Media Release

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Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from 15th to 21st July 2017. Lance Creek 32mm, Ruby Creek 26mm, Coalition Creek 26mm, Deep Creek 21mm, Little Bass 26mm and Battery Creek 36mm.

Philippe du Plessis, Manager Director for South Gippsland Water said, "It's pleasing to see that, with recent rainfall, both the Deep Creek (Foster) and Battery Creek (Fish Creek) water supply systems are back to 100% capacity."

Deep Creek and Battery Creek are at capacity for now, however other storages remain under capacity and more rain is needed to replenish reservoirs.

The Lance Creek reservoir, which supplies approximately 50% of South Gippsland Water's customer-base, has increased slightly over the past two weeks and is currently at 76% capacity.

"The three systems we're keeping a close eye on are Ruby Creek (Leongatha) which is steady at 45%, Coalition Creek 55% and Little Bass (Poowong, Loch and Nyora) 47%," explained Mr du Plessis. "Rainfall levels over the next 4-6 weeks will be critical in determining how robust our supply systems will be to carry us over in to spring."

"Without good soaking rainfall to produce the catchment run-off needed to fill all dams, we may need to implement staged water restrictions on a number of systems to ensure reliable management of water supply."

Customers in Korumburra are reminded to ensure they are following the Stage 1 Water Restrictions, additional information can be found on South Gippsland Water's website www.sqwater.com.au.

Any customers who have questions or concerns regarding their water supply can contact South Gippsland Water's friendly Customer Service Team on **1300 851 636**.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	76	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	45	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	55	Stage 1 Water Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	47	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	100	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