

Media Release

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New Water For Poowong Next Week

South Gippsland Water are preparing for the final stage of the Lance Creek Water Connection, with plans underway for the new water supply for Poowong to be activated late next week (currently targeting 12/12/18 for water supply to change over).

Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said that, "The team are currently testing the pipeline and pumping water through the 8.8 Km section from Korumburra to Poowong. This water is being released into the reservoir whilst preparations are underway for the changeover next week." Once the water supply changes over to the Lance Creek Water Supply System, water will be pumped directly into the existing treated water storage tank at Poowong.

This final stage of the Lance Creek Water Connection will see this significant milestone achieved and is the culmination of years of work to provide water security to the townships of Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora. Philippe went on to say that, "Achieving switch over to a secure water supply at the start of this summer season means that for these four townships, it is the first summer in some years, where there is not a looming prospect of water restrictions".

KEY PROJECT STATISTICS

- \$43M total project cost with \$30M in State Government funding.
- The Lance Creek Water Supply System will supply an average of 8ML per day to approximately 60% of South Gippsland Water's customer base and with the system secure for the next 50 years.
- The Lance Creek Water Supply System has access to 4,200ML water from Lance Creek Reservoir and up to 1,000ML per year entitlement from the Melbourne Supply System.
- A total of 30.5km of new pipeline installed as part of the project: 21.7km Lance Creek to Korumburra and 8.8km Korumburra to Poowong.
- The pipeline will transfer an average of 2.6ML of water per day (the volume of an Olympic-sized swimming pool) from Lance Creek to Korumburra.
- A second pump station at Korumburra will transfer around 800KL per day to Poowong for Poowong, Loch and Nyora customers.

Providing access to a secure water supply will give local businesses confidence in their water supply and the security they need to continue investing in the region.

Whilst the new supply for Korumburra saw a change in treatment process with Korumburra receiving chloraminated water for the first time, Poowong, Loch and Nyora already have a chloraminated water supply. The significant change for these townships is that the water will now be fluoridated in line with Department of Health requirements and to meet world class standards.

Customers with aquariums and fish tanks, tap water will still require additional conditioning to make it safe for use in fish tanks.

Due to the changing water source, customers may notice a change in the taste and smell of their water supply. Customers are encouraged to discuss any questions or concerns they may have regarding the new water supply or treatment processes. Call the South Gippsland Water Customer Service Team on **1300 851 636** with any enquiries.



Water being released into Little Bess Reservoir as pipeline and pumps are tested this week.

The new water supply is due online from late next week for Poowong, Loch and Nyora



Mark Lynch, General Manager Infrastructure & Planning, South Gippsland Water, Standing in front the pump station at Korumburra – these pumps will transfer an average of 800KL water per day to Poowong.

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