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## Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. Lance Creek 29mm, Ruby Creek 28mm, Coalition Creek 33mm, Deep Creek 30mm, Little Bass 20mm and Battery Creek 35mm.

Good rainfall in catchments resulted in water level increases in all supply systems over the past week. Deep Creek (Foster), Little Bass (Poowong, Loch and Nyora) and Battery Creek (Fish Creek) are at 100% capacity, with Coalition Creek (Korumburra) and Lance Creek (Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson) at 93% and 89%.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director for South Gippsland Water said, "It is encouraging to see the Coalition Creek system recovering well following five months of Stage 1 Water Restrictions.

"We were pleased to lift the restrictions for Korumburra last week once storage got to the required level to trigger the decision."

While all storages are slowly replenishing, substantially more winter rainfall is needed to prepare water storages for spring.

"South Gippsland Water will continue to closely monitor all systems, particularly those systems that are still filling - Ruby Creek, Lance Creek and Coalition Creek," added Mr du Plessis.

"We take into account weather forecasting and storage and rainfall modelling to help us in our decision making around management of the region's water storages. This enables us to look forward and respond quickly and effectively to the climate and water demand variables that might impact on storage levels in the coming months."

In the meantime, Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place across the state 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](http://www.sgwater.com.au). For smart water advice and handy hints to help you save water visit [www.smartwatermark.org/Victoria/](http://www.smartwatermark.org/Victoria/)

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	89	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	55	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	93	<b>Stage 1 Water Restrictions</b>
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	100	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