## **Media Release**

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## Rainfall Steadily Makes Its Way Into Storages

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **21**<sup>st</sup> **May – 27**<sup>th</sup> **May 2016**. Lance Creek 47mm, Ruby Creek 40mm, Coalition Creek 40mm, Deep Creek 59mm, Little Bass 40mm and Battery Creek 67mm.

Continued rainfall over the past week eased the impact of demand on storages. Levels in storages increased between 1-4%, with Deep Creek (Foster) remaining steady at 62%.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "The rainfall we've had is very welcome and having storage levels increase ever so slightly is encouraging too."

"Even with this rain, storages still need substantial follow-up rainfall for levels to reach a point where water restrictions can be reduced; a lot will depend on weather patterns and demand for water over the coming weeks."

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.

Given current reservoir levels, the levels of water 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 <a href="www.sgwater.com.au">www.sgwater.com.au</a> 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	62	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha & surrounds	37	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	52	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	62	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	35	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	47	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 03/03/16)

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