

Te Kahupapa Hai Tiaki i Te Mauri o Ngā Roto

East Rotoiti Rotomā Sewerage Scheme Update – March 2024

*Tēnā rā kotou, kai te mihi atu rā ki a kotou i ngā āhuatanga maha o ngā wā. Nau mai ki te pānui nei.
Greetings amidst these busy times. Welcome to the RRSS update.*

Rotorua Lakes Council update

From Gerhard Mostert, Engineers Representative

The last of the general land properties are receiving their installations this month. 28 installations are programmed, 15 properties that have not provided install consent have been handed over to BoPRC for regulatory assessment and a total of 320 units have been installed by the end March 2024. This brings a total of 350 on-property pre-treatment systems installed by April 2024.

Council will now complete the properties with approved building consents up to end April 2024. The remaining properties will gradually receive their systems as legal matters are resolved. Some 55 whenua Māori property owners are still to obtain the necessary legal agreements to consent the installation of facilities and related pipelines. We're continuing to work with marae committees and iwi to progress marae systems design and installation to meet the Committees' current and future requirements at the most optimum cost to them and the wider community.

As part of the draft Long-Term Plan process, Council is establishing the net capital contribution for the benefiting property owners and the capital targeted rate to be paid. This will cover only about 35% of the scheme's costs with the balance (65%) funding through other sources.

As we near project completion, we'd like to thank the Rotoiti community for the support they have provided and recognising the importance of the reticulation in protecting the health of the community, the lake's water quality and the local waterways for the current and future generations.

Ngāti Pikiao Cultural Impacts Team update

From Waitiahoaho Emery, Cultural Impacts Manager

The Team continues to be engaged in cultural site monitoring, the delivery of the Cultural Health and Safety Induction, Heritage New Zealand authorities for the respective properties, and marae design. It has been a long journey with considerable work that has been completed towards the final available property connections by the end of April. The Cultural Impacts Team acknowledges and thanks the many iwi and community individuals, groups and organisations, the service providers, experts, and the Councils who have contributed in the numerous forums and decision making, and the provision of services during the course of the scheme.

Whenua Māori Project update

From Wairangi Whata, Whenua Māori Project Lead

The last few months has seen an increased momentum in developing strategies to resolve issues associated with Māori land. Consequently, we are seeing a rise in onsite wastewater system installations occurring on properties

affected by the Whenua Māori Project. A significant milestone in enabling property connections has been the approval process to lay sub-mains through Māori roadways.

Legislative requirements have been a major contributor to a time-consuming but necessary process and the whole team are working diligently with landowners to ensure their concerns are considered.

The project is steadily progressing, and the team continues to navigate its way through the complexities of Māori land ownership.

Fulton Hogan update

From Daniel Snow, Project Manager

Over the last couple of months, it has been refreshing to have a significant scope of work open up ahead of our teams. This has included a large amount of the remaining reticulation scope within the Māori and private land corridors. Following the completion of these reticulation lengths, this has enabled the associated onsite treatment systems to be installed and connected to the scheme.

The road towards completion of the contract scope has now become clearer. RLC have confirmed that they would like all available consented properties completed by the end of April 2024. From the beginning of March, we currently have 18 outstanding properties to complete which are dotted throughout the community. Our install teams will comfortably complete these in the timeframe. By the end of April 2024, 350 systems will be operational within the Rotoiti east area.

Beyond April, the process for the remaining properties requiring their treatment system to be installed will be finalised with RLC. This will however require an intermittent return of our install teams to the Rotoiti community as legal processes are concluded.

Throughout May, we intend to disestablish our project team from our Rotoiti Sportsground site compound facilities. We will be returning this area back to the Club to utilise for ongoing parking requirements throughout future rugby seasons.





***Ka nui anō ngā mihi e rere atu nei ki ngā iwi, ki te hāpori hoki i te nui o ngā mahi kua tutukihia.
E kīia nei te kōrero:***

***Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou
Ka ora ai tātou***

Tēnā anō kotou. Kia noho ora tonu mai rā kotou.

Acknowledgements to iwi and the community for the comprehensive work that has been completed for the Scheme. As the proverb says:

*With your contributions, and my contributions
We all prosper*

Stay safe and well.