

Onsite Wastewater Compliance Program

Domestic wastewater disposal is one of the most important environmental issues in South Gippsland. Poorly maintained onsite wastewater systems can affect public health, the environment, local waterways and the storm water system.

To help reduce the public health risk and to protect our local drinking water supplies, Council is introducing an onsite Wastewater Compliance Program. The program will support the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan which was adopted by Council last September.

Council's Acting Environmental Health Coordinator Kristy Kearney is confident that the program will help protect the environment without significant impact on local residents.

"The Compliance Program is not meant to be onerous for land owners or residents. If an onsite wastewater system is serviced regularly and permit conditions are followed, then the system should be compliant.

"However, when a wastewater disposal system is not maintained there is a significant risk to the public and this has to be addressed. We want to ensure our waterways are clear, our drinking water is protected and our townships are free from any unpleasant odours. We hope that the Wastewater Compliance Program will achieve this."

Further information about Council's Domestic Wastewater Management Plan and the Wastewater Compliance Program, including a list of service agents, is available on Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Wastewater Compliance Officer on 5662 9200.

The program will commence in March.

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