
Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall was recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **12th – 18th August 2017**. Lance Creek 34mm, Ruby Creek 36mm, Coalition Creek 32mm, Deep Creek 53mm, Little Bass 30mm and Battery Creek 52mm.

Good rainfall in catchments resulted in water level increases in all supply systems over the past week. Deep Creek (Foster), Little Bass (Poowong, Loch and Nyora) and Battery Creek (Fish Creek) have now all hit 100% capacity, with Coalition Creek (Korumburra) and Lance Creek (Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson) at 98% and 94% respectively.

Philippe du Plessis, Managing Director for South Gippsland Water said, "Recent rainfall has replenished storages and, although it's occurred late in the season, it has put all but one of our water supply systems in a good position as we head toward spring."

"The storage level within the Ruby Creek system, Leongatha's water supply, has increased slowly over the past month and is currently at 59% of capacity," added Mr du Plessis.

"The Ruby Creek system is taking longer to fill as it has a relatively small catchment area in relation to the size of its reservoir. With low rainfall in May and June, the catchment did not yield the expected volume of water and the system is still catching up."

While the majority of storages are at or near capacity, substantially more winter rainfall is needed to prepare water storages for spring and summer. South Gippsland Water will continue to closely monitor all systems, taking into account weather forecasting, storage and rainfall modelling to help in decision making around management of the region's water storages.

In the meantime, Permanent Water Saving Rules are in place across the state 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.

Information about Permanent Water Saving Rules can be found in the Services section of South Gippsland Water's website www.sgwater.com.au. For smart water advice and handy hints to help you save water visit www.smartwatermark.org/Victoria/

Any customers who have questions or concerns regarding their water supply can contact South Gippsland Water's friendly Customer Service Team on **1300 851 636**.

Reservoir	Major towns supplied	Capacity level %	Current Status
Lance Creek	Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson	94	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Ruby Creek	Leongatha and surrounds	59	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Coalition Creek	Korumburra and surrounds	98	Stage 1 Water Restrictions
Foster Dam – Deep Creek	Foster area	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Little Bass	Poowong, Nyora and Loch	100	Permanent Water Saving Measures
Battery Creek	Fish Creek	100	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