

Lance Creek Water Supply System

Lance Creek Water Supply System supplies water to the townships of:

- Wonthaggi
- Cape Paterson
- Inverloch
- Korumburra
- Poowong
- Loch
- Nyora

The Lance Creek Supply System includes the following water sources:

- Lance Creek Reservoir:
4,200ML capacity
- Greater Yarra System – Thomson River Pool:
1,000 ML entitlement plus any unused water carried over from previous years

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Water Supply Information

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Lance Creek Water Supply System are shown below. In the year to date (Jul-Sep 2023) 16% of the available annual entitlement from Lance Creek Reservoir has been used. This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

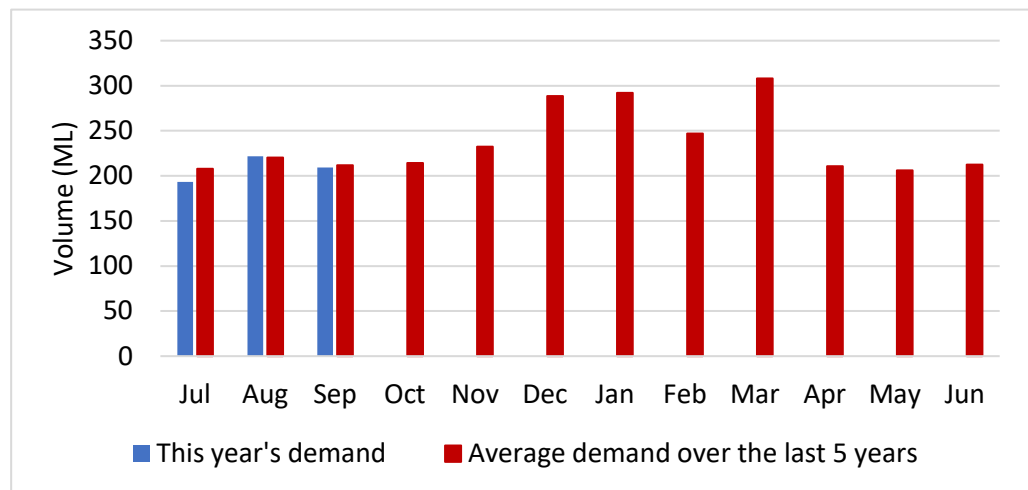
A significant supply volume is also available to the Lance Creek Water Supply System from the Greater Yarra System – Thomson River Pool (Melbourne Water Supply System). South Gippsland Water has been allocated 32% of its entitlement from the Melbourne Water Supply System in the year to date. Based on projections by Melbourne Water, this year's allocation is expected to increase over the coming months, even under the forecast average dry conditions (see overleaf) over the outlook period. South Gippsland Water has also carried over 1,906 ML of unused allocations from previous years to the current year, providing a significant supply buffer in this supply system if conditions were to become drier than expected. Only 2% of South Gippsland Water's total available volume from the Melbourne Water Supply System has been used in the year to date.

Water Component	Maximum Annual Entitlement	Year To Date Allocation	Carryover from Last Year*	Allocation Plus Carryover	Volume Extracted 2023-24	Volume Remaining 2023-24
Lance Creek Reservoir	3,800 ML	N/a	N/a	N/a	624 ML	3,176 ML
Melbourne Water Supply System	1,000 ML	316 ML	1,906 ML	2,222 ML	23 ML	2,131 ML

*After deductions for reservoir spills in the Melbourne Water Supply System

Water Consumption

Water consumption for the Lance Creek Water Supply System in the year to date has been similar to the average demand over the last five years. It is expected that the demand will be closer to the historical average for the remainder of the year.



Climate Conditions

Forecast climate conditions for the coming three months have considered the Bureau of Meteorology's seasonal climate forecast for the region and local climate conditions in the year to date. Winter/spring rainfall in the year to date has been similar to long-term average, and the Bureau's climate outlook indicates that the next three months are likely to be slightly drier than usual. Air temperature is forecast over the next three months to be warmer than usual for this time of year, and this trend is expected to continue beyond this period. After taking these factors into account, South Gippsland Water is forecasting on the basis of a dry climate scenario.

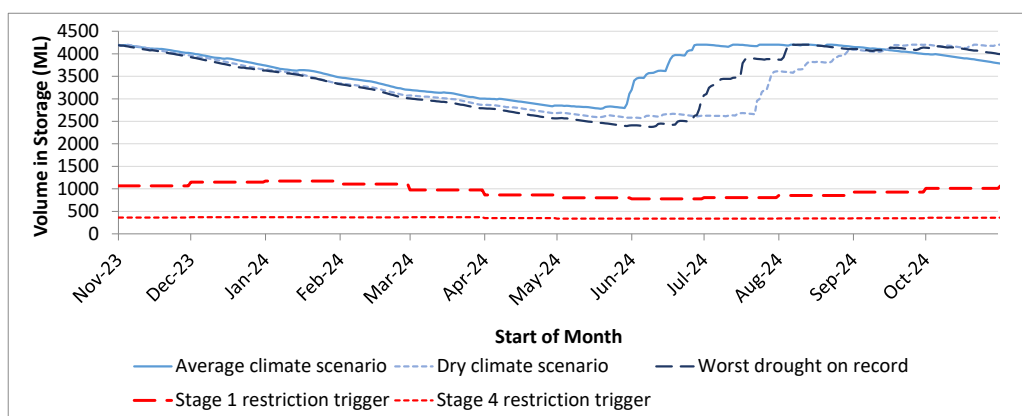
Chance of Exceeding Median Rainfall	Chance of Exceeding Median Maximum Temperature	This Year's Winter/Spring Rainfall	Likely Outlook Scenario
40-45%	Greater than 80%	Average	Dry

Further Information:

- Lance Creek Reservoir was 100% full at the end of October.
- Volumes shown in the storage outlook are start of month values in megalitres (ML), where 1 ML is equivalent to 1 million litres (or roughly 40% of an Olympic sized swimming pool).

Urban Water Restrictions Outlook

The volume in storage outlook for Lance Creek Reservoir for the period November 2023 to October 2024 indicates that storage levels are expected to remain high relative to water restriction triggers over the coming year.



Based on the volume in storage outlook and the Bureau of Meteorology climate forecast, no water restrictions are anticipated for the remainder of the year at the current time. South Gippsland Water's Permanent Water Savings Plan applies to all customers over the outlook period.

Climate Scenario	Outlook		
	1 Jan 2024	1 Apr 2024	1 Jul 2024
Wet	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Average	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP
Dry	PWSP	PWSP	PWSP

PWSP

Permanent Water Savings Plan

Action Plan

A list of priority actions for this supply system prior to the next update of the Urban Water Strategy in 2027 is presented below. Further information on actions can be found in our [2022 Urban Water Strategy](#) and our [Price Submission 2020-2023](#) publication on our website. Victoria's [permanent water savings rules](#) are always in place in South Gippsland, saving water on an ongoing basis. For additional tips about how to save water see our [smart water advice](#).

Action Name	Timing
Water awareness and efficiency programs	Ongoing
Leak reduction	Ongoing
Reuse opportunities	Ongoing
Update water security outlook	Every November
Planning for long term options as per the Urban Water Strategy including planned purchase of additional bulk entitlement from the Melbourne Water Supply System	2023/24

The information provided in this water security outlook is intended as a guide only. An update will be issued if conditions change during the outlook period.