

## Ideas for obtaining a maintenance budget

### Step 1 – Investigate what and where?

- Create a GIS asset register using as constructed drawings, aerial photographs, plans of development, officer knowledge to locate existing and near future assets
- Capture details such as treatment area, catchment area, plants, date built, depth of media, hydraulic structures, function, groundwater etc
- Consider opportunity for a student project

### Step 2 – Investigate condition?

- Condition (e.g. is it draining, plant health, damage?)
- Aesthetics

### Step 3A – Determine who's involved?

- Meet with all stakeholders
- Gauge interest in solving the maintenance issue
- Agree on a common goal (e.g. to clarify who is responsible and ensure that team gets the budget they require!)

### Step 3B – Determine standards?

- Agree on standards of service and what that means for maintenance requirements

### Step 4 – Rationale argument

- Proactive maintenance is cheaper than reactive (even if you wait ten years before beginning reactive work!!!!)
- Start by looking after your good assets and fixing a couple of poor ones. Repeat each year.
- "Department X is the best fit for maintenance because..."

### Step 5 – Collectively advocate

- Each department who is a stakeholder collectively advocates the same 'rationale argument' to their management/ councillor (whichever is appropriate) and alerts them that other departments are doing the same

Thank you all for your input to the session!