

Monday 20^h January 2020

Storage and Rainfall Update

Rainfall recorded at South Gippsland Water's storages from **11 January 2020 to 17 January 2020** was Lance Creek 27mm, Ruby Creek 34mm, Deep Creek 48mm and Battery Creek 34mm.

South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Philippe du Plessis said that, "Intermittent rainfall over the past weeks, coupled with customer's water conservation activities, have assisted in reservoirs across the region remaining at satisfactory levels".

This week South Gippsland Water, in association with Choose Tap, are launching a program to assist community members on private water supplies experiencing smoke tainted water. In addition to the Corporation's drinking water trailer being placed at Venus Bay, a program encouraging businesses to "be a Refiller" is being launched across the region. The *Refiller* program calls on businesses to join us and allow containers up to 10 litres to be refilled with reticulated water at their properties. All participating businesses will be registered on the choosetap.com.au "Refiller -map". South Gippsland Water *Refiller* points are located at:

- South Gippsland Water Foster Office 14 – 18 Pioneer Street
- South Gippsland Water Leongatha Stores 17 – 19 Cusack Road

The Corporation keeps a close eye on water quality across the reticulated water supply systems. Water supplied by South Gippsland Water to townships via these systems is treated to Safe Drinking Water Standards and monitored on a daily basis. "Allowing water containers to be refilled from South Gippsland Water reticulated supplies at a range of points across the region is a more environmentally friendly option to purchasing bottled water" Mr du Plessis said today.

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, Cape Paterson, Korumburra, Poowong, Loch & Nyora | 90% | Permanent Water Saving Measures Melbourne Supply Utilised |
| Ruby Creek | Leongatha and surrounds | 85% | Permanent Water Saving Measures |
| Foster Dam – Deep Creek | Foster area | 84% | Permanent Water Saving Measures |
| Battery Creek | Fish Creek | 95% | 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 |

Photo: South Gippsland Water events trailer, located at Venus Bay providing access to water for drinking purposes.

