

Rainfall Keeps Water Storages Steady

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **14th May – 20th May 2016**. Lance Creek 23mm, Ruby Creek 8mm, Coalition Creek 18mm, Deep Creek 6mm, Little Bass 16mm and Battery Creek 14mm.

The rainfall eased the impact of demand on storages over the past week. Overall, levels in most storages remained steady, with the Little Bass water supply system recording a 2% increase and Ruby Creek dropping by only 1%.

The Corporation continues to monitor all water storages closely, particularly the Ruby Creek Water Supply System and the currently restricted Battery Creek, Coalition Creek and Little Bass water supply systems.

Planned increases to water restrictions for Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora will be assessed on an ongoing basis, enabling the Corporation to respond to changes in weather conditions and customer demand for water.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "The Ruby Creek Water Supply System is close to Stage 1 water restrictions, but at this time of year they will have little to no impact on overall water demand."

"It's likely that Stage 1 restrictions for Leongatha will be by-passed and that Stage 2 water restrictions will be implemented if storage levels fall further.

"The timing for Stage 2 restrictions is difficult to predict but would most likely not occur until mid to late June, however, this will be influenced by levels of rainfall in the meantime."

Given current reservoir levels, the need to escalate restrictions will be reviewed on a week by week basis. South Gippsland Water encourages customers to use water wisely and adhere to the permanent water savings rules and restriction levels currently in place.

Information regarding Permanent Water Saving Rules (which apply across the region) and Stage 2 "SAVE" Water Restrictions (Fish Creek, Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora) can be found at www.sgwater.com.au or contact South Gippsland Water on 1300 851 636 with questions or concerns regarding smarter water usage.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Comments
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	60	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	36	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	50	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	62	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	32	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	43	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 03/03/16)

River Systems	Major Town Supplied	Current Status
Tarwin	Meeniyah, 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