WATER SECURITY OUTLOOK

South Gippsland Water

NOVEMBER 2017

Meeniyan Water Supply System

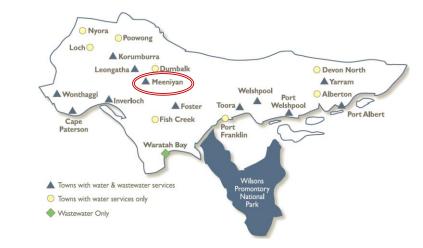
Meeniyan is supplied from the Tarwin River.

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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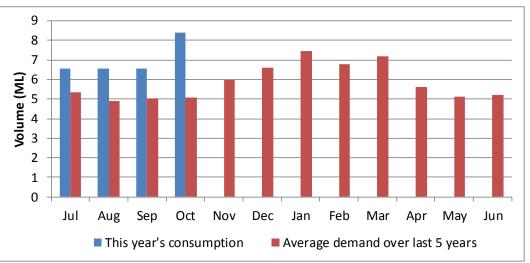
Water Supply Information

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Meeniyan Water Supply System are shown below. Only 14% of the available annual entitlement has been used from the river in the current year to date (Jul-Oct 2017). This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

Water Component	Maximum Annual	Volume Extracted	Volume Remaining
	Entitlement	2017-18	2017-18
Tarwin River at Meeniyan	200 ML	28 ML	172 ML

Water Consumption

Monthly water consumption for the Meeniyan Water Supply System in the year to date has been above the average demand over the last five years.



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Further Information:

- The most recent records for the Tarwin River at Meeniyan show that it was flowing at an average of 402 ML/d during October. This is well above SGW's restriction trigger of 5 ML/d, but still a relatively low flow (exceeded in 78% 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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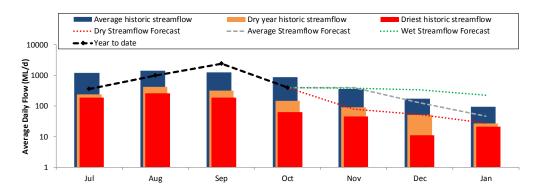
Climate Conditions

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 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
55-60%	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 slightly below average if the climate conditions continue as expected. However, these flow conditions are expected to remain above the 5 ML/d trigger for restrictions.



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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 2017	1 Jan 2018	1 Feb 2018	
Wet	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	
Average	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	
Dry	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP	
D\WSD Perm	anent Water Savings Plan			

WSP Permanent Water Savings Plan

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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