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There is one eligible project in the area.

Euroa Memorial Oval Septic Tank Decommissioning

Cost: \$20,000

Problem and opportunity: Euroa Memorial Oval Committee of Management (EMOCOM) as a Committee of Management in conjunction with the Euroa Senior Football Netball Club, Euroa Cricket Club (Seniors & Juniors), Euroa Junior Football Netball Club, Euroa Youth Girls Football and Euroa Auskick we are seeking financial assistance to decommission the existing septic tank system at the female change rooms at the memorial oval netball courts and replace with a new sewer line to the reticulated sewer (Goulburn Valley Water Sewer main).

How does it affect or impact the community? At present the cost of annual maintenance is very high, EMOCOM have the existing septic tank pumped out annually by Henry the Third, and at times this may be required to be done again during a Netball/football season. Tree roots in the absorption trenches require regular attention to be cleaned out by a plumber.

There is also regular plumbing maintenance required when the system is under high usage, causing the septic system to fail. When this occurs, the female change rooms have to be closed due to the toilets backfilling, effluent overflowing outside of the facilities and running over the grassed area between the two netball courts.

The effluent odour becomes very overbearing and the area has to be fenced off for health and safety reasons, leaving the female participants and umpires without amenities. The change room for female participants at the netball courts of Euroa Memorial Oval must close regularly during the season due to the failure of the septic tank. Female participants, spectators and football umpires are then unable to use the toilets or shower amenities.

What is your idea and what difference would it make? EMOCOM have engaged in professional advice to scope the works required to oversee a major project like this. Underground Engineering Solutions (UES), who are a Goulburn Valley Water approved contractor have attended the Memorial Oval female changerooms to assess the site and provided advice on how to proceed. UES will bore the sewer from the corner of the female change rooms located between both netball courts to the reticulated sewer in Dunn Street.

Previously we have had recommendations of pumped tank systems feeding back to the memorial oval function rooms, however after seeking additional guidance from USE a gravity feed into the reticulated sewer can be achieved. This will cost significantly less than the pumped system and will not require regular maintenance.

Further information: Total cost of works have been quoted at approximately \$35,000. EMOCOM is committed to financially providing a \$15,000 contribution towards these works. EMOCOM would appreciate the support of \$20,000 from Strathbogie Shire Council.