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Tēnā kotou katoa

He mihi nui tēnei i roto i ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā me ngā mahi i ngā marama whakamutunga nei o te tau. Nau mai ki tēnei o ngā pānui.

A warm greeting amidst the many kaupapa of these last two months of the year, and welcome to this newsletter as we take stock of 2022 so far.

Rotorua Lakes Council update

From Gerhard Mostert, Engineers Representative
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I would like to begin by acknowledging the overwhelming support of this project by the community of Rotoiti. This is appreciated and it is great to see a community recognising the importance of protecting the health of the waterways for use and enjoyment of generations to come.

Many challenges were faced in 2022 as COVID-19 continued to have an impact. We also experienced storms and dewatering challenges but persevered and to date, 147 properties have received their Biolytix systems. A further 92 properties are scheduled for installation. We are acquiring the last few Heritage New Zealand consents and our first commercial installations – the Tamatea Street public toilet block will be completed during December 2022.

While installations are underway, staff are continuing to meet with landowners to obtain the last archaeological consents and finalise individual locality plans. Landowners can make arrangements for site visits to discuss the installation and location of Biolytix systems by emailing our new project team member, Leo Morley from WSP, at Leo.Awata-Morley@wsp.com.

We are also excited to have launched our video of the scheme which provides the community with further information about what we are achieving.

Please view at: <https://youtu.be/2rknU5RFG5M>

The information booklet taking property owners through the pre-installation process and including key contacts is still available. This booklet and more information on the East Rotoiti Rotomā Sewerage Scheme can be found here: www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/rotoitirotomawaterways

I also wish to thank the Contract management team, Fulton Hogan and WSP, who have all worked hard throughout this year to get this scheme over the line, it is appreciated.

Our next update will be in February 2023. Until then, enjoy the well-deserved holiday break. Wishing you all the best for a wonderful Christmas and New Year.