

Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point Sewerage Update

Community Update - MAY 2008

Works on the new sewerage system for Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point are now well under way.

As previously advised, Council has awarded two major contracts for the scheme to Infrastructure Constructions Pty. Ltd for construction and E-One Pty Ltd for supply of equipment.

Infrastructure Construction (IC) has since established its site office and compound on Peat's Ferry Road behind the Ambulance Station.

Infrastructure Construction (IC) also hosted an Open Day for the community on 16 February 2008. This was well attended and allowed representatives from IC, Council and E-One to discuss the details of the new sewerage scheme with the local community.

Design works on the system are now complete and IC has commenced installation of pipelines in the streets around Mooney Mooney.

Peat's Ferry Bridge Crossing

Council has awarded a contract to Kerroc Constructions Pty Ltd to install the new sewerage and water pipelines on the Bridge, following RTA approval of the works. Council has completed construction of a temporary water main across the Bridge to allow water to be supplied during construction works.

Property Audits

By now all owners will have been contacted to arrange an audit of their property. This audit is being conducted by a company called PS Solutions which is a sub-contractor to IC. The purpose of this audit is to determine the best location for the low pressure sewerage equipment on each property.

As part of the property audit, the contractor will

also be inspecting the condition of the existing external sanitary drainpipes and electrical system. This is being carried out to determine whether there are any defects which may prevent connection to the new low pressure system.

Once the audit is completed, a Property Sewer Service Diagram will be provided to each property owner for their concurrence. Council appreciates the co-operation and assistance of residents during this process.

Following these audits Council will send a letter to each property owner requesting agreement for connection and servicing. This letter will provide information on the options that are available for connection to the new sewerage system, which basically are:

- **Early Connection** - property owner agrees to connect within two months. Advantages of early connection include the option of the final connection being carried out by the contractor potentially reducing the cost to property owners in comparison to connecting at a later date.
- **Later Connection** - property owner agrees to connect at a later stage. In this case the contractor will be directed by Council not to install all of the low pressure equipment. The pump and electrical connection will not be provided and Council will install this equipment later. A disadvantage of this option is that it will cost more as this involves a separate visit to install equipment on your property.

Council will also provide quotes from the contractor to carry out the final connection and to fix any drainage or electrical defects. This information is being provided to enable owners to make informed decisions in regard to connection to the scheme. Property owners are not obliged to accept any quote provided by Council's contractor and are entitled to arrange the work to be done by others.

Estimated Cost

The contribution charge, as determined by IPART, is currently estimated as between \$10,000 and \$12,000. It is not possible to advise an exact amount at this stage, as this charge will depend on the final cost of the project.

For future subdivisions and development works there will be a separate charge also determined by IPART. This charge is calculated on an equivalent tenement (or house) basis and is estimated to be approximately \$30,000 per equivalent tenement.

In addition to the contribution charge, there will be other costs associated with connecting to the sewerage system which may include:

- a) Rectification of drainage and electrical defects
- b) Connection of the drainage to the new low pressure tank
- c) Decommissioning of the old septic system
- d) Final inspection prior to connection fee

Council will be obtaining quotes from its contractor to do the above mentioned work in a), b) and c). This is being carried out to provide cost effective options for property owners however property owners are free to arrange for licensed trade persons to carry out this work themselves.

Programme

Based on the current programme the reticulation and property works are anticipated to be completed early 2009. Connections to the new scheme would be able to commence on successful commissioning of these works.

Further Information

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