# **WATER SECURITY OUTLOOK**

South Gippsland Water

**NOVEMBER 2017** 

# The town of Korumburra receives its water supply from three main sources:

- Coalition Creek
   Reservoir: 143 ML
   capacity
- Ness Gully Reservoir: 73 ML
- Bellview Creek
   Reservoir: 359 ML
   capacity

There are also two alternative supply sources during drought:

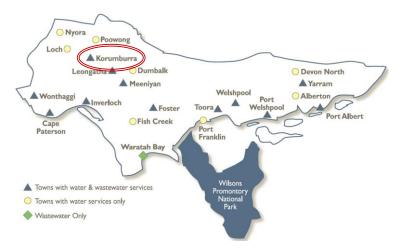
- Tarwin River West Branch (also supplying Leongatha)
- Groundwater bore (also supplying Leongatha)

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# Korumburra Water Supply System



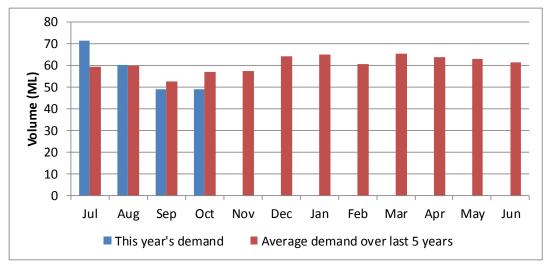
## **Water Supply Information**

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Korumburra Water Supply System are shown below. 23% of the available annual entitlement from the Korumburra storages has been used in the current year to date (Jul-Oct 2017). This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability. No water has been diverted over this period to the Korumburra storages from the alternative supplies of the Tarwin River West Branch and Groundwater.

Water Component	Maximum	Volume	Volume
	Annual	Extracted	Remaining
	Entitlement	2017-18	2017-18
Coalition Creek , Ness Gully and Bellview Creek Reservoirs	1000 ML	229 ML	771 ML

## **Water Consumption**

Monthly water consumption for the Korumburra Water Supply System in the year to date is similar to the average demand over the last five years. Water use by major customer Burra Foods has been 20% lower than last year in the year to date, although still above their long term average water consumption.



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#### **Further Information:**

- The Korumburra
   Water Supply System
   Storages were 100%
   full at the end of
   October.
- Volumes shown in the storage outlook are start of month values in megalitres (ML), where 1 ML is equivalent to 1 million litres (or roughly one Olympic sized swimming pool).

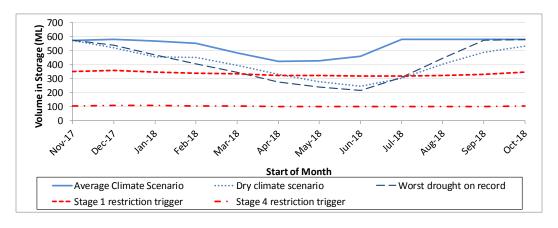
## **Climate Conditions**

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. The Bureau's climate outlook indicates that rainfall over the next three months is likely to be similar to the long-term average. Winter/spring rainfall in the year to date has been average to slightly below average. Air temperature is forecast over the next three months to be higher than the long-term average for this time of year, but any increase in demands from these higher temperatures is likely to be moderated by the anticipated rainfall. After taking these factors into account, South Gippsland Water is forecasting on the basis of an average climate scenario, which is characterised by streamflows into the Korumburra storages and supply from the Tarwin River West Branch that are similar to long-term average values.

Chance of Exceeding	Chance of Exceeding Median	This Year's	Likely Outlook
Median Rainfall	Maximum Temperature	Spring Rainfall	Scenario
55-60%	65-70%	Average	

### **Urban Water Restrictions Outlook**

The volume in storage outlook for the Korumburra Water Supply System for the period November 2017 to October 2018 is shown in the following figure. These outlooks assume supplementary supply from the Tarwin River West Branch of 150-330 ML. After accessing these supplementary water resources, storage levels are not expected to drop below the trigger for restrictions under the anticipated average climate scenario.



Supply system behaviour will continue to be monitored over the coming months. South Gippsland Water will manage the supply system performance over the outlook period by balancing the uncertainty in future climate conditions and the water available for diversion with the changes in system demands and operational risks. South Gippsland Water has a plan in place under which supply can be supplemented to reduce the severity of restrictions including close monitoring of Tarwin River stream flows, if required. When supplementary water is accessed Stage 1 restrictions is planned to be implemented as part of the demand management.

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 Water has a short term plan in place to
 manage supplies over
 the outlook period,
 and a long-term plan
 to reduce demand
 and improve the
 reliability of supply in
 future years

South Gippsland Water's Permanent Water Savings Plan applies to all customers during other months.

Climate	Outlook							
Scenario	1 Dec	1 Jan	1 Feb	1 Mar	1 Apr	1 May	1 Jun	1 Jul
	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Wet	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Average	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1	PWSP
Dry	PWSP	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1
PWSP	Permaner	nt Water Savi	ngs Plan					

## **Action Plan**

A list of priority actions for this supply system is presented below. This incorporates plans as specified in the previous Water Supply Demand Strategies, recent Urban Water Strategy and other ongoing management activities. 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	Stage 1 restrictions from		
	March 2018		
Reduce leaks and wastage	Ongoing		
Update water security outlook	Every November		
Pipeline connection between Lance Creek Reservoir and	Expected mid-2019		
Korumburra (and extending to Poowong) has been designed.			
Tenders will be issued for construction of the pipeline and			
associated pump stations by mid-December 2017. Anticipated			
project completion by 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.			
Completed extension of temporary summer diversion licence	Completed early 2015		
from Tarwin River to allow pumping up to 30 June 2020			

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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