

## Stage 3 'Just Enough' Water Restrictions Activated for Korumburra

From Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, South Gippsland Water will activate Stage 3 Water Restrictions for customers of Korumburra. Stage 3 Restrictions aim to communicate that water storage levels are 'JUST ENOUGH' given the current climatic conditions. Managing Director for South Gippsland Water, Philippe du Plessis said that, "With Korumburra's reservoirs now sitting at 40% (as at Monday 23/4/18) the Corporation is calling on residents and water customers of Korumburra to follow water efficient practices and limit their use of water.

Key to note for residents at Korumburra will be the restrictions to watering gardens and washing vehicles. Under Stage 3 restrictions watering of lawns is BANNED whilst gardens can no longer be watered by sprinkler systems. However a dripper watering system, watering can, bucket or hose fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used between 6am and 8am on Alternate Days\*.

Vehicles can only be washed via a water efficient commercial car wash or via a bucket filled directly from the tap (not via a hose), and then only to clean vehicle windows, mirrors and lights or for spot cleaning corrosive substances, or for health and safety reasons.

Mr du Plessis stated that, "South Gippsland Water anticipates that this year will be the last full summer season before new water supplies are available from the Lance Creek Water Connection that is currently under construction. As a result, the initial activation of water restrictions was delayed and Korumburra moved directly to Stage 2. However, with Korumburra's reservoirs now sitting at 40% capacity, the Corporation has taken the decision to move to Stage 3 Water Restrictions. The finalisation of the Lance Creek Water Connection will provide Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora a secure water supply without the need for restrictions and opportunity for regional development and economic growth".

### Stage 3 Water Restrictions Snap Shot:

#### Residential and Commercial Gardens & Lawns

- Watering of lawns is BANNED.
- Garden areas (other than lawn) may be watered by a bucket, watering can, dripper system or hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle between 6am - 8am on *alternate days*\*.

#### Public Gardens & Lawns

- Watering of lawns is BANNED.
- Garden areas (other than lawn) may be watered by a bucket, watering can, dripper system or hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle between 6am - 8am on *alternate days*\*, or in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

#### Sporting Grounds

- Watering is BANNED on non-exempt playing surfaces e.g. grassed oval or fairway.
- Some components of sporting grounds can be watered including cricket wicket, running track, tennis court, lawn bowls, croquet green, golf green and tee (but not fairways and approaches).
- Watering may only be done as required on alternate days\* between the hours of 6am and 8am using a bucket, watering can, dripper system or a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or in accordance with an approved Water Use Plan.

#### Paving, Concrete and other hard surfaces (including windows)

- Hosing is BANNED except for construction purposes, in an emergency, or to address a health or safety hazard.

## Vehicles

Water must not be used to clean a vehicle except by means of:

- A water efficient commercial car wash
- A bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose):
  - (i) to clean vehicle windows, mirrors and lights
  - (ii) for spot-removing corrosive substances
  - (iii) for health and safety reasons.

## Residential Pools and Spas

- All previous exemptions are void.
- Pools cannot be filled, topped up or replaced without prior written approval by South Gippsland Water.

Commercial and public pools should contact South Gippsland Water regarding their Water Use Plan.

## 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. 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.

All other customers are reminded that Permanent Water Saving Rules apply. The Permanent Rules act as low level restrictions and are in place at all times (except for when staged water restrictions are imposed). The key water efficient practices to note are outlined below.

### Permanent Water Saving Rules Snapshot:

- **Water during the cool** – Between 6pm and 10am.
- **Sweep, don't hose** – Hosing hard surfaces such as paths and driveways is not permitted.
- **Install trigger nozzles** - All outdoor hoses are required to be leak free and fitted with trigger nozzles".

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**.

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