



# PRESSURE SEWERAGE SYSTEM POLICY

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Council is committed to providing an alternative solution for wastewater collection in wastewater connection areas in Weddin Shire Council LGA. Pressure Sewerage System (PSS) will be considered as an alternative solution for use by Council only and subject to:

- Terrain and ground conditions where it is impractical or uneconomical to service the area with conventional gravity sewer.
- Extension of sewer network by Council (supported by a business case/cost effective and value for money option) to properties within the existing wastewater connection areas that are currently not serviced by a Council gravity sewer.

Weddin Shire Council is responsible for the design of the entire PSS and the installation of the Off-property assets (Council pressure main on the street/footpath) as indicated in the Council PSS Property Owner's Guide to responsibilities and maintenance.

Property owners are responsible for the installation, operation, maintenance and renewal of all on-property assets in accordance with the Weddin Shire Council PSS Property Owner's Guide. Property owners must maintain and provide, on request, a current maintenance agreement with a registered service agent (to the satisfaction of Council) to service their on-property assets.

## 2. PURPOSE

Council recognises that a conventional gravity sewerage system is not always practicable or cost effective in all circumstances. This policy provides an alternative to gravity sewerage system by using a PSS, where it is assessed by Council as the preferred option.

This Policy applies to a Grinder Pump Sewer System, where sewage flows into a collection tank with a grinder pump that macerates the solids and discharges the macerated sewage into a pressurised sewer pipe system. This policy does not apply to Septic Tank Effluent Pump System.

## 3. POLICY OBJECTIVES

To describe how Pressure Sewerage Systems (PSS) are implemented in the Weddin Shire Council local government area (LGA) and define the ownership, operation and maintenance responsibilities of the PSS.

## 4. LEGISLATION

This policy should be read in conjunction with Weddin Shire Council Pressure Sewerage System Property Owner's Guide to responsibilities and maintenance, codes of practice, relevant internal policies, and guidelines and customer 'Agreement for provision of Pressure Sewerage Services'.



Related legislation and policies:

Name
Related Council Policy or Code of Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pressure Sewerage Code of Australia</i></li> </ul>
Related legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Government Act 1993</i></li> <li>• <i>EP&amp;A Act 1993</i></li> </ul>

## 5. APPLICATION/SCOPE

This policy applies to all Property owners in the Weddin Shire Council local government area that are allowed to connect to a PSS.

## 6. POLICY

### 6.1. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following table outlines the roles and responsibilities of personnel. Noting that the position titles may change, however, the responsibilities remain the same.

Roles	Responsibility
The Elected Council	Review Policy as required.
General Manager	The General Manager is responsible for the overall control and implementation of the Policy.
Director of Infrastructure	The Director of Infrastructure is responsible for ensuring all properties connected to the PSS complies with this Policy.
General Public	The general public must act in accordance with this policy and abide by any determination made as a result of this policy.

### 6.2. REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	Responsibility
<b>Pressure Sewerage System</b> Where Council authorises the installation of pressure sewerage systems, the systems will be designed, installed, operated, maintained and managed in accordance with Council's <i>PSS Guide, the Pressure Sewerage Code of Australia and the "Agreement for the Provision of Pressure Sewerage Service" between the Council and the property owner.</i>	Council
<b>Pressure Sewer Schemes</b> Council, in consultation with the community, may decide to construct a pressure sewerage scheme to service an existing un-sewered area in preference to conventional gravity sewerage as a cost-effective solution to allow the scheme to progress.	Council



<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<p>All serviced properties within a pressure sewer scheme will have a pressure sewer system installed and connected to the Council sewer pressure main.</p> <p>The design of the overall pressure sewer scheme (both on Council land and on private property) will be the responsibility of Weddin Shire Council.</p>	
<p>The Director Infrastructure Services of Weddin Shire Council must concur with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the installation of Council pressure sewer systems.</li> <li>• connection of individual properties to the Council pressure sewer system.</li> </ul>	Council
<p><b>Ownership/construction/ Operation &amp; Maintenance</b></p> <p>a) Council - Council will own, construct, maintain and operate the Off-property assets as per PSS property Owner's guide to responsibilities and maintenance. This includes the pressure sewer and the property isolation valve on Council property (footpath/street).</p> <p>b) Property owner - is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the sewerage pressure system for the On-property assets as per Council's Pressure Sewerage System Property Owner's Guide, Agreement for provision of Pressure Sewerage Services and as per Council design and specifications of the PSS. The On-property assets includes: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collection tank (including the grinder pump)</li> <li>• discharge pipeline from the boundary kit to the property boundary</li> <li>• boundary kit and discharge pipeline from the collection tank to the boundary kit</li> <li>• electrical control panel and its connection and associated electricity connection and electricity consumption charges.</li> </ul>	<p>Council</p> <p>Property Owner</p>
<p><b>Agreement</b></p> <p>Property owners are required to enter into an Agreement for Provision of Pressure Sewerage Services with Council. The agreement will define the expectations of both parties in the ownership, operation and maintenance of the PSS, including compliance requirements and annual sewerage charges payable by the property owner.</p>	Council / Property Owner
<p><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Applicable Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that policies are implemented appropriately within their work area.</p>	Council



Requirements	Responsibility
<p><b>Concerns</b> Public concerns communicated to Council regarding this policy will be recorded in Council's records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service or Complaints Policy. They will be used to analyse the history of concerns and determine follow up actions.</p>	Council
<p><b>Consultation</b> Consultation regarding this policy will occur with affected stakeholders and public submissions regarding proposed changes to this policy are invited and considered during the policy exhibition period.</p>	Council

## 7. DEFINITIONS

Key Terms	Meaning
Conventional gravity sewer	A pipe network for the collection and transport of wastewater by gravity flow through buried piping systems to a central wastewater treatment facility.
Off-property assets	Assets, owned by Weddin Shire Council, for the transport of wastewater that are outside a property boundary with the asset ownership boundary starting from and including the property isolation valve.
On-property assets	Assets owned by the property owner for the collection of wastewater within the property boundary including the sanitary drain, the grinder (or macerator) pump and collection tank, electrical works, control / alarm panels, property discharge line and boundary kit (up to but not including the property isolating valve which is owned by Weddin Shire Council). Refer 'Pressure Sewer System, Property Owner Guide).
Pressure Sewerage System (PSS)	Complete system wherein wastewater is conveyed under pressure generated by pumping units located on each property to a wastewater treatment facility or another wastewater system for treatment and disposal.
Property owner	Person or legal entity who owns the parcel of land being serviced.
Sewerage system	Network of pipelines and ancillary works that conveys sewage to a wastewater treatment works facility for treatment and disposal.
Wastewater Connection Area	Properties within the existing wastewater connected areas.



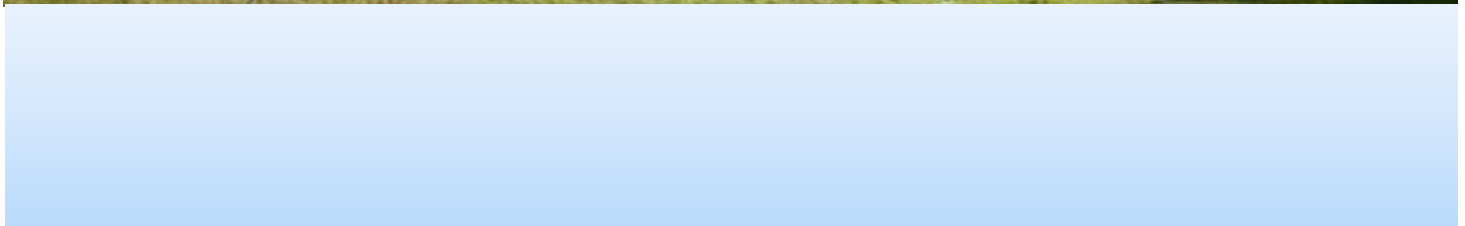
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Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:		
<b>Performance indicator</b>		<b>Data source(s)</b>
Concerns or complaints registered		Council records
Customer feedback, survey responses		Surveys
<p>This policy may be amended or revoked at any time and must be reviewed at least three (3) years since its adoption (or latest amendment). The Director -Infrastructure Services will be responsible for the review of this policy. Review of this policy will incorporate relevant legislation, documentation released from relevant state agencies and best practice guideline.</p> <p><b>Review Date:</b> 20 October 2025</p>		
<b>Amendment History</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Detail</b>
<p><b>Annexure Attached:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSS Property Owner’s guide to responsibilities and maintenance.</li> <li>• Agreement for the Provision of PSS.</li> </ul>		
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# Pressure Sewerage Systems



Property owner's guide to responsibilities and maintenance



This guide helps property owners with properties subject to Council’s Pressure Sewerage System (PSS) Policy understand the requirements of operating and owning a pressure sewerage system.

Council strongly recommends that property owners be familiar with this guide which describes:

- Who is responsible for each part of the unit - the property owner or Council
- How to care for your unit
- What to do if the alarm sounds - a quick troubleshooting guide
- What procedures need to be put in place before you go away

**The end section of this guide goes into greater details about conditions and responsibilities for each component of a Pressure Sewerage System.**

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## Why do I have a Pressure Sewerage System (PSS)?

Some properties are connected to a pressure sewerage system where it is impractical to use other systems, such as the gravity sewerage system predominantly used.

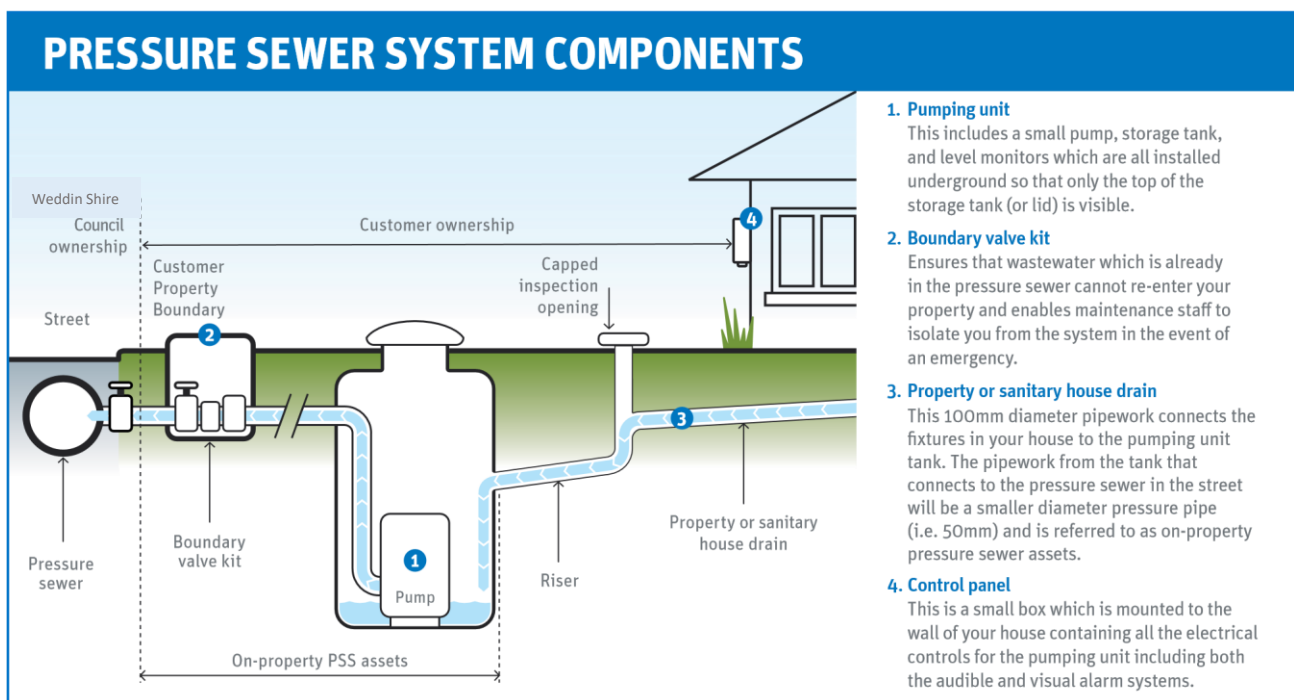
Pressure sewerage systems are often used in areas when the landscape is either very hilly or very flat, in areas which regularly flood or have high water tables.

## What is a PSS?

A pressure sewerage system is made up of a network of fully sealed pipes which are fed by pumping units located at each connected property.

The pumping unit receives the household wastewater and transfers it to the pressure sewer located in the street via a small pipeline within the property. The pressure sewer forms part of the overall pipe network which ultimately transfers the wastewater to the nearest wastewater treatment facility. Once installed, the only visible parts are the tank lid, boundary kit lid and control panel.

The diagram below shows the components that make up the system and the point of ownership transfer from Council to the property owner.



Properties located within a reticulated pressure sewer area, require on-property PSS components contained within the allotment and connected to the sewer main in the street for discharge. Your on-property PSS has five main components:

- Boundary kit
- Pump and collection tank unit
- Pump control box
- Property discharge line
- Property sanitary / house drain

The property owner is responsible for owning and maintaining all components of the on-property PSS. This includes electricity cost of running the pump.

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## Buying or selling a property serviced by PSS

When you are *buying* the property, it is your responsibility to fully inform yourself of the on-property pressure sewerage infrastructure, its capacity and your ownership obligation before purchasing the property. You are required by Council to maintain and provide, on request, a current maintenance agreement with a registered service agent (to the satisfaction of Council) to service your on-property assets.

When you are *selling* the property, it is your responsibility to ensure that the vendor's sale agreements acknowledge the existence of a pressure sewerage system servicing your property and advise the purchasers of their responsibilities with regards to the installation, ownership and operation of the on-property pumping units and associated equipment that connects to Council's sewerage system.

Where Council has extended the sewerage network, using PSS, vacant allotments will only be connected by Council once you build on the allotment. The property owner will supply and install the on-property assets at their own cost. Please contact Council to confirm if your allotment qualifies for connection and arrange for your connection prior to submitting a plumbing application.

## Where Council is extending sewerage to an allotment and proposing to use a PSS

Council will only propose to use PSS if it is not feasible to use a gravity sewer to service your property. This may happen in instances where the land is either very flat or very hilly or there may be poor ground conditions (ie. swamps or rock).

In these instances, Council will liaise with you during the design process to identify the most suitable location for the tank and pump on your property. This will normally be on the front of the property (street side). The Council will be responsible for the design of the entire PSS on both Council land and on your property.

**Property owner will pay for the installation of the collection tank, the pump, control panel, boundary kit and connection to the boundary kit and connection to the property house drain.**

Council will ensure that all landscaping reinstatement is done to a similar quality than before

Council installed the boundary kit components on your property.

Once installed, the only visible parts are the tank lid, boundary kit lid and control panel.

The control panel will need to connect to your power supply by your qualified electrician.

Once connected, the owner is to test all components by a qualified service provider and provide a certificate to confirm the system performance.

**The ongoing operation, maintenance and renewal of all the assets on your property will become your responsibility.** Council will require you to maintain and provide, on request, a current maintenance agreement with a registered service agent (to the satisfaction of Council) to service your on-property assets.

Wastewater will be treated and disposed or reused by Council.



## Maintaining a PSS - property owner's responsibilities

The property owner is responsible for all on-property components of the PSS as follows:

- House drain
- Grinder pump
- Collection tank
- Control system
- Property discharge line and boundary kit

Ownership transfers to Weddin Shire Council at the property isolating valve located on the footpath.

Refer to your supplier operations and maintenance manual for any specific requirements of your system.

### Maintenance is important

**DO** maintain and provide, on request, a current maintenance agreement with a registered service agent (to the satisfaction of Council) to service your own property assets.

**DO** call your registered service agent of your PSS if you have any problems with your system.

**DO** operate and maintain all components of the on-property PSS so as to not create a nuisance or environmental harm (ie. odour, noise, sewage overflow). It is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to cause environmental harm.

**DO** replace any worn or damaged components of your PSS system when they are no longer serviceable, ie. pump. A typical Suppliers List will be provided under "Conditions of connection" for different products for use within the Weddin Shire Council area. Council does not guarantee or warrant the performance of the products listed, however, Council may, from time-to-time, exclude items that Council becomes aware of as being defective or resulting in excessive numbers of failures.

**DO** replace your pump when required with a like-for like pump unit (the same as you have originally installed on your allotment with the same pumping flow and head condition specified).

**DO** advise tenants of their operation and maintenance responsibilities associated with the on-property PSS if you rent out the property.

### Things to avoid

**DO NOT** turn off the electricity supply at your electrical distribution board as this may result in wastewater overflows.

**DO NOT** allow your collection tank to overflow and discharge sewage onto any neighbouring property or drainage channels or water courses.

**DO NOT** discharge rainwater to your collection tank. This will increase your pumping costs and during times of heavy rainfall may cause a sewage overflow and activate your system alarm.

**DO NOT** call Weddin Shire Council if you have an emergency fault with your PSS unless your plumber or service agent advises you that the problem is being caused by the Weddin Shire Council owned sewerage network, ie. a blockage in the sewerage network outside your property.

**DO NOT** landscape or build over your collection tank lid or the boundary valve kit. Leave sufficient space around each of these components to enable access for maintenance should it be required

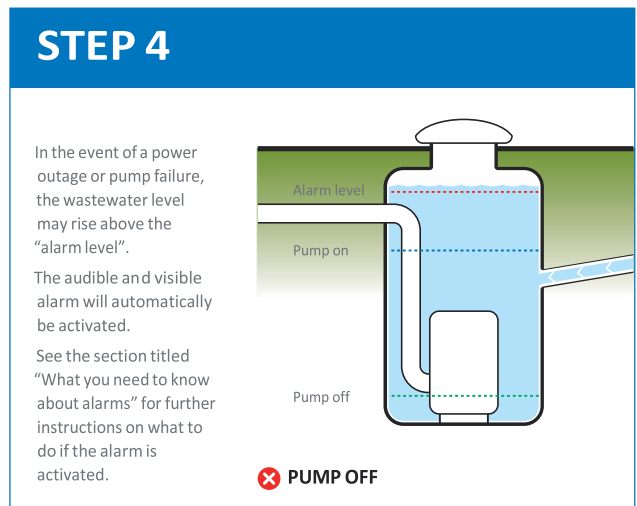
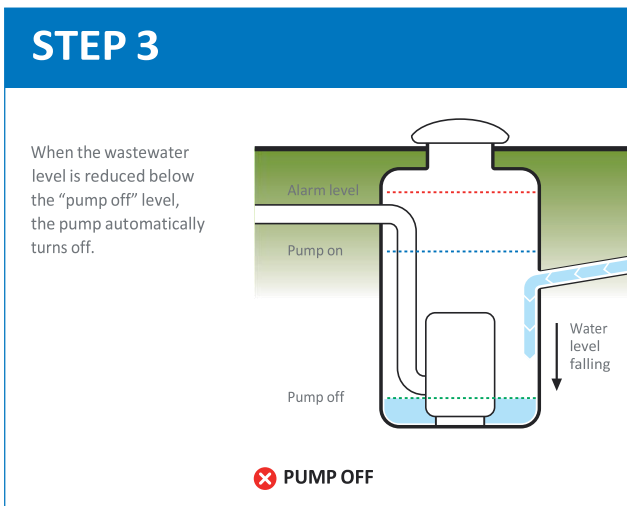
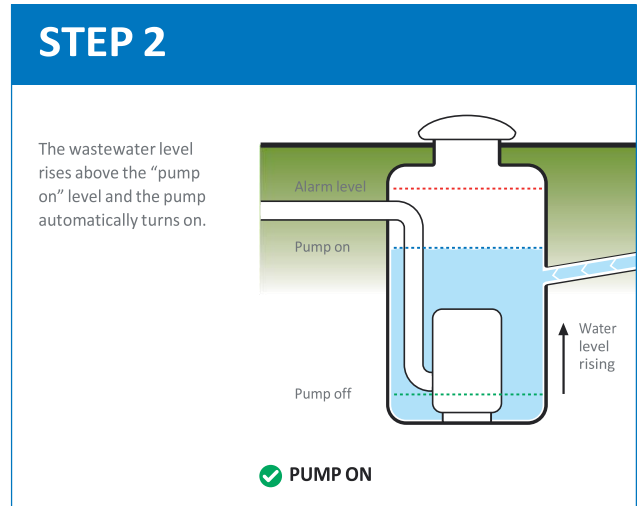
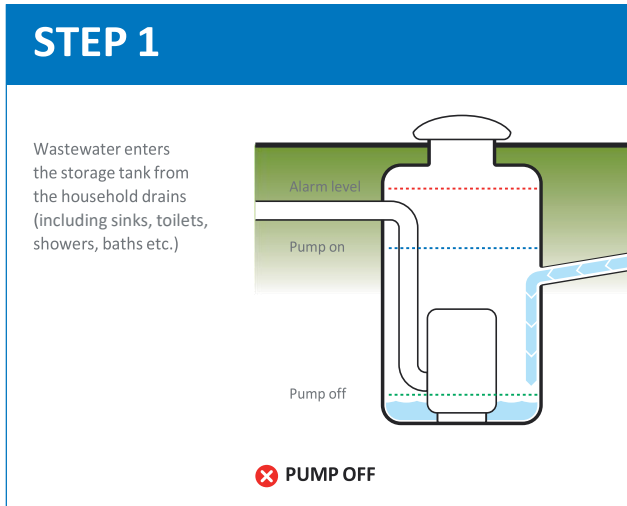
Check your equipment annually to confirm all elements are still in good working order and remain compliant with the approved installation.

Refer to "**What not to flush down household drains**".



## How do Pressure Sewerage Systems work?

Pressure sewerage systems differ from conventional gravity systems because they depend on a collection/pump unit to transfer wastewater off the property. A small collection/pump unit installed on the property pumps the wastewater into our main wastewater pipes.



*Image courtesy of Yarra Valley Water*



# Avoid blockages and damage to your pump - what not to flush down household drains

It is very important that the following items are NOT flushed down any of your household drains (sinks, toilets, showers, baths, etc.) and into the pressure sewerage system. They can cause expensive blockages and damage to your pump.

- glass, broken glass
- metal or metal filings
- seafood shells
- aquarium stones
- rocks, sand
- kitty litter
- nappies, nappy liners, baby wipes
- sanitary napkins or tampons
- cotton buds
- socks, rags, pantyhose or clothes
- plastic objects
- milk, food scraps or cooking oil
- explosives
- flammable materials
- lubricating oil and/or grease
- strong chemicals
- paints (water soluble or oil based)
- petrol, gasoline or diesoline
- rainwater



The property owner is responsible for operation and maintenance of the on-property components. If the pumping unit fails due to any of the above items entering the storage tank, you are responsible for all costs of repairs or clearing blockages.

You will need to contact your plumber or PSS service agent to resolve any issues.





## What precautions do I need to take when going on holidays or if my property will be vacant for a period?

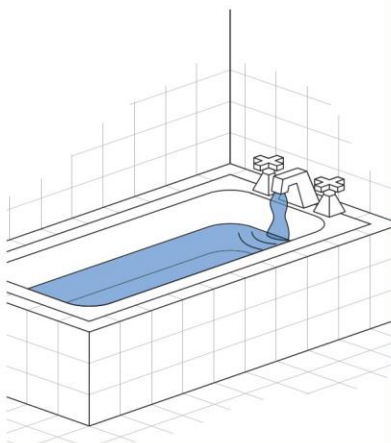
If you are going to be away for more than three days, your pumping unit needs to be flushed out to prevent potential odour problems.

It is suggested that you complete the following activities before going away.

### FLUSH THE SYSTEM

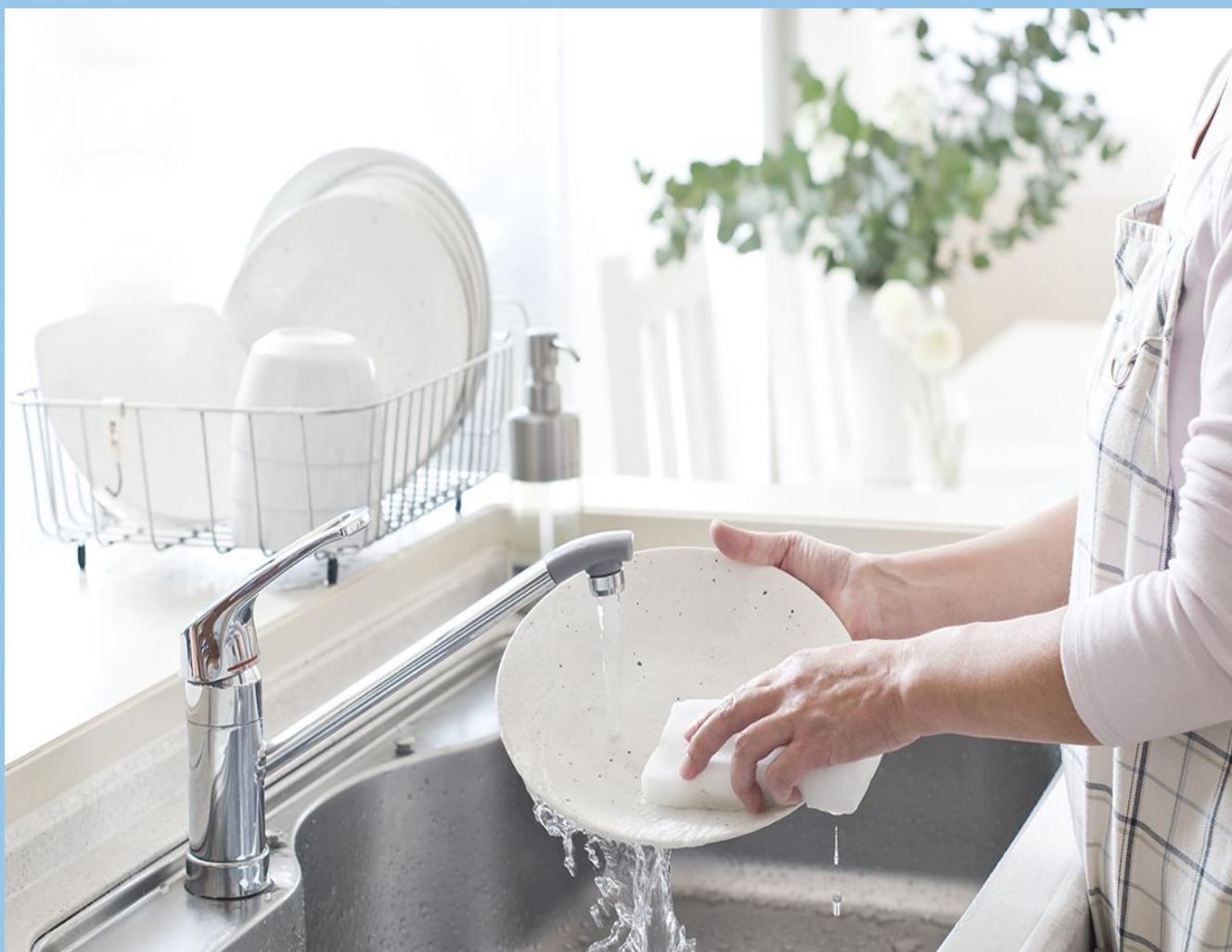
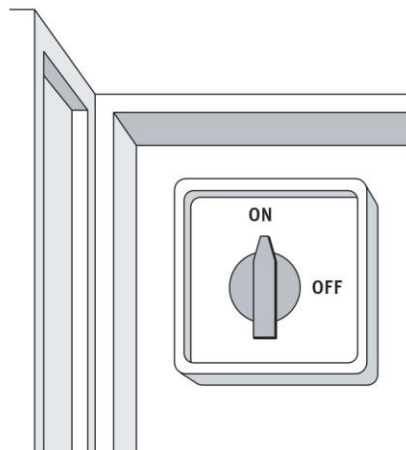
Run at least 190 L of clean water into the pumping unit until the pump activates and runs for about 30 seconds. After that time, turn off the water and allow the pump to run until it shuts off automatically.

You can do this by filling up the bathtub and then emptying it. This will prevent unpleasant odours developing while you are away on your holiday.



### LEAVE PUMPING POWER ON

If there are any leaking taps or appliances within your household, there may be a small accumulation of wastewater in the storage tank. If the pumping unit is turned off, it could potentially overflow and there would be no audible or visible alarm to warn you or your neighbours of the problem.





## Troubleshooting - why is my alarm going off?

### In case of alarms

Please call all your service agent in the first instance.

If your service agent believes the fault is in the Council network, please call (02) 6343 1212 (Working Hours) or 0490 034 981 (Emergency After Hours). If the fault is found to be in Council's sewerage network, Council will reimburse you for the call out fee of your service agent.

**NOTE: ALWAYS refer to your specific equipment supplier recommendations, however, below is a quick reference guide that may assist you on what to do when dealing with alarms.**

SYMPTOM	ALARM SOUNDS AND FLASHING LIGHTS	POWER OUTAGE	POWER OUTAGE FOR LONGER THAN 8 HOURS	ALARM SOUNDS FREQUENTLY AND THEN TURNS OFF	YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S ALARM SOUNDS
ACTION	TURN OFF AUDIBLE ALARM	WAIT ONE HOUR BEFORE INVESTIGATING	MINIMISE WASTEWATER GENERATION AND ADVISE US	INVESTIGATE	CONTROL PANEL TO SEND A SIGNAL TO PROPERTY OWNER PHONE
HOWTODOIT	<p>Press the button on the underside of the control panel to disable the audible alarm.</p> <p>The audible alarm should automatically shut off after a period of time (regardless of whether the button on the underside of the control panel is pressed).</p> <p>The flashing light will only turn off if your service agent resets it, or the problem which has triggered the alarm is resolved.</p>	<p>If the alarm activates following a power outage, wait for one hour before investigating.</p> <p>The alarm may sound when the power is restored as the wastewater level in the storage tank may have built up to above the alarm level.</p> <p>Once power is restored, the pump will recommence pumping but may take up to an hour for the wastewater level in the tank to drop below the alarm level (this is due to a number of other pumps trying to empty their tanks at the same time).</p> <p>Please minimise water usage (showers or clothes washing) during power outages to reduce the risk of an overflow.</p> <p>If the pump is not pumping down the tank within three hours, contact Redland City Council to confirm if there is an issue with the Council's sewerage network.</p>	<p>Reduce water usage by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not turning on clothes washers and dishwashers while the alarm is active.</li> <li>Taking shorter showers.</li> <li>Where a bath was filled, leave the plug in until after the alarm is cancelled or bucket out the water onto the lawn.</li> <li>Do not discharge any swimming pool or spa backwash water into the system.</li> <li>Use a portable generator or contact Council for assistance in periods of extended power outages, particularly if it appears that the duration may exceed twenty-four hours (excluding time when the residents are asleep). In the event of extended power outage events, the property owner may need to organise for storage tank to be pumped out, or contact Council for assistance.</li> </ul>	<p>Determine if there is any sudden discharge (overflow from a swimming pool or rainwater ingress).</p> <p>If the alarm sounds during or after rainfall, rainwater may be entering the collection tank.</p> <p>If the problem continues, please contact your service agent to investigate and repair the issue.</p>	<p>Control panel to have facility to send an alarm signal to property owner/service provider telephone to attend to the alarm.</p>





## Conditions of connection

### Preliminary

In these conditions: you and your, refers to the owner of the property (connected or to be connected) to our pressure sewerage system. Council, we, us and our, refers to Weddin Shire Council.

Our Customer Charter sets out any service levels provided by Council.

 [Weddin Shire Council](#)

[Customer charter](#)

### Power

You are responsible for the connection of the pumping unit and control panel to mains power.

You must pay for electricity connection and electricity consumption charges.

If you turn off your power supply, your collection tank may overflow and you could be liable for damages to neighbouring properties or infringement penalties under the *NSW Environmental Protection Act* or *Public Health Act*.

### Property or sanitary house drain

A new connection application is required. Council will confirm the connection point to the Council owned sewer for your property if one is available. You are required to engage a plumber to design and install the sanitary house drain on your property. This is normally 100mm diameter pipework which connects the fixtures in your house to the pumping unit tank in a PSS area or directly to the gravity sewer in a gravity sewer area.

All new plumbing works on your property must be completed by a licenced plumber and approved and inspected by Council Plumbing Services. Any electrical work required to connect the PSS must be carried out by a licenced electrician.

### On-Property PSS Assets

Council will design the entire PSS. You are responsible for the build and commission of the on-property components.

The on-going ownership, operation, maintenance and renewal of these assets will become your responsibility. An agreement will be entered with Council to be able to connect to the PSS.

### Pressure sewer bursts

If you notice wet ground or water escaping from your plumbing, it is possible that a pipe burst may have occurred. Such breaks are rare and are more likely to occur due to other work being carried out near the pipes. You will need to call a plumber to repair any pipework on your property.

If you notice wet ground or water escaping from the Council pressure sewerage system located on the footpath, please call Council to investigate and repair.

### Pumping unit maintenance

Pumping unit repairs are generally simple. In most cases, your service agent will be able to make immediate repairs to your pumping unit. If the problem is more serious, your pumping unit may need to be replaced immediately by your service agent at your cost. Council recommends that you check your pump and electrical equipment annually to ensure they remain compliant.

### Pumping unit replacement

You are responsible for all costs associated with the replacement of your pump.

### Pumping volume

An increase in wastewater caused by a large number of visitors will not impact the pressure sewerage system. However, the pumping unit might have to pump more frequently.

In cases when there is a prolonged power outage and you have a large number of visitors your collection well may be undersized and may cause an overflow. It is recommended that in these instances you restrict water use to prevent an overflow.

### Installation

You are responsible for all costs associated with decommissioning an existing on-site wastewater treatment system and all costs associated with connecting your on-property assets to the Weddin Shire Council sewerage infrastructure. Septic tanks are not permitted to be retrofitted as a collection tank.

### Maintenance

You are responsible for any costs associated with maintaining property drains in good working order. Any work to be carried out on property drains must be carried out by a licensed plumber at your cost.

You are responsible for maintaining your pump and pressure main in good working order. Any work to be carried out on the pumping unit must be carried out by your service agent or a licensed electrician.

### Pools and spas

You are not permitted to connect swimming pool or spa discharge (including backwash) water to the pressure sewerage system.

### Restricted water use

Whenever you discover anything wrong with the pumping unit (including any power failure) or your property drain, you must restrict as much as possible the amount of water that is sent down your property drains.

This will reduce the amount of wastewater generated from your property while the fault persists thereby helping avoid an overflow at the tank unit.

### Pressure Sewerage System Property Owner's Guide

You must ensure that a copy of the pressure sewerage system property owners' guide is kept at the property at all times, even if the property is leased or rented.

You can obtain further copies of this guide from our website at [www.weddin.nsw.gov.au](http://www.weddin.nsw.gov.au)

### Decommissioning old systems

When our pressure sewerage system is installed, you must arrange for a licensed plumber to decommission your existing on-site wastewater system (if any), and arrange to connect to the pressure sewerage system within the time-frame indicated in the notice that the pressure sewerage system is available. You must pay for all work on your property associated with connecting to the Council owned isolating valve on the footpath (except for the initial installation by Council of boundary trap and connection to Council assets).

### Selling your property

When Council provides any information statements about your property (for example, to a potential purchaser) it will state that the property is in a pressure sewer area and that special conditions of connection apply to it.



### Costs and charges

You will be responsible for the sewerage service charges which apply to all residential or business properties and is set out in the Council charges statement annually.

### Property Boundary Kit

Between our property discharge line and the main wastewater pipes there is a one-way valve and isolation valve. These will: prevent flows from other properties entering your property, allow your property to be isolated for repairs and allow flushing of the system if required. Under no circumstances should you operate the Council owned isolation valve. Your boundary kit valves should not be operated unless your service agent is carrying out maintenance on your system. The valves should always be left in the open position on completion of works.

### Grinder Pump

The grinder pump is housed within a collection tank on your property. The tank has mechanical and electrical parts. The grinder pump breaks up solids to allow them to be pumped through the property discharge line to our main wastewater pipes. The collection tank is buried on your property, but the top needs to stick out from the ground to allow access for servicing.

The collection tank should be about 150mm out of the ground at all times. This will allow access for service calls when required. The collection tank cover must not be buried or covered in any way.

### Control/alarm panel

The power and control functions for the pump are in a locked panel on the wall of your property, or on a freestanding post near the collection tank. An alarm will sound if there is a problem with the grinder pump. Only licenced electricians can work or service the control/ alarm panel. The electrical equipment inside the control/ alarm panel and the alarm light work on 240-volt power. Please call your electrician if you have any issues with the control panel. Property owner is to ensure when they are away, that alarms are transferred to their service providers to attend to the alarm.

### Typical PSS Suppliers

A supplier/s companies that supply PSS components will be provided on request from the Council. Owners need to inform themselves in relation to the reliability, quality and performance of the product and Council does not warrant the performance of any of these products.





## **AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF PRESSURE SEWERAGE SERVICE**

This agreement is made between Weddin Shire Council (the Council) and  
..... (the Property Owner)

It relates to Lot ..... DP .....  
..... (the Property).  
(Street Address)

Council and the Property Owner agree that:

1. The Property is to be connected to Council's sewer using a Pressure Sewerage System (PSS). Property owner - is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the sewerage pressure system for the on-property assets as per Council's Pressure Sewerage System Property Owner's Guide to responsibilities and maintenance, Agreement for Provision of Pressure Sewerage Services and as per Council's design and specifications of the PSS. The on-property assets includes: -

- collection tank (including the grinder pump)
- discharge pipeline from the boundary kit to the property boundary
- boundary kit and discharge pipeline from the collection tank to the boundary kit
- electrical control panel and its connection including payment of associated power bills

The Property Owner is also responsible for:

- connection of internal plumbing to the collection tank/grinder pump.
- maintenance of gravity plumbing on the Property, up to the inlet of the collection tank/ grinder pump.
- providing evidence to confirm that construction and installed assets complies with Council design, operation and maintenance requirements.
- providing evidence of commissioning and testing requirements of the pressure system on their property to ensure the system is functioning as per Council requirements. Owner to provide certification from qualified/accredited service providers.
- providing work as executed drawings for the pressure sewer system installed on their property and certification that the work is carried out as per drawings and specifications from a qualified/accredited service provider.
- ensuring no materials which would harm the pressure sewer system are discharged to the sewer.
- maintaining and provide, on request, a maintenance service agreement with a registered service agent (to the satisfaction of the Council) to service their on-property assets.
- payment of annual sewerage charges as determined by Council. These shall be applicable from the time the connection to the Council pressure sewer main is made available.



**Note:** Further information regarding pressure sewerage systems is available within the following Council documents:

- Weddin Shire Council Pressure Sewerage System Policy
  - Weddin Shire Council Pressure Sewerage System Property Owner's Guide to responsibilities and maintenance.
2. The Council is responsible for the design of the overall pressure sewer scheme (both on Council land and on Private Property). The Council will also be responsible for the supply, installation, operation and maintenance of the following items:
- pressure sewer mains located on the street / footpath and associated pipe fittings up to the property boundary line.
3. In the event that the Property Owner leases the property, the following responsibilities shall transfer from the Property Owner to the lessee (unless otherwise determined by the terms of the lease agreement between the owner and the lessee).
- provision of electrical power to the grinder pump, including payment of associated power bills.
  - ensuring no materials which would harm the pressure sewer system are discharged to the sewer.

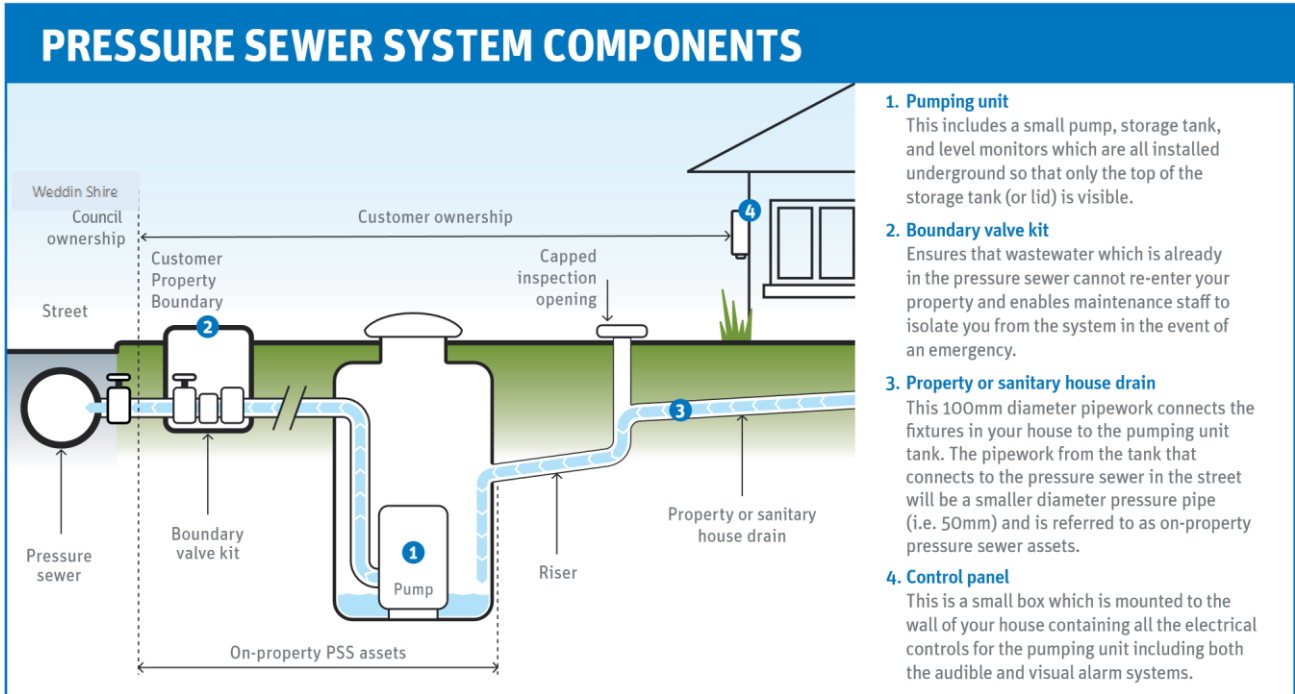
The Property Owner shall be responsible for communicating the above responsibilities to the lessee including any maintenance responsibilities.

4. In the event that the Property is sold, any new owner will be required to enter into an agreement with Council, similar to this Agreement, covering the continued operation and maintenance of the pressure sewer infrastructure located on the Property.

Council will include a statement within Section 10.7 Certificates, issued with respect to the Property, advising of the need for any new owner to enter into such an agreement with Council.

In the event of the proposed sale of the Property, the Owner shall inform the real estate agents or prospective purchasers of the nature of the pressure sewer system located on the Property and the need for any new owner to enter into an agreement with Council for the continued maintenance and operation of the pressure system on their property.

5. The Pressure Sewerage System Components referred to in this Agreement is as detailed below:



Signed: .....

Signed: .....

Name: .....  
Property Owner/s

Name: .....  
On behalf of Weddin Shire Council

Witness: .....

Witness: .....

Name: .....

Name: .....