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WELCOME

Welcome to the December 2006 edition of *Wastewater News*. You can also find this and previous newsletters at our website:

www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/newsletters.htm#wastewater

Legislation Update

New Regulations are being drafted concerning the draft *Onsite Wastewater Systems Code* and the draft *Connection to a Reticulated Community Wastewater Systems Code* by the legislators.

The Regulations, Codes and Discussion Papers will, hopefully, be sent out for public comment before Christmas. We will make sure that plenty of time is given after Christmas and New Year holiday period for providing comments.

A Reminder for Yearly Monitoring Reports

We have received a good number of annual monitoring reports from the various owners /operators of the wastewater treatment/reuse schemes.

For those councils or agencies that have reuse schemes and have not yet provided this year's annual monitoring report, it is another kind reminder to do so.

Please note, as advised earlier by letter to each owner / operator of a reuse scheme, an annual report is due by 30 September each financial year providing effluent quality monitoring results unless specifically exempted in the latest approval documentation.

Any malfunctions and/or reclaimed water quality variations are also to be detailed in the report, including the measures taken to rectify the problem(s).

Greywater Reuse

In view of the current drought conditions and the interest of the public, the Department of Health has developed guidelines for the *Manual Bucketing of Greywater*, which allow manual greywater application onto the lawns and garden areas using water from the bathroom or laundry. These Guidelines can be found at our website:

www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/wastewater/greywater-manual-bucketing-06.pdf

We have received good feedback from EHOs about these guidelines. Any further suggestions or comments in this regard would be welcomed.

Following link leads to the information about the installation of Permanent Onsite Domestic Greywater Systems:

www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/wastewater/greywater-general-nov06.pdf

The Draft Guidelines for Permanent Onsite Domestic Greywater Systems: Greywater Products and Installation can be found at the following web address:

www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/wastewater/greywater-pr-install-draft-nov06.pdf

New Wastewater Product Approvals

Some new wastewater products are in the pipeline and their details would be published in the *Wastewater News* once their approval has been finalized. Meanwhile keep looking at our approved wastewater products lists for the latest updates at our website:

www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/wastewater/wastewater-products.htm

Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling

The *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling* have now been endorsed by the Commonwealth Government. The Document comprises of a risk management framework and specific guidance on managing the health and environmental risks associated with the use of recycled water.

It includes sections on:

- Large scale treated sewage and greywater to be used for such uses as garden watering, car washing, toilet flushing, irrigation and fire protection.
- Use of greywater on-site for irrigation, toilet flushing and other uses.

In light of the above, South Australia is presently reviewing its position on water recycling. Further information regarding this topic will be available on completion of this work.

For further information on this topic, see the following website:

www.ephc.gov.au/ephc/water_recycling.html

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~ Wedding Bells for Nina ~

Our staff member and editor of the *Wastewater News*, Nina Coles was married on 18 November.

We are sure all of our readers would join us in wishing Nina and James all the best for the future.

The happy couple are presently spending their honeymoon in New Zealand. Nina will be returning to us on 11 December.

“A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person” ~ Germaine Greer.



We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

“Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas” ~ Dale Evans

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