WATER SECURITY OUTLOOK

South Gippsland Water

NOVEMBER 2019

Dumbalk Water Supply System

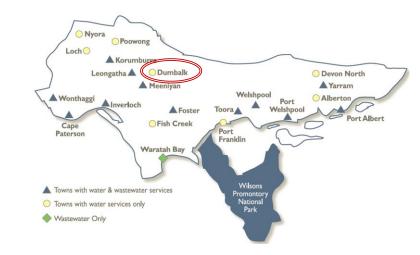
Dumbalk is supplied from the Tarwin River East Branch.

After diversion from the river, water is stored in a small water storage and water tower. This small water storage helps South Gippsland Water to maintain a good quality water supply.

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Water Supply Information

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Dumbalk Water Supply System are shown below. Only 2% of the available annual entitlement has been used from the river in the current year to date (Jul-Oct 2019). This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

Water Component	Maximum Annual Entitlement	Volume Extracted 2019-20	Volume Remaining 2019-20
Tarwin River at Dumbalk	100 ML	2 ML	98 ML

Water Consumption

Demands for 2019 to date have been lower than average for each month from July through to September. Water consumption is expected to follow the average trend more closely for the remainder of the year.



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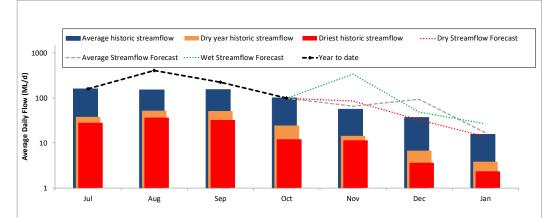
Climate Conditions

Forecast climate conditions for the coming three months have considered the Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal climate forecast for the region and local climate conditions in the year to date. Winter/spring rainfall in the year to date has been close to the long-term average, however the Bureau's climate outlook indicates that rainfall over the next three months is likely to be below the long-term average. Air temperature is forecast over the next three months to be higher than the long-term average for this time of year, and this trend is expected to continue beyond this period. After taking these factors into account, South Gippsland Water is forecasting on the basis of a dry climate scenario.

30-35% 55-60% Average Dry	Chance of Exceeding	Chance of Exceeding Median	This Year's	Likely Outlook
	Median Rainfall	Maximum Temperature	Spring Rainfall	Scenario
	30-35%	55-60%	Average	Dry

Streamflow Outlook

Streamflows in the Tarwin River are naturally highly variable. For the year to date, streamflows have generally been at or above the long-term average. Whilst precisely forecasting streamflow conditions is difficult, streamflows for the outlook period are currently expected to remain near the historical average if dry climate conditions eventuate as expected. Water restrictions have previously only been enacted in the Dumbalk system during extreme drought. River flows are expected to remain above SGW's 1 ML/d trigger for restrictions over the outlook period.



Urban Water Restrictions Outlook

Based on the recent streamflow record, average demands for water expected for the next three months, the Bureau of Meteorology climate forecast and SGW's daily streamflow forecast, no water restrictions are anticipated over the outlook period at the current time. South Gippsland Water's Permanent Water Savings Plan applies to all customers over the outlook period.

Climat	te Scenario	Outlook			
		1 Dec 2019	1 Jan 2020	1 Feb 2020	
	Wet	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	
A	verage	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	
	Dry	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	
PWSP	SP Permanent Water Savings Plan				

Further Information:

- The most recent records for the Tarwin River East Branch at Dumbalk show that it was flowing at an average of 99 ML/d during October. This is well above SGW's restriction trigger of 1 ML/d, and is close to a median flow (exceeded in 50% of Octobers).
- Unregulated river flows are difficult to forecast. SGW has only forecast the next 3 months due to low forecast skill beyond 3 months. The graph is formatted to highlight low flow behaviour.
- Units are in megalitres per day (ML/d), where
 1 ML is equivalent to 1 million litres (or roughly one Olympic sized swimming pool).

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Action Plan

A list of priority actions for this supply system prior to the next update of the Urban Water Strategy is presented below. Further information on actions can be found in the Urban Water Strategy published in 2017 and Water Plan 3 publications on our website. The next phase of our Water Plan and Pricing Review is currently underway.

Action Name	Timing
Demand management	Ongoing
Reduce leaks and wastage	Ongoing
Update water security outlook	Every November

The information provided in this water security outlook is intended as a guide only. An update will be issued if conditions change during the outlook period.

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