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# Local Management Rules

## Dandenong Creek & major tributaries

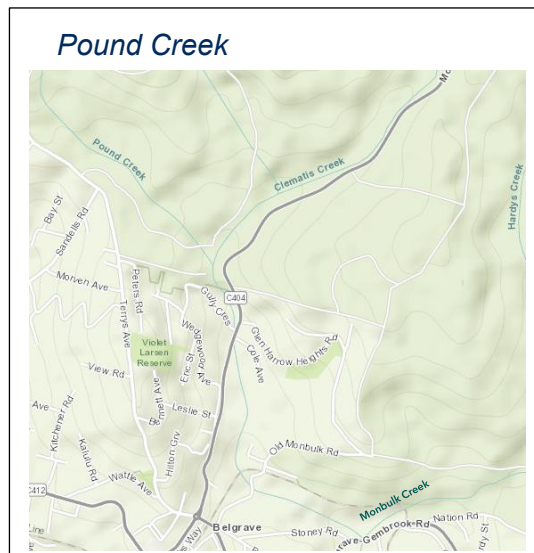
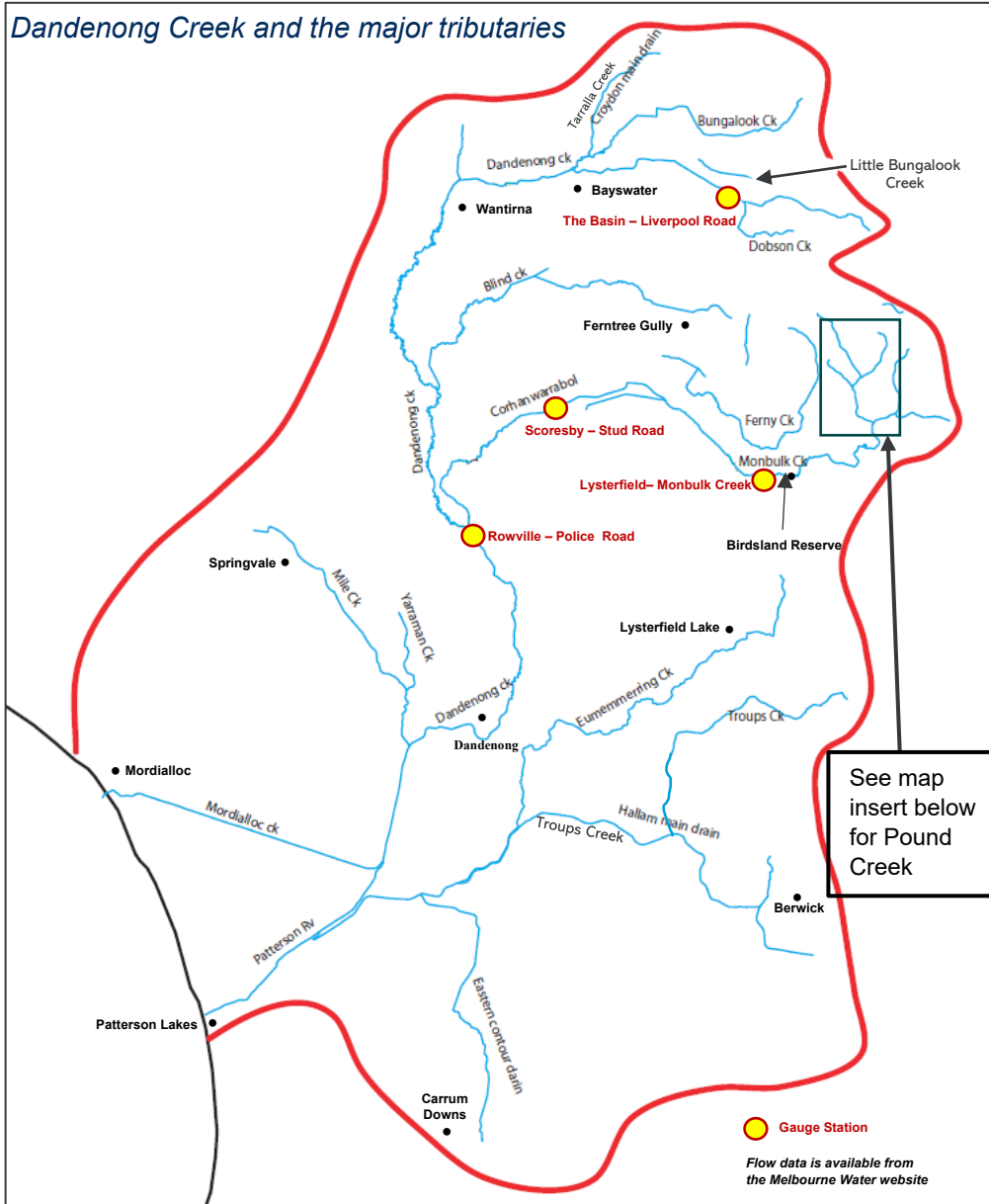
### 1. Catchment and purpose

Dandenong Creek is the major waterway in the Dandenong basin area, which covers an area of 855 square kilometres and has approximately 485 kilometres of rivers and creeks. Its source lies in the forested Dandenong Ranges National Park. Once out of the forest, the creek winds its way through the urban areas of Boronia. The middle and lower sections of the creek are also urbanised areas, with the lower section of the creek flowing into the Mordialloc Creek and the Patterson River. The creek has several main tributaries, which include Bungalook Creek, Corhanwarrabul Creek, Dobsons Creek, Hughes Creek, Monbulk Creek, Blind Creek, Ferny Creek, Eumemmerring Creek and Pound Creek.

The purpose of these rules is to define the manner in which rosters and restrictions will operate in the catchment, along with general licensing principals.

### 2. Definitions

<b>The Act</b>	The Water Act 1989
<b>D&amp;S Licence</b>	Licence to extract water for domestic and stock purposes
<b>Direct Pumping Licence (DIR)</b>	Licence issued under Section 51 of the Act that allows the extraction of water at any time of the year subject to restrictions
<b>Domestic and Stock</b>	As defined in the Act
<b>LAC</b>	Southern Rural Water's Local Area Committee
<b>SRW</b>	Southern Rural Water
<b>Winterfill Licence</b>	Licence issued under S 51 of the Act that allows extraction only during the months specified (usually 1 May to 31 October)



### 3. Principles and management of licences

1. Customers are restricted to their licensed volume.
2. Restrictions are triggered by flows in the following locations:
  - Dandenong Creek gauging station near Police Rd in Rowville
  - Dobson Creek gauging station on Liverpool Rd in The Basin
  - Corhanwarrabol Creek gauging station at Stud Road in Scoresby
  - Monbulk Creek gauging station near Glenfern Road in Lysterfield
3. Due to their size and nature there are no flow recorders on Bungalook Creek, Hughes Creek, Patterson River and Pound Creek.
4. Winterfill does not normally need to be restricted.
5. Restrictions are based on a two-day cycle with irrigators restricted to a percentage of their daily extraction volume. Stage 1 is “organised pumping” ie customers can use 100% but times are restricted to share flows evenly.
6. Rosters are updated as required. Information may be obtained by contacting the local Water Management Officer on 1300 139 510.

*Table 2 – Trigger points for each stage of restriction*

Creek	Site	Trigger flow ml/day		
		Stage 1	Stage 2	Ban
Dandenong Creek	Police Rd	6.0	5.0	4.0
Dobsons/Dandenong Creek	Liverpool Rd	N/A	N/A	0.05
Corhanwarrabol Creek	Stud Rd	1.5	N/A	1.0
Monbulk Creek	Glenfern Road	1.5	N/A	1.0

*Note. The data from the gauging stations referenced above can be sourced on the Melbourne Water website.*

### 4. Customer consultation

In early December each year, we contact each licence holder & discuss licensing issues focusing on rosters/restrictions & management rules. Staff also visit customers who are using larger volumes.

### 5. New licences and water entitlement transfers

Applications for new licences or for transfer of water entitlement shall be assessed according to the Act and SRW policy.