

# **BUSH FIRES & YOUR WATER SUPPLY**

Customers should be aware that in the event of a bush fire South Gippsland Water **cannot** guarantee to maintain water pressure or an uninterrupted water supply.

During bush fire events the demand for water by fire fighting agencies and residents will be high. The possibility of damage to water supply infrastructure is also high and this makes the town water supply unreliable.

Power outages are common during bushfires and loss of electricity will cause our pumps in a number of supply systems to stop – reducing pressure or ceasing flow altogether.

Even with the careful preparations the Corporation has made to ensure reliable water supply, including the provision of emergency generators, high demand for water for fire fighting may cause a severe drop in pressure.

**When making your fire plan be prepared with an independent water supply.**

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND WATER RECOMMENDS YOU CONSULT THE CFA ABOUT PREPARING YOUR FAMILY AND HOME FOR A BUSHFIRE.**