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MAYOR TO OPEN COMBOYNE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Saturday 18 December 2004

Hastings Mayor Rob Drew will officially open the new Comboyne Water Treatment Plant at midday on Saturday, 18 December 2004.

The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) will ensure the village community has a safe and reliable drinking water source and Cr Drew says he is pleased that Council has fulfilled its promise to open the Comboyne Plant before the end of 2004.

“The Comboyne residents’ patience will be rewarded when the crystal clear high quality water flows from their taps,” Cr. Drew says.

The membrane filtration process used in the state of the art facility removes particles and organisms as small as 0.1 micron. A small amount of chemical will be used to help particles like dirt to clump together (coagulate) for easier removal and to adjust the pH if necessary.

“The advanced microfiltration process is similar to that used in mineral water bottling facilities,” Cr. Drew says.

The fully automated water treatment process will be continually monitored from Council’s Wauchope and Port Macquarie offices and the plant will be regularly maintained.

The backwash from the Comboyne WTP will not be wasted. It will be used to water the Comboyne Oval via an in-ground irrigation system.

Water Treatment Plants are also being built at Long Flat and Telegraph Point. These village communities currently get their water directly from local river systems. Once the WTPs are completed in the villages, the construction of a WTP in Wauchope will commence.

The Comboyne community and all interested people are invited to attend the official opening and take a free guided tour of the high-tech Water Treatment Plant (WTP). There will also be a free sausage sizzle and a WaterWise display.

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