

# Water Quality Monitoring Report October 2022

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

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I hereby certify that this report includes to findings and recommendations of the assessment process.

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Date: 30 October 2022

## Introduction

PPI Services were commissioned by Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Limited to implement a Water Quality Monitoring Programme during construction and operational phases of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club Marina - Lot 103, Hannell Street, Wickham. The water quality-monitoring programme was designed to monitor and assess potential impacts of Marina construction and operation activities upon the quality of receiving harbour waters.

The assessment/ Site Licence (EPL 11396) was varied in accordance with the 'Draft Notice of Licence Variation Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) EPL 11396', dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The revised conditions involve a visual interface probe test for the presence of hydrocarbons at two existing groundwater wells (GW1 and GW4) every six months. Should positive results for the presence of hydrocarbons be obtained further laboratory analysis and testing will be required within 30 days of the initial discovery.

During 2013 the site replaced its aging multi-chamber petrol/diesel underground fuel storage tank with a double skinned dedicated underground fuel storage tank. As of the October 2014 period report, the depth to the fill level of the interstitial space of this underground fuel storage tank is reported.

## Methodology

Groundwater sampling of GW1 and GW4 was carried out with an interface probe test of each well and confirmed with a visual and olfactory assessment of a water sample drawn from each well by means of a 1 litre disposable bailer. pH was tested in the field using a hand held Hanna Instruments unit calibrated on the day.

Testing of the depth to fluid filling the underground fuel storage tank was measured from the top of the observation well. This is performed as a check to ensure the double walled tank has not developed a leak.

Sample Date            13 October 2022

Sample Locations as Per **Figure 1**

## Results

Results for this sampling event are presented below:

GW1: Water at 1.95 metres and well bottom at 4.15 metres  
pH 6.9  
Temperature 22.5°C  
No hydrocarbon detected by interface probe  
No visible hydrocarbon observed  
No olfactory evidence of hydrocarbon

GW4: Water at 2.37 metres and well bottom at 3.40 metres  
pH 7.0  
Temperature 21.7°C  
No hydrocarbon detected by interface probe  
No visible hydrocarbon observed  
No olfactory evidence of hydrocarbon

Depth to the interstitial space filler fluid (brine) reading was taken and had dropped almost 50mm from a reading taken by site two weeks prior.

## **Discussion**

No hydrocarbons were detected in the wells sampled or in the underground storage tanks interstitial space.

The fuel tank's interstitial space liquid tightness requires further investigation.

## **Tank Interstitial Space**

It appears that the surrounding concrete hardstand has settled slightly and the fuel tank has stayed at the same height. The interstitial space fill/check tube is now sitting slightly proud of the underside of the road lid. Vehicles passing over the road lid push the pipe down and this may have cracked the fibreglass seal between the pipe and tank outer skin. It is suggested that a fuels maintenance contractor be engaged to ascertain the source of the interstitial space fluid leak.

The next monitoring event is scheduled for April 2023.

