

Lance Creek Reservoir Celebrating National Water Week

Do you know where Lance Creek is? Did you know it is home to South Gippsland Water's largest reservoir? Are you one of the 50% of South Gippsland Water's customers that make use of the 20 million litres of water per day supplied by the Lance Creek Water Treatment Plant?



Want to find out more? South Gippsland Water is extending an invitation to the community to visit the Lance Creek Reservoir on Sunday 23rd October as part of National Water Week 2016 celebrations

Managing Director Philippe du Plessis said, "The Lance Creek Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant are significant regional assets and amazing pieces of infrastructure tucked away in the rolling hills of Glen Alvie."

"The reservoir has one of the Corporations most advanced treatment systems; it uses dissolved air floatation filtration to remove impurities from the water by raising them to the surface on micro air bubbles. In this way, millions of litres of high quality potable water is supplied to the towns of Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson each day."

Fed by a catchment area of 2,000ha, the reservoir was initially constructed in 1911. Over the years there have been a number of upgrades, including the construction of the water treatment plant in 1997. These improvements ensure ongoing structural performance and that water supplied by the plant is world class and meets all Department of Health regulations for filtered and disinfected water.

More recently, the Lance Creek Water Supply System has received attention with the commencement of the Lance Creek Water Connection. A pipeline will connect Korumburra, Poowong, Loch and Nyora with Lance Creek."

"When it's needed, the system will also utilise an existing connection between the reservoir and the Melbourne Water Supply System, which includes the Wonthaggi Desalination Plant, "explained Mr du Plessis. "The project is a key component in South Gippsland Water's long-term strategy to secure water supplies for the region for the next 50 years."

"Lance Creek is a fascinating place to visit and we are pleased to open the gates to the public as part of National Water Week. Our staff, including treatment plant operator Will Egan, Victorian Young Operator of the Year for 2016, will be on hand to conduct tours and provide insight into the complexities of water supply and management."

The reservoir is accessed via Kongwak Road Glen Alvie, north east of Wonthaggi. Gates open from 10am to 2pm Sunday 23 October; tours will begin at 10.30am and run hourly. Light refreshments will be available. For more information contact Vanessa Facey on 5682 0418 or visit www.sqwater.com.au.

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