Media Release

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Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **29th April – 5th May 2017**. Lance Creek 24mm, Ruby Creek 9mm, Coalition Creek 21mm, Deep Creek 31mm, Little Bass 5mm and Battery Creek 25mm.

Philippe du Plessis, Manager Director for South Gippsland Water said, "For the second week in a row, storages have held steady or slightly increased. This follows rainfall received the previous week which wetted catchments allowing run off into reservoirs and stream flows. Customers of Korumburra are reminded that Stage 1 water restrictions remain in place and to please ensure they are following the rules".

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

Gardens & Lawns	 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	 Hosing banned except for construction purposes or in emergency; or for health or safety hazard.
Vehicles	• 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	 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 31st 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	73	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	53	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	52	Stage 1 Water Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	80	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	50	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	69	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