

Monday 19th December 2016

Be Wise With Water Over The Holiday Season

With warm weather conditions forecast for the coming week, all water supply systems will begin to drop as rainfall decreases and, in turn, demand for water across communities increases.

For the week of **10th – 16th December 2016** no rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages.

Total rainfall figures for the first half of December are: Lance Creek 21mm, Ruby Creek 19mm, Coalition Creek 24mm, Deep Creek 12mm, Little Bass 21mm and Battery Creek 12mm.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "The region's water supply systems currently have storage levels at or above 90% capacity, but as we head into summer and coastal populations swell with holiday-makers, storage levels will drop accordingly.

"As such, we encourage customers to use water wisely at all times; Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place across all Victorian systems and townships," explained Mr du Plessis.

"These are simple things, like fitting a trigger nozzle to your hose or not hosing down decks or driveways, that are easy to do at a household level and add up to water savings at a regional level."

Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place to help all Victorians maintain a common-sense approach to water use. The rules are in force permanently and are separate from any other water restrictions South Gippsland Water may need to impose from time to time.

Information about Permanent Water Saving Rules can be found in the Services section of South Gippsland Water's website www.sgwater.com.au.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	92	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	92	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	90	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	96	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	95	Permanent Water Saving Measures

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