

Te Kahupapa Hai Tiaki i Te Mauri o Ngā Roto

East Rotoiti Rotomā Sewerage Scheme Update – September 2023

Tēnā rā kotou i te whakatata mai o ngā rā o te kōanga. Kai te mihi tonu nei i roto i ngā tini āhuatanga o ngā wā. Nau mai ki te pānui nei.

Warm greetings to you as spring draws near, and in the many happenings of the times. Welcome to this RRSS update.

Rotorua Lakes Council update

From Gerhard Mostert, Engineers Representative

Rotoiti on-site systems (Biolytix) installations are progressing well. 40 installations programmed, 20 to obtain Building consents, 12 handed over to BoPRC and another 264 units installed as of 28 August 2023 – a big thank you to Fulton Hogan for the works so far.

The Te Waiiti Marae installation is underway and the designs for 4 Tamatea Street laundromat, Rotoehu campsite, Emery Store are progressing. The installation of Moose Lodge is ongoing.

Land ownership issues are providing some complex challenges, and the team are continuing to work through these.

Power fluctuations have been found in the electrical supply to Rotoiti, triggering a low power voltage and activating alarms. UNISON is installing another three transformers:

- Project 206883 – Install new transformer at Pole 169324 (at the frontage of Lake Ōkātina Road) – design commencement, August 2023, construct Oct 2023.
- Project 206884 – Install new transformer at Pole 236428 (in vicinity of 44/42 Tamatea Street, Rotorua) – design commencement, June 2023, construct August 2023.
- Project 201387 – Install a new pad mount transformer (at frontage of 5 Wharetoroa Drive) – designed and in construction now.

The Council, with support from Te Arawa Lakes Trust, continues to pursue a change to the Minister’s decision to withhold \$10 million of funding support. The matter will be discussed again by the whole Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group on 22 September 2023 with a view of a collective letter to the Minister.

Landowners can make arrangements for site visits to discuss the installation and location of Biolytix systems by emailing Gerhardus.Mostert@rotorualc.nz

We thank the Rotoiti community for your support and recognising the importance of protecting the health of the community, and the waterways for future generations.

We’re also excited to share a video of the scheme, providing the community with further information about what we are achieving.

View at: <https://youtu.be/2rknU5RFG5M>

The information booklet for property owners which includes key contacts is available here

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Ngāti Pikiao Cultural Impacts Team update

From Waitiahoaho Emery, Cultural Impacts Manager

The team continues to be engaged in cultural and technical aspects of the Scheme during the Biolytix installations in the Rotoiti phase:

- Waitiahoaho Emery and Wairangi Whata in the oversight of the cultural and technical matters.
- Taira Wichman in the Marae design and installation
- Kēpa Morgan in the monitoring of emerging contaminants
- Pini Tahana as the Cultural Site Monitor.
- The Iwi Wastewater Liaison Group in the monitoring of the resource consent conditions.

Cultural Health and Safety inductions continue to be conducted monthly for contractors and their staff working on or visiting, the RRSS.

Whenua Māori Project update

From Wairangi Whata, Whenua Māori Project Lead

The Whenua Māori Project is progressing steadily. The team is now in the process of undertaking site visits on those properties affected by whenua Māori and Locality Plans (LPs) being drafted. In conjunction with the LP process agreements/licences are also being drafted and signed by landowners.

All documentation completed and signed by Māori landowners will be lodged with the Māori Land Court.

Fulton Hogan update

From Daniel Snow, Project Manager

Over the recent months, we have applied our operations focus towards the Curtis Road area and Moose Lodge. The mid-winter conditions have required our teams to deliver additional reinstatement requirements to reflect what was in place prior to our teams establishing. With Moose Lodge now nearing completion, this will enable our teams to focus their install efforts around the central and eastern area of the community.

We are excited to be starting the first Marae Biolytix system installs. This is occurring at Te Waiiti Marae ahead of the Ngāti Pikiao Ahurei on 22 September 2023 which is expected to see over 1500 daytime visitors to the Marae. The design has been developed to accommodate for the numerous facilities and to perform through periods where visitor numbers are high. Following the Ahurei, the system install will provide the necessary data to understand how the system performed over this event. This data can then be related to any future Marae system designs and adopted accordingly.

We are preparing for a strong run of installs leading up to Christmas to deliver as many of the outstanding properties as possible. A lot of these are focused on the lakefront dwellings where hopefully dry, mild spring conditions will assist the installs in these high ground water environments. We will continue to implement our necessary protections to ensure that we minimise the amount of damage caused to your property throughout the system install.

As we move into the spring/summer months, we understand that there will be an increase of property owners wanting to utilise their holiday homes across the public holiday weekends and Christmas period. Individual discussions will be held with property owners regarding the suitability and impact that our install operation will introduce. We will continue to maintain our flexibility to ensure our approach works for both parties.



Kai te mihi tonu ki a kotou i te āhuatanga o ngā mahi e whakatutukihia ana i ngā kōkiritanga o te RRSS. Kia noho haumaruru tonu mai, kia noho ora tonu mai kotou.

Acknowledgements to iwi and the community for the continued support in progressing the works of the RRSS. Keep safe and keep well.
