

Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **25th March – 31st March 2017**. Lance Creek 8mm, Ruby Creek 16mm, Coalition Creek 9mm, Deep Creek 13mm, Little Bass 13mm and Battery Creek 13mm.

Total rainfall figures for **March 2017** were Lance Creek 19mm, Ruby Creek 38mm, Coalition Creek 26mm, Deep Creek 29mm, Little Bass 37mm and Battery Creek 66mm.

Mark Lynch, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning, South Gippsland Water said, "All water supply systems have continued to decline as we have moved into autumn. Over the coming months we continue to look for the seasonal break where storages are replenished. Warm weather, minimal rainfall and demand for water across communities, particularly coastal townships, has seen storages continue to drop".

Mr Lynch went onto say that, "Customers of Korumburra and the Coalition Creek Water Supply System are reminded that Stage 1 Water Restrictions are now active. Customers need to modify their water use to ensure they are abiding by the rules. The key difference in Stage 1 Water Restrictions compared to Permanent Water Saving Rules is the introduction of *Alternate Days* for watering gardens. This means odd numbered houses can water on odd dates of the month and even numbered houses can water on even numbered dates. Both odd and even numbered houses can water on the 31st of the month"

A quick snapshot of Stage 1 "Alert" Water Restrictions;

Gardens & Lawns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watering systems can only be used to water gardens and lawns between 6am–10am and 6pm–10pm on alternate days*.• Hand-held hoses with a trigger nozzle, a bucket or watering can may be used at any time.
Paving, Concrete & Other Hard Surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosing banned except for construction purposes or in emergency; or for health or safety hazard.
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A bucket, high pressure cleaning device or commercial car wash can be used at any time for vehicle washing. A hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can only be used for rinsing and re-rinsing.
Pools & Spa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To fill or top up a new or existing pool or spa with a capacity 2,000 litres or less, a handheld hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, a watering can or a bucket, or an Automatic Water Top Up Device must be used.• Pools and spa's of greater than 2,000 litres capacity must not be filled unless a Water Conservation Plan has been submitted to South Gippsland Water and approved.
* Alternate Days	Alternate day's means odd numbered houses can water on odd dates of the month and even numbered houses can water on even numbered dates. Both odd and even numbered houses can water on the 31 st of the month. Where there is no house number the property is considered an even numbered house.

Additional water restriction areas include: Public Gardens and Lawns, Ponds, Lakes, Fountains, Water Features, Pools, Spas, Tanks, Water Tankers, Commercial Car Washes, Food Transport Vehicles, Commercial production of Plants and/or Animals. Exemptions may be applied for the watering of public sporting grounds.

Any customers who have questions or concerns regarding their water supply can contact South Gippsland Water's friendly Customer Service Team on **1300 851 636**.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	74	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	60	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	58	Stage 1 Water Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	80	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	58	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	70	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