## Media Release

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## Rainfall And Storage Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **30**<sup>th</sup> **April to 6**<sup>th</sup> **May 2016**. Lance Creek 34mm, Ruby Creek 30mm, Coalition Creek 38mm, Deep Creek 33mm, Little Bass 25mm and Battery Creek 36mm.

Rainfall during this period helped to slow the drop in the region's water storages, with only the Deep Creek reservoir (Foster) recording an increase in its storage level (3%).

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "Any rainfall received at the moment is being soaked up by thirsty catchments."

"If enough rain falls over the coming weeks, we hope it will provide a level of soil saturation that will allow water to begin flowing into reservoirs."

The Corporation continues to monitor all storages closely, particularly the currently restricted Coalition Creek and Little Bass water supply systems. Unless further substantial rain is received, higher levels of water restrictions for these systems are imminent.

Information regarding Permanent Water Saving Rules (which apply across the region) and Stage 2 "SAVE" Water Restrictions (Fish Creek, Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora) can be found at <a href="https://www.sgwater.com.au">www.sgwater.com.au</a> or contact South Gippsland Water on 1300 851 636 with questions or concerns regarding smarter water usage.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	60	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	37	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	47	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	60	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	27	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	42	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 03/03/16)

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meeniyan, Dumbalk	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Agnes	Welshpool, Port Welshpool, Toora, Port Franklin	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Tarra	Yarram, Alberton, Port Albert	Permanent Water Saving Measures