
Deadline Nears For Sewerage Subsidy

Poowong, Loch and Nyora residents can save thousands of dollars by connecting to their township's new sewerage system before 30th June 2016.

The Poowong, Loch and Nyora Sewerage Scheme is in place to address existing public health and environment issues from aging, failing and poorly maintained septic systems.

Connections in the Mandatory Scheme Areas for each three towns are currently underway and many savvy property owners are taking advantage of a subsidy available through South Gippsland Water; connection to the sewerage system for a one-off payment of \$800. This payment applies to both vacant and developed allotments.

South Gippsland Water's Acting Managing Director Justin Wightman said, "Over the past twelve months, all residents within the Poowong, Loch and Nyora Mandatory Scheme Areas have been contacted by South Gippsland Water staff with respect to options for connection."

"More than 155 properties in the Poowong, Loch and Nyora mandatory areas have already been connected and we are currently connecting 12-15 properties per week," explained Mr Wightman. "We encourage eligible residents to take advantage of the current subsidy and save themselves thousands of dollars by signing up before 30 June."

Connection to the sewerage scheme in mandatory areas is compulsory. After 1st July 2016, properties within the Mandatory Scheme Areas in each of the three townships will be charged the full cost of \$10,000 for connection. This consists of an \$800 scheme contribution plus \$9200 for on-property infrastructure costs.

"The subsidy on offer is significant, we urge as many eligible people as possible to make the most of it," emphasised Mr Wightman. "However, for the subsidy to apply, we need to hear from all mandatory customers before the June 30 deadline."

A South Gippsland Water Connections team member is available to meet with property owners to discuss works, connection and payment plans. Please call 1800 728 256 to make an appointment for an on-site visit or 1300 851 636 for general enquiries.

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