# WATER SECURITY OUTLOOK

South Gippsland Water

**NOVEMBER 2018** 

#### Lance Creek Water Supply System supplies water to the townships of:

- Wonthaggi
- Cape Paterson
- Inverloch

The Lance Creek Supply System includes the following water sources:

- Lance CreekReservoir:4,200ML capacity
- Melbourne Supply System: Back-up Supply

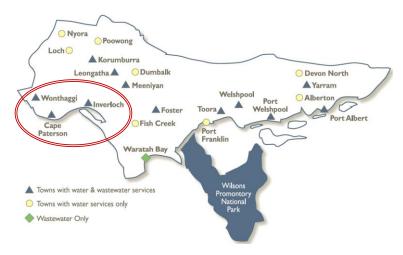
Recently, lance Creek supply system has been augmented to include supplies to Korumburra and Little Bass towns.

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### Lance Creek Water Supply System



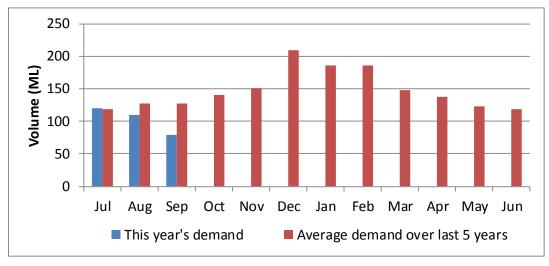
### **Water Supply Information**

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Lance Creek Water Supply System are shown below. Only 8.1% of the available annual entitlement has been used from Lance Creek Reservoir in the current year to date (Jul-Oct 2018), with no use from the Melbourne Supply System. These entitlements are a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

Water Component	Maximum Annual Entitlement	Volume Extracted 2018-19	Volume Remaining 2018-19
Lance Creek Reservoir	3,800 ML	308 ML	3,492 ML
Melbourne Supply System	1,000 ML	49 ML	951 ML

### **Water Consumption**

Apart from July, water consumption for the Lance Creek Water Supply System in the year to date has been below the average demand over the last five years. Water use by major customers has declined recently, with current consumption equalling only 3% of water consumed for the 5-year average consumption in July – September over the past five years.



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#### **Further Information:**

- Lance Creek
  Reservoir was 99.5%
  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).

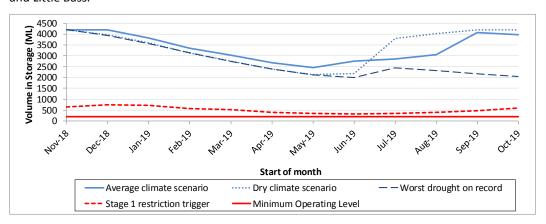
#### **Climate Conditions**

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 lower than the long-term average. Winter/spring rainfall in the year to date has been below average. Air temperature is forecast over the next three months to be higher than the long-term average for this time of year. After taking these factors into account, South Gippsland Water is forecasting on the basis of a dry climate scenario, which is characterised by streamflows into Lance Creek Reservoir that are below long-term average values.

Chance of Exceeding	Chance of Exceeding Median	This Year's	Likely Outlook
Median Rainfall	Maximum Temperature	Spring Rainfall	Scenario
35-40%	60-65%	Dry	Dry

#### **Urban Water Restrictions Outlook**

The volume in storage outlook for Lance Creek Reservoir for the period November 2018 to October 2019 indicates that storage levels are expected to remain high relative to water restriction triggers over the coming year. This storage outlook includes demands for Korumburra and Little Bass.



Based on the volume in storage outlook and the Bureau of Meteorology climate forecast, no water restrictions are anticipated for the remainder of the year at the current time. South Gippsland Water's Permanent Water Savings Plan applies to all customers over the outlook period.

Climate Scenario	Outlook		
	1 Jan 2019	1 Apr 2019	1 Jul 2019
Wet	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Average	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Dry	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP

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### **Action Plan**

A list of priority actions for this supply system 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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