

Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **14th April – 18th May 2018** was Lance Creek 16mm, Ruby Creek 25mm, Coalition Creek 28mm, Deep Creek 32mm, Little Bass 28mm and Battery Creek 38mm.

South Gippsland Water's General Manager of Operations, Ravi Raveendran stated that, "The past week has seen some decent rainfall across the region and has seen mixed results for storages. Some of the catchments in the south have started to replenish, however the critical catchments of Coalition Creek and Little Bass continue to decline. Stage 3 'Just Enough' Water Restrictions remain in place for Korumburra, which is now sitting at 31% capacity. The prospect of activation of Water Restrictions for Poowong, Loch and Nyora remains, with this system the Little Bass, sitting at 41% capacity".

All customers are encouraged to ensure that they are following either **Stage 3 Water Restriction rules for residents of Korumburra or the Permanent Water Saving Rules for all other townships**, which are low level restrictions on the use of drinking water in the home and garden.

Stage 3 Water Restriction Snapshot:

- Watering of lawns is BANNED
- Sprinkler Systems cannot be used.
- Gardens (not lawns) can only be watered between 6am–8am on **alternate days***.
- Sporting Grounds – Watering is BANNED on non-exempt playing surfaces e.g. grassed oval or fairway. Some components of grounds can be watered e.g. Tennis Court, Lawn Bowls & Croquet Green, Golf Green & Tee (but not fairways/approaches). Watering may only be done between the hours 6am - 8am on **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.
- Hosing concrete, paving and hard surfaces is BANNED except for construction purposes, in an emergency, or to address a health or safety hazard.
- Vehicles can only be washed via a bucket filled directly from a tap and then only to spot clean, windows, mirrors and lights.
- Pools cannot be filled, topped up or replaced without prior written permission by South Gippsland Water.

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**.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	70	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	53	Permanent Water Saving Measures

Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	31	Stage 3 Water Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	82	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	41	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