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The Agnes River Water Supply System supplies water to the townships

- Toora
- Welshpool
- Port Welshpool
- Port Franklin

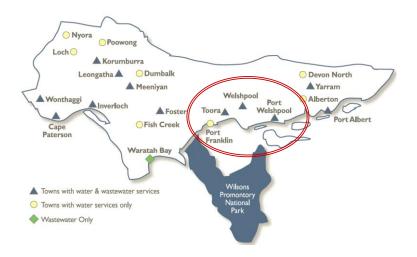
These towns are supplied from a diversion weir on Agnes River below Cook's Dam. This dam has a capacity of 58 ML. Once diverted from the river, water is treated and then stored in three clear water storages, which have a combined capacity of 6 ML. These storages allow water supply to be maintained during short periods of low river flow during drought.

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Agnes River Water Supply System



Water Supply Information

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Agnes River Water Supply System are shown below. Only 8% of the available annual entitlement from the Agnes River has been used in the current year to date (Jul-Sep 2023). This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

Water Component	Maximum Annual Entitlement	Volume Extracted 2023-24	Volume Remaining 2023-24
Agnes River	1,617 ML	136 ML	1,481 ML

Water Consumption

Monthly water consumption for the Agnes River Water Supply System was above the average over the last five years. It is expected that demand will be close to the historical average for the remainder of the year.



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Further Information:

- The Agnes River
 Water Supply System
 Storages were 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)

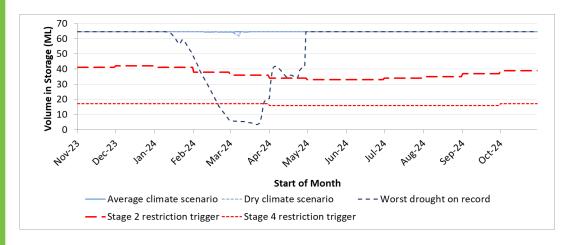
Climate Conditions

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

Urban Water Restrictions Outlook

The volume in storage outlook for the Agnes River Water Supply System 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 under the anticipated average climate scenario. If conditions were to become much drier than expected, restrictions could occur in summer/autumn.



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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
Investigate reuse of water treatment plant wash water	2028
Investigate construction of additional off stream storage	2028
Update water security outlook	Every November
Planning for long term options as per the Urban Water Strategy	2022-2027

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.

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