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Rainfall Helps, But More Is Needed For Storages

Rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **22nd of January 2016** to **29th of January 2016** was Lance Creek 27mm, Ruby Creek 22.8mm, Coalition Creek 22.2mm, Deep Creek 21.3mm, Little Bass 19mm and Battery Creek 28.5mm.

All catchments in the region received between 19-28mm of rainfall last week which provided timely relief for gardens, lawns, pasture and water tanks.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "The rain last week was very welcome and meant that most storages dropped only 1-2% on the previous week's figures."

"Significantly more rainfall is needed before we see levels rise; more water needs to make its way from the surrounding catchments and into storages, which would typically not occur until late autumn."

"Rainfall over the weekend will have also benefitted the region but it is important for customers to continue to use household water wisely," added Mr du Plessis.

Information regarding Permanent Water Saving Rules and Stage 1 "ALERT" Water Restrictions, which are currently in force for Korumburra and Fish Creek, can be found at www.sgwater.com.au or contact South Gippsland Water on 1300 851 636 with questions or concerns regarding smarter water usage.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	72	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	59	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	62	Stage 1 Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	87	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	61	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	60	Stage 1 Restrictions

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

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