

## Storages continue to drop –

### Water Restrictions Imminent for Fish Creek & Korumburra

Little rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "Given the continuing dry spring/summer conditions and a quick, sharp drawdown over the Christmas New Year period, the Battery Creek and Coalition Creek Water Supply Systems which provide water to Fish Creek and Korumburra respectively, are nearing Stage 1 Water Restriction levels.

Battery Creek is a small changeable system heavily influenced by the drawdown from farms on the township fringe. As a result of the dry spring/summer conditions and local farm water supplies being low, South Gippsland Water has seen a sharp decline in storages over recent weeks, as these properties now turn to the Corporations' water supplies to supplement farm held supplies.

A supplementary water supply from the Tarwin River was activated for the Coalition Creek Water Supply System at the beginning of December 2015. Up until Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 some 40 ML has been pumped to assist in meeting demand for Korumburra. Extreme dry conditions together with a resultant increased demand has seen reservoirs drop irrespective of the supplementary water.

Stage 1 restrictions for both Fish Creek and Korumburra are now imminent and likely to be activated in the coming weeks. Stage 1 Water Restrictions are to encourage Customers to be "Alert" with respect to water use and to encourage all customers to adopt water efficient practices to conserve water supplies.

Water saving practices customers can activate at home includes;

- Using a half flush when flushing the toilet
- Fixing any leaking or dripping taps
- Ensuring hoses are fitted with a trigger nozzle and free of leaks
- Only running washing machine and dish washers when there is a full load to be washed
- Limiting shower time to 4 minutes
- Planting water wise garden plants and using mulch to hold moisture in garden beds
- Installing a pool cover
- Installing a water saving shower head, customers can have one delivered for FREE, simply register with South Gippsland Water Customer Service on 1300 851 636.

South Gippsland Water will continue to monitor all water storages and will activate restrictions on water supply systems as needed.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	81	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	70	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	68	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	92	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	73	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	72	Permanent Water Saving Measures

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meeniyon, Dumbalk	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Agnes	Welshpool, Port Welshpool, Toora, Port Franklin	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Tarra	Yarram, Alberton, Port Albert	Permanent Water Saving Measures