

## Storages Continue To Drop

Little rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 to 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 with Lance Creek 0mm, Ruby Creek 2mm, Coalition Creek 3mm, Deep Creek 0mm, Little Bass 2mm, Battery Creek 0mm.

Storage levels continue to drop across most catchments. Stage 1 Restrictions have been imposed on the Coalition Creek and Battery Creek Systems which provide water to Korumburra and Fish Creek respectively.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "in addition to Permanent Water Saving Rules that apply to all customers, Stage One Restrictions mean that customers in Fish Creek and Korumburra need to ensure that watering systems used to water gardens, lawns and sporting grounds are only in use between 6am-10am and 6pm-10pm on alternate days."

Alternate days means odd numbered houses can water on odd dates of the month and even numbered houses can water on even numbered dates. Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or watering can may be used at any time for watering.

"Other storage systems in the region are under continued pressure as a result of current weather conditions," added Mr du Plessis. "Customers are encouraged to activate water efficient practices and ensure that permanent water saving rules are adhered to."

### Permanent Water Saving Rules

- Water gardens, lawns and playing surfaces during the cool of the day (watering systems can be used between 6pm-10am on any day)
- Use trigger nozzles on hoses and check that they are free of leaks
- Sweep instead of hose to clean paved areas and hard surfaces
- Fountains and water features can be used, provided they re-circulate water.

Customers are encouraged to contact South Gippsland Water with questions or concerns regarding smarter water usage or please visit [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au).

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	75	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	64	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	63	Stage 1 Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	89	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	66	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	64	Stage 1 Restrictions

<b>River Systems</b>	<b>Major Town Supplied</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
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