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## NEW CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR SOUTH GIPPSLAND WATER

South Gippsland Water has welcomed the announcement yesterday from the Minister for Water, the honourable Peter Walsh, of the new appointments to the Corporation's Board of Directors.

South Gippsland Water will welcome three new Board members to the Corporation and the appointment of Ms Joan Liley as Chair. Joan has recently been Deputy Chair and a Director on the Board since 2004. In welcoming Ms Liley as Chairperson, South Gippsland Water will this month farewell its long standing Director Mr Llew Vale who has been Chair of the Board since the Corporation's inception in 1995.

Mr Vale has retired from the Board with September's meeting to be his last. Mr Vale has contributed many years to South Gippsland Water and has overseen a great deal of change during his time as Chair.

At the Corporation's inception in 1995 the organisation had a vision to see every town in our region with treated filtered water; this vision is now a reality. In addition to this Llew has overseen many regional development and environmental improvements. Recently the Venus Bay outfall was upgraded and a diffuser added in order to secure the long term future of Murray Goulburn and the attraction of other industries to the area. In addition the Corporation has closed the Port Welshpool ocean outfall and announced plans to also close the Toora and Foster outfalls. South Gippsland Water would like to take this opportunity to thank Llew for his many years of service to the Corporation.

South Gippsland Water congratulates Ms Liley on her appointment. Ms Liley was appointed as a Director of the Board in 2004 and since then has Chaired the Corporate Governance Committee and is a member of the Occupation, Health and Safety Committee. In addition to Ms Liley's appointment, South Gippsland Water will also welcome three new members to the Board of Directors.

**Mr Chris Badger** of Trafalgar East is Executive General Manager, Generation at Loy Yang Power (2009 - current) and previously has held senior executive positions with WestNet Energy, Alinta Asset Management and EON Energy Services. He is deputy chair of Trafalgar and District Bendigo Community Bank (2009 - current) and a member of three of its committees. Mr Badger has a Bachelor of Engineering and post graduate business training.

**Ms Anna Kilborn** of Mount Best works part time as the Managing Director of E'Cube Australia Pty Ltd (2007 - current) and is a partner in a farming enterprise SGippy Organics (2007 - current). Ms Kilborn is a member of South Gippsland Landcare Network, Franklin River Landcare Group and a member of West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's

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Catchment Ecosystem Advisory Group. Ms Kilborn has a Bachelor of Science, Whole Farm Planning Certificate, is a commercial diver and is undertaking Australian Institute of Company Directors studies.

**Mr David Schultz** of Rosanna is a Director of Freeman Towns Pty Ltd, a private investment company (2009 - current). Previously Mr Schultz held various executive roles with GHD Global Pty Ltd (1998 - 2006) including Senior Project Director Middle East (2006 - 2009). He is a member of the Bass Coast Shire Audit Committee (2010 - current), was President of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club (1999 - 2006) and the Inverloch & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) (2009 - current) and Chair of its Business Development, Marketing and Sponsorship Committee. Mr Schultz has a Diploma of Civil Engineering, Graduate Diploma of Business Administration and Diploma, Australian Institute of Company Directors.

South Gippsland Water is pleased to receive the announcement of three new Board members and the appointment of Ms Liley as Chair of the Board well in advance of the September 30 deadline. The Corporation looks forward to meeting and working with the new Board members. The management of our natural resources is of vital importance both now and in the future with water management of significant importance to rural communities. The appointment of new Board members will bring with them a fresh perspective.

This month's Board meeting will farewell Mr Llew Vale, with South Gippsland Water holding a dinner to mark his significant personal contribution to the Corporation. In addition the Corporation will also farewell outgoing directors Noel Maud and John Rundell.

Director Maud Joined South Gippsland Water Board in 2005 and as a member of the Environment and Occupational Health and Safety Committee's has made significant contributions to the organisation in these areas.

Director Rundell has been a Director of South Gippsland Water Board since 2007 bringing to the Corporation a very strong financial focus, broad experience in the public sector and knowledge of working Government. Director Rundell was a member of the Corporate Governance Committee and the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

South Gippsland Water wishes to thank the retiring Directors for their service and contribution over recent years.

The new Board will meet for the first time in October.