



Penneshaw Community Wastewater Management Scheme Newsletter 7

Current as at 19 January 2010

Introduction

This Newsletter has been developed to provide the Penneshaw Community with an update of the proposed Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) project. Newsletters will be distributed when new information becomes available and when Kangaroo Island Council's position is clear in relation to each stage of the project and each relevant matter. If you are aware of anyone who has not received this Newsletter and who would like to be on the mailing list please advise the Council. The Kangaroo Island Council website is updated regularly with all information available. Look for the quick link from the Home Page to Penneshaw CWMS. Refer to www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au.

Public Meeting 9 December 2009

Approximately 60 community members attended the public (community) meeting on 9 December 2009 with representatives from the Local Government Association, Wallbridge and Gilbert and Kangaroo Island Council. Following is a summary of the key messages from the meeting.

- Kangaroo Island Council has **NOT** resolved to proceed to the construction phase of the Penneshaw Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) as the investigation phase is still underway. **NO** contracts for construction or supply of materials have been entered into.
- The Service Charge for all - CWMS, on the Island is currently (for the 2009/2010 year) set at \$510 per property unit. This has been set at a level which covers the cost of construction, maintenance and replacement of CWMS on Kangaroo Island. As such the construction, maintenance and replacement of CWMS does not impact on Council's overall operating budget deficit.
- The Service Charge- CWMS is **ONLY** payable by residents who are provided with a connection to CWMS and the budget for these schemes is **NOT** supplemented by other rate income.
- It is proposed that the construction of the Penneshaw Scheme will be funded by Council borrowings and LGA Subsidy. Reserve funds established from current CWMS - Service Charges will not be used.
- Before the Council resolves to proceed with the CWMS for Penneshaw, it will provide notice to the affected community as part of a public consultation process. The Council has agreed to hold public meetings and will also receive and consider submissions as part of the consultation process before making its final decision.

The notes from the Public Meeting held on 9 December 2009 are available on the Council website at www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au.

On the reverse side of this Newsletter is a table comparing the alternative schemes independently considered by Wallbridge and Gilbert and Local Government Association.

Further Information

For further information from Kangaroo Island Council in relation to the Penneshaw CWMS project please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Rowley, Community Infrastructure and Services Manager, on 08 8553 4500 or email Daniel.rowley@kicouncil.sa.gov.au



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	NO CWMS Current situation	Gravity Sewer CWMS	Gravity Septic Tank CWMS	Pressure CWMS	Vacuum CWMS	Biowater CWMS
Service Charge- CWMS payable on "Rates Notice"	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Connection Fee for properties provided with a connection as part of initial construction phase	N/A	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Connection fee for additional properties after initial construction	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Property owner pay for the connection between the street connection point and house	N/A	YES (a)	YES (a)	YES	YES	YES
Property owner pays for Purchase, Installation, Service and Maintenance of-site pressure systems	N/A	NO (if required)	NO (if required)	NO	N/A	NO (if required)
Property owner pay for Purchase, Installation, Service and Maintenance of site treatment systems approved by Department for Health	YES (any)	OPTIONAL (any) (b)	YES (any) (b) (c)	OPTIONAL (any) (b)	OPTIONAL (any) (b)	YES Must be a Biolytix Unit
Existing on property treatment systems can be maintained	YES	OPTIONAL	YES	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	Biolytix Unit must be installed
Soakage trench and/or irrigation system must be installed	YES	NO (irrigation optional)	NO (irrigation optional)	NO (irrigation optional)	NO (irrigation optional)	NO (irrigation optional)
Onsite Greywater reuse available	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL

- (a) In a gravity network some properties may require a pumped connection due to the topography and ability to install a gravity drain on the low side of the property. Should a property owner be required to pump into the gravity network in order to connect to the scheme then the property owner will not be required to pay for the installation of the storage tank and pump.
- (b) The owner of the property may elect to install an onsite treatment and reuse system at their own cost. However they are not required to do so as part of the scheme.
- (c) The property owner will be required to maintain the existing on property septic system. Any new developments will have to install an onsite septic system before connecting to the scheme.