

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## HOT WEATHER IMPACTS STORAGES

No rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from the 10<sup>th</sup> of January to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director of South Gippsland Water said today, "The hot weather experienced across the region last week has impacted storages. The Corporation's total storages are now at lower levels; however, due to good spring rain, all reservoirs are still at 90% capacity or higher. Now, during the hot, dry conditions, is the time when customers should be water conscious and ensure that the Permanent Water Saving Rules are adhered to, these are in place across all water supply systems".

The Permanent Water Saving Rules include;

- All hand held garden hoses to be leak free and fitted with trigger nozzles.
- Only clean paved areas with water if it is required and there is a health or safety hazard, or if staining has occurred and then only once a year.
- Fountains and water features can be used only if they recirculate water.
- Water gardens and lawns with sprinkler systems between 6pm and 10am (during the cool). Hand held hoses and buckets can used at any time.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	92	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	91	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	93	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	90	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	95	Permanent Water Saving Measures

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meenyan, 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