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Rain, but storages yet to replenish

Rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from the 24th May to 30th May 2014 was 28mm at Lance Creek, 28mm at Ruby Creek, 16mm at Coalition Creek, 15mm at Deep Creek, 17mm at Little Bass and 24mm at Battery Creek.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director South Gippsland Water said today, "The rainfall continues to assist in lowering water demand across the region. However, the ground is yet to be saturated and this has led to little rainfall runoff into the reservoirs, with Coalition Creek servicing Korumburra and Little Bass servicing Poowong, Loch and Nyora experiencing further declines in storage levels.

Both these water supply system reservoirs have reduced to Stage one restriction levels. However, activating Stage 1 restrictions would have little to no impact on water demand as they relate mostly to outdoor watering activities. As such, the Corporation will monitor these systems closely and will further consider the option of moving straight to more significant Stage 2 restrictions as appropriate".

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 be used at any time.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	70	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	59	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	59	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	77	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	40	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	82	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

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