

Monday 23 February 2015

## Hot weather continues to pressure storages

Rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from the 14<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 was Lance Creek 33mm, Ruby Creek 29mm, Coalition Creek 28mm, Deep Creek 22mm, Little Bass 35mm and Battery Creek 23mm.

Warm weather conditions continue to pressure storage systems with reservoirs continuing to drop. All customers, community and sporting groups should ensure they are watering during the cool of the day and following the Permanent Water Saving Rules.

### The Permanent Water Saving Rules are;

**Water gardens, lawns & playing surfaces during the cool of the day:** You may only water gardens and lawns, with a watering system **between the hours of 6pm and 10am** on any day or a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle at any time on any day.

**Use trigger nozzles on hoses:** All hand held hoses must be fitted with trigger nozzles and be free of leaks.

**Sweep, don't hose:** Water should not be used to clean paved areas and hard surfaces, i.e. you should sweep driveways and paths. However, water may be used if there is a health or safety hazard, during construction or renovation, or if staining has developed and then only once a year. Use a high pressure water cleaner if available, otherwise a hand-held hose or bucket may be used.

**Re-circulate Water:** Fountains and water features can be used, provided they re-circulate water.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	78	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	73	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	74	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	65	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	84	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