## **Media Release**

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## Storage and Rainfall Update

There was no rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **25 January 2020 to 31 January 2020.** 

Total rainfall recorded for the month of January was Lance Creek 71mm, Ruby Creek 88mm, Deep Creek 122mm and Battery Creek 112mm.

South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis said that, "Patches of decent rainfall over the month has kept storages at reasonable levels throughout January. However, the heatwave conditions keep pressure on water supply systems. Customer's water conservation efforts have assisted in reservoirs across the region remaining at satisfactory levels".

South Gippsland Water, in association with Choose Tap, have launched a program to assist community members on private water supplies experiencing smoke tainted tank water. The program, "Be a Refiller" is encouraging businesses and individuals to refill water containers at various locations. Businesses and community spaces are encouraged to register their tap as refill points, whilst the community is encouraged to refill bottles and water containers up to 10 litres, rather than purchase bottled water. All participating businesses will be registered on the choosetap.com.au "Refiller—map".

South Gippsland Water *Refiller* points are located at:

South Gippsland Water Foster Office

14 – 18 Pioneer Street 17 Cusack Road

South Gippsland Water Leongatha Office

The Corporation keeps a close eye on water quality across the reticulated water supply systems. Water supplied by South Gippsland Water to townships via these systems is treated to Safe Drinking Water Standards and monitored on a daily basis. "Allowing water containers to be refilled from South Gippsland Water reticulated supplies at a range of points across the region is a more environmentally friendly option to purchasing bottled water" Mr du Plessis said today.

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, Cape Paterson, Korumburra, Poowong, Loch & Nyora	88%	Permanent Water Saving Measures Melbourne Supply Utilised
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	83%	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	87%	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
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