modelling tools** to develop profiles of operating, maintenance and capital renewal expenditure funding required into the future **from financial/technical asset registers**. In addition it incorporates estimates of maintenance and operating expenditures, and expenditure due to growth in new infrastructure and population. A **forward capital works** program is also an output. Alternatively, NAMS.PLUS has the capacity to incorporate forward expenditure projections from external systems, e.g., Moloney, where information is available.

For further information on NAMS.PLUS please visit <http://www.ipwea.org.au/NAMSPLUS>.