

MEDIA RELEASE



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SUPPLEMENTARY WATER SUPPLIES ACTIVATED

No rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from the 1st February to 7th February 2014.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director of South Gippsland Water said today, "The continued hot dry weather experienced across the region has impacted water storages. As a result South Gippsland Water is taking precautionary measures and has commenced supplementary water supplies for Korumburra. The prospect of continued hot weather, the quick drawn down on storages and anticipated higher demand from Burra Food's expansion, has lead the Corporation to commence pumping from the Tarwin River, prior to river flows dwindling".

Water Restrictions have not been activated as yet; however, all customers are reminded that Permanent Water Saving Rules are in force for 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	87	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	84	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	75	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	93	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	74	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	88	Permanent Water Saving Measures

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meeniyah, 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