## Media Release

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## Rainfall And Storage Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **28**<sup>th</sup> **May – 3**<sup>rd</sup> **June 2016**. Lance Creek 1mm, Ruby Creek 7mm, Coalition Creek 5mm, Deep Creek 1mm, Little Bass 4mm and Battery Creek 1mm.

With minimal rainfall over the past week, levels in most storages increased only marginally, although the Little Bass Water Supply System recorded an increase of 4% (35 to 39%).

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "It's pleasing that, even with low rainfall and continued demand for water, levels in our storages did not drop over the past week."

"While this indicates that catchments are saturated enough for some water to make its way into storages, a good deal of follow-up rain is needed for levels to increase significantly."

Total rainfall figures for the month of May were: Lance Creek 146mm, Ruby Creek 106mm, Coalition Creek 143mm, Deep Creek 163mm, Little Bass 110mm and Battery Creek 163mm.

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="https://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	38	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	53	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	63	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora & Loch	39	Stage 2 Restrictions (from 24/03/16)
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	48	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