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SLOPES: Fuel oil underground tank integrity testing

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Dear SLOPES Members

We have received an email on this issue from SLOPES member club Kahane Lodge as follows:

*Kahane Lodge has 2 underground fuel oil tanks that are due for integrity testing.**The enquiries I have made indicate the major component of testing is travelling costs.**As testing is a specialised task I wonder if there are other Lodges that may be interested in sharing the expenses.**Industry recommendation is for tank testing every three years.**NPWS coordinated a testing program in 2006/7 but I understand from Virginia Logan that Parks are not in a position to assist this time.*

NPWS advise that there about about 50 Clubs with tanks of one kind or another. Not all are operational and some are above ground. But the thinking is that there may be other Clubs with operational underground tanks interested or in need of integrity testing for their tanks.

If so, and if you would like to collaborate with Kahane in having integrity testing undertaken, please contact their Director Rod Peile on rodpeile@idx.com.au or 0448 670 586. Rod will be attending the SLOPES AGM this Thursday night so you also could discuss this with him after the AGM concludes.

For your information, we checked today the position with NPWS. They confirmed that they were involved in 2006/07 to raise awareness among Clubs of the need for regular integrity testing. But NPWS see the ongoing integrity testing as a matter for Clubs to attend to and they agree with the industry recommendation of 3 years.

Regards

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