

...than Ashley Madison," Mr Biderman said. ...re said one day after Father's Day saw a dramatic spike - a more than 400 per cent treated within their own family - a family they work so hard to provide for," he said. ...ners aren't given the opportunity to go somewhere else."

Sewerage project pumping along

By ROSS TYSON

MORE than 70,000 man hours, about 3000 cubic metres of concrete and nearly \$16 million have so far gone into the biggest infrastructure project ever undertaken by Griffith City Council.

The state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant is on track to be put through its paces prior to Christmas before waste is gradually introduced ahead of an official switchover planned for autumn.

The new plant, which comes with an expected price tag in the order of \$26 million, is designed to fulfil Griffith's growing sewerage needs for decades to come.

Council's sewerage and water manager David Tull said he was delighted the project had progressed virtually without a hitch - apart from some delays caused by bad weather.

"Overall, we're extremely happy with both the progress of the plant and the quality," Mr Tull said.

OVERVIEW: More than 3000 cubic metres of concrete has been used to date in the massive project.

"We chose a very good contractor (in Haslin) and they haven't disappointed us and things have generally gone according to plan.

"For a large project like that, you always expect some major issues to occur but they haven't and full credit to the Haslin men and our people on the site."

The plant features sophisticated "membrane bioreactor" technology that will produce high quality effluent that, while falling short of drinking standard, will be reused by council for irrigation.

Council inspector Mick Walsh said the final structural concreting would be completed in the coming weeks before attention turned to the electrical and mechanical fit-out.

"It's been a very good design and while there's been a few minor challenges, it hasn't been too bad at all," Mr Walsh said.



PROGRESS: Site manager Scott Ingles and council inspector Mick Walsh discuss progress on the city's new \$26 million sewage treatment plant.

Workshops aim to cut

