

News Release

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GOUGH BAY WASTEWATER A CONCERN

Following last week's Mansfield Courier article, Councillor Jeff Whyte said "The future needs of Goughs Bay in wastewater management suggest reticulated sewer be pursued at the earliest opportunity. An action from Council's (draft) Municipal Wastewater Management Plan, this report is a key step to gauge public views and comment."

"Upgrading existing septic systems are also addressed as an alternate solution, together with possible actions for Council and landowners should a reticulated sewerage system be unachievable within the short or medium term" said Cr Whyte.

Cr Whyte said that "Whilst concerns exist about the probable cost of construction, the report concludes that to practicably achieve an acceptable level of long term protection of the environment and public health, a wastewater upgrade based on some form of reticulated sewerage is recommended for Goughs Bay".

"Goughs Bay is the 2nd largest township within Mansfield Shire with approximately 263 developed allotments. There is also potential for further development in Mountain Bay. These allotments rely on septic tank systems for the treatment of wastewater; with many older septic tanks thought to be failing" said Council's Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr Kim Steinle.

A copy of the full Scoping Study report is now available from Goughs Bay Store, the Caravan Park, the Boat Club, the Mansfield Shire Office and the Mansfield Library. For those that may not want to read the entire report, an executive summary and a pamphlet overview are also available from the same locations. Copies may be downloaded from Council's web page.

The closing date for submissions is 25 September 2010

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