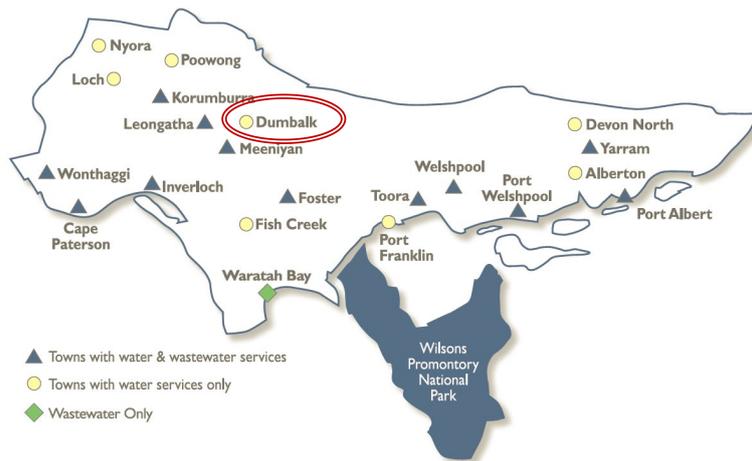


Dumbalk Water Supply System



Dumbalk is supplied from the Tarwin River East Branch.

After diversion from the river, water is stored in a small water storage and water tower. This small water storage helps South Gippsland Water to maintain a good quality water supply.

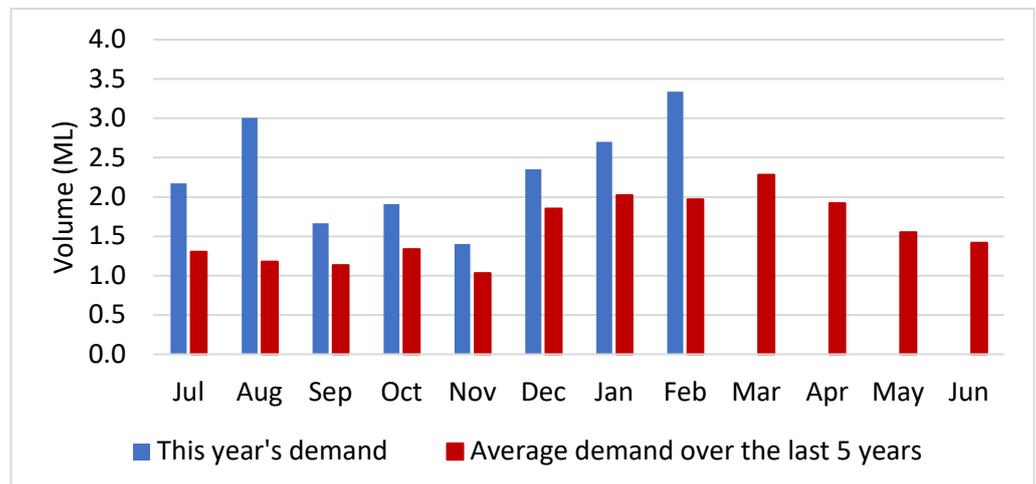
Water Supply Information

Water resources held by South Gippsland Water for the Dumbalk Water Supply System are shown below. Only 19% of the available annual entitlement has been used from the river in the current year to date (Jul 2025 to Feb 2026). This entitlement is a legal right to access water, subject to availability.

Water Component	Maximum Annual Entitlement	Volume Extracted 2025-26	Volume Remaining 2025-26
Tarwin River at Dumbalk	100 ML	19 ML	81 ML

Water Consumption

Monthly water consumption for the Dumbalk Water Supply System in the year to date was above average for all months up until March. This increase in demand is driven by dry conditions increasing demand and the introduction of a booster pump to improve water pressure.



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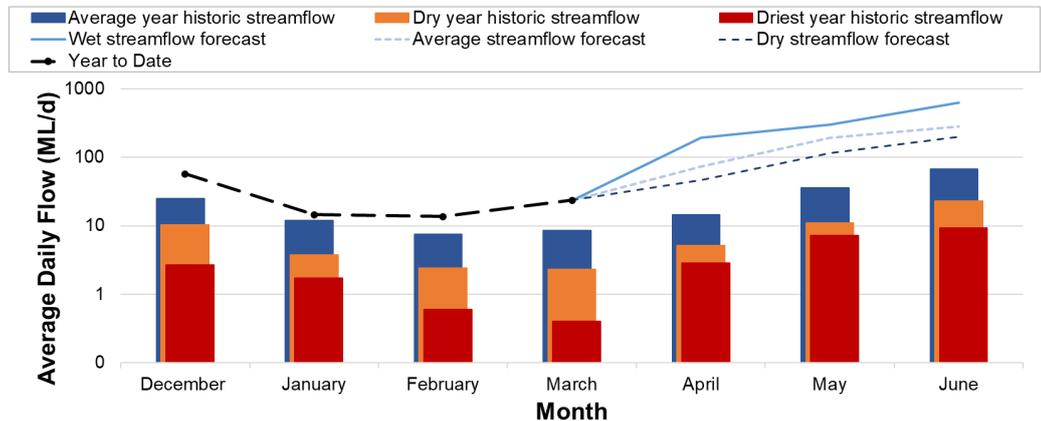
Climate Conditions

Forecast climate conditions for the coming three months have considered the Bureau of Meteorology’s seasonal climate forecast for the region and local climate conditions in the year to date. In the year to date, spring rainfall was above average, followed by a drier than usual summer, and the Bureau’s climate outlook indicates drier than usual conditions over the next three months. Air temperature is forecast over the next three months to be warmer than usual for this time of year, and this trend is expected to continue beyond this period. After taking these factors into account, South Gippsland Water is forecasting on the basis of a dry climate scenario.

Chance of Exceeding Median Rainfall	Chance of Exceeding Median Maximum Temperature	This Year’s Spring/Summer Rainfall	Likely Outlook Scenario
30-35%	Greater than 80%	Above average in spring, below average in summer	Dry

Streamflow Outlook

Streamflow in the Tarwin River is naturally highly variable. Since December 2025, following a wet November, streamflow has remained above the long-term average (as previously forecast by SGW in November). Whilst precisely forecasting streamflow conditions is difficult, streamflow for the outlook period is currently expected to remain above the historical average. Water restrictions have previously only been enacted at Dumbalk during extreme drought. River flows are expected to remain above SGW’s 1 ML/d trigger for restrictions over the outlook period.



Urban Water Restrictions Outlook

Based on the recent streamflow record, above average demands for water expected for the next three months, the Bureau of Meteorology climate forecast and SGW’s daily streamflow forecast, no water restrictions are anticipated over the outlook period at the current time. South Gippsland Water’s Permanent Water Saving Rules applies to all customers over the outlook period.

Climate Scenario	Outlook		
	1 April 2026	1 May 2026	1 June 2026
Wet	PWSR	PWSR	PWSR
Average	PWSR	PWSR	PWSR
Dry	PWSR	PWSR	PWSR
Worst on Record	PWSR	PWSR	PWSR

Further Information:

- The most recent records for the Tarwin River East Branch at Dumbalk show that it was flowing at an average of 24 ML/d during March. This is well above SGW’s restriction trigger of 1 ML/d.
- Unregulated river flows are difficult to forecast. SGW has only forecast the next 3 months due to low forecast skill beyond 3 months. The graph is formatted to highlight low flow behaviour.
- Units are in megalitres per day (ML/d), where 1 ML is equivalent to 1 million litres

Action Plan

A list of priority actions for this supply system prior to the next update of the Urban Water Strategy in 2027 is presented below. Further information on actions can be found in our [2022 Urban Water Strategy](#) and our [Price Submission 2023-2028](#) publication on our website. Victoria's [permanent water savings rules](#) are always in place in South Gippsland, saving water on an ongoing basis. For additional tips about how to save water see our [smart water advice](#).

Action Name	Timing
Water awareness and efficiency programs	Ongoing
Leak reduction	Ongoing
Update water security outlook	Every November
Planning for long term options as per the Urban Water Strategy	2022-2027

The information provided in this water security outlook is intended as a guide only. An update will be issued if conditions change during the outlook period.