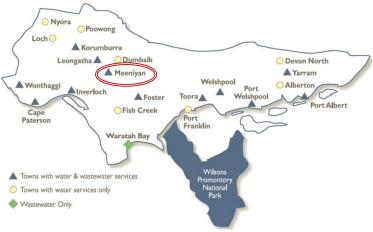
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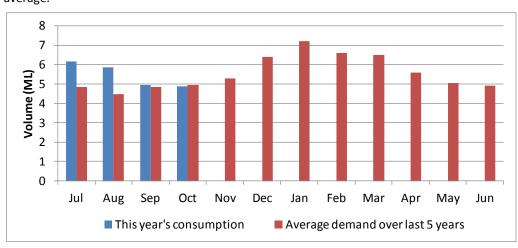
## **Water Supply Information**

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Meeniyan Water Supply System are shown below. Only 11% of the available annual entitlement has been used from the river in the current year to date (Jul-Oct 2016). This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

Water Component	Maximum Annual	Volume Extracted	Volume Remaining
	Entitlement	2016-17	2016-17
Tarwin River at Meeniyan	200 ML	22 ML	178 ML

## **Water Consumption**

Monthly water consumption for the Meeniyan Water Supply System in the year to date has been slightly above the average demand over the last five years. This was due to higher than average water consumption in July and August, with consumption since September being close to average.



Meeniyan is supplied from the Tarwin River

After diversion from the river, water is stored in a raw water basin prior to treatment and storage in a water tower. This water tower helps South Gippsland Water to maintain supply during peak demand periods in the morning and evening.

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#### **Further Information:**

- records for the Tarwin River at Meeniyan show that it was flowing at an average of 480 ML/d during September. This is well above SGW's restriction trigger of 5 ML/d, but still a relatively low flow (exceeded in 85% of Septembers).
- 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
- 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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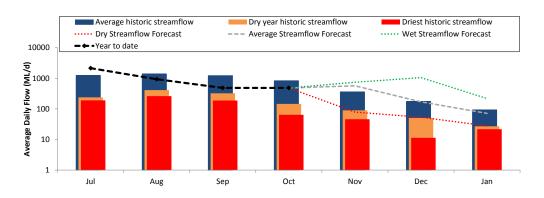
### **Climate Conditions**

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, however rainfall in the most recent month (October) was more than 25% above average across much of South Gippsland. 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 in the Tarwin River 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
50-55%	65-70%	Average	Average

### Streamflow Outlook

Streamflows in the Tarwin River are naturally highly variable, but were generally slightly below average in the current year period. Whilst precisely forecasting streamflow conditions is difficult, streamflows for the outlook period are currently expected to remain close to average if the climate conditions continue as expected.





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### **Urban Water Restrictions Outlook**

Based on the recent streamflow record, 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.

Climate Scenario	Outlook		
	1 Dec 2016	1 Jan 2017	1 Feb 2017
Wet	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Average	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Dry	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP

PWSP Permanent Water Savings Plan

### **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 previous Urban Water Strategy (Water Supply Demand Strategy 2011) and Water Plan 3 publications on our website.

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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