Media Release

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Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from 19th – 25th August 2017. Lance Creek 45mm, Ruby Creek 24mm, Coalition Creek 42mm, Deep Creek 42mm, Little Bass 66mm and Battery Creek 25mm.

Over the past weeks all systems have now fully replenished except that of Leongatha, the Ruby Creek systems still sits well below total capacity. Ruby Creek has received over 100ML inflow over the last week, but is still well down on total capacity at only 65% and as a result, South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis has today warned that, "there is potential for spring time water restrictions for Leongatha if the coming weeks do not provide significant inflows to refill the reservoirs for this system".

This follows last week's warning that "The Ruby Creek system is taking longer to fill as it has a relatively small catchment area in relation to the size of its reservoirs. With low rainfall in May and June, the catchment did not yield the expected volume of water and the system is still catching up."

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	65	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	99	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	100	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

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