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## Use Water Wisely Over Summer

Minimal rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Lance Creek 1mm, Ruby Creek 1mm, Coalition Creek 0mm, Deep Creek 1mm, Little Bass 2mm and Battery Creek 2mm.

Total rainfall figures for December 2016: Lance Creek 53mm, Ruby Creek 37mm, Coalition Creek 56mm, Deep Creek 44mm, Little Bass 46mm and Battery Creek 43mm.

With warm weather conditions experienced over the Christmas and New Year period, and below average rainfall predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology for parts of eastern Australia from January to March, customers and visitors to the region are encouraged to use water wisely at all times.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director, South Gippsland Water said, "All water supply systems have begun to drop as rainfall has decreased and demand for water across communities, particularly coastal townships, increases.

"The region's water supply systems currently have storage levels at or above 84% capacity, however, the Coalition Creek system (Korumburra) is currently at 81% and it is likely supplementary water may be drawn upon in the coming weeks to augment the system."

Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place to help all Victorians maintain a common-sense approach to water use. The rules are in force permanently and are separate from any other water restrictions South Gippsland Water may need to impose from time to time.

Simple water saving practices customers can activate at home include:

- Using a half flush when flushing the toilet
- Fixing any leaking or dripping taps
- Ensuring hoses are fitted with a trigger nozzle and free of leaks
- Installing a pool cover
- Installing a water saving shower head
- Only running washing machine and dish washers when there is a full load to be washed
- Limiting shower time to 4 minutes
- Planting water wise garden plants and using mulch to hold moisture in garden beds.

Information about Permanent Water Saving Rules can be found in the Services section of South Gippsland Water's website [www.sgwater.com.au](http://www.sgwater.com.au).

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	87	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	84	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	81	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	86	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	88	Permanent Water Saving Measures

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