Media Release

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Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **16th – 22nd June 2018** was Lance Creek 35mm, Ruby Creek 32mm, Coalition Creek 32mm, Deep Creek 48mm, Little Bass 46mm and Battery Creek 42mm.

South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis said "With catchments well saturated, good rainfall and run-off over the past week has seen storage levels across the board bolstered."

"Encouragingly the Coalition Creek (Korumburra) and Little Bass (Poowong, Loch and Nyora) storages have had good inflows and shown an increase in volume of 15% and 36% respectively. With Little Bass now at full capacity".

"Residents of these townships can be encouraged by the fact that construction of the Lance Creek Water Connection pipeline is forging ahead and soon, these customers will have a secure and reliable supply of water for the next 50 years," confirmed Mr du Plessis. "This will provide a dependable environment for community development, economic growth and future investment."

All customers are reminded to ensure that they are following either **the Permanent Water Saving Rules** (which apply to all Victorians) **or Stage 3 Water Restriction** rules for residents of Korumburra.

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".

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.

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
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Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	73	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	56	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	54	Stage 3 Water Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	85	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	98	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