

SACTCG WATERWATCH BULLETIN APRIL 2019

Hi Waterwatch teams,

Welcome to another fun packed SACTCG Waterwatch bulletin. This month is the middle of autumn so I am up to my middle in whatever water is left in our ponds and rivers. If you are particularly keen on finding out what's wriggling beneath the surface of your favourite water way, give me a call. The other important item is the next QA/QC assessment. See the calendar below. If you attended the last one or have just finished your training, you do not need to attend. I will send out a separate reminder (i.e. passive aggressive threat) to those who should attend asap.

Cheers,

Martin Lind.



WW Calendar;

- [The CHIP report 2018 is now available online.](#) Also see stories in [Canberra Times](#) and [RiotACT](#)
- **May 11th QA/QC assessment. Scottsdale N.S.W. 10am to about 2pm**
- **Autumn 'Bug Blitz'.** Times and dates; contact me.

Australian Platypus Conservancy



- **April 29th Public seminar- "Platypus mysteries to be revealed!"** Time: 6-8pm Venue: Cooma Ex-Service's Club Please RSVP to: Antia on 0429 778 633 or coomawaterwatch@gmail.com
- **May 2nd Public seminar- "Keeping track of the world's strangest mammal"** 7 pm R.N. Robertson Building, Biology Place, ANU Slatyer Seminar Room

ADMISSION FREE – ALL WELCOME



SACTCG Calendar/news;

- **May 5th Mt Taylor Park Care** 2pm starting at the Waldock Carpark for more woody weed action across the eastern slopes. **June 1st** Combined meet with Urambi Hills PC to mark **World Environment Day** and will help with a planting around a dam. Contact; Kathy Eyles mttaylorparkcaregroup@gmail.com
- [Clean Up Australia Day](#) (From Nicole Lawder MLA)

Other News and links:

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Eflow releases;

Below is a summary of water releases from Icon Water dams in the Southern ACT, courtesy of John Southwell, Icon Water.

Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via scour valve is approximately 11 ML/d

Releases at licence requirements:

10 Apr	32.9 – 36.2 ML/d	0.93– 0.94 m
17 Apr	11.5 – 13.1 ML/d	0.84 – 0.85 m

Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via cone valve is approximately 6 ML/d.

Release requirements:

11 Apr	22.3 – 24.2 ML/d	0.29 – 0.30 m
18 Apr	6.63 – 7.69 ML/d	0.17 – 0.18 m

Note: Project work commenced on Thursday 28 Mar during which the cone valve will be closed and release will be approx. 5 ML/d via leakage

Cotter

Currently not overflowing.

Current flow 43 MLD via M2C

Licence release requirements:

Base release flow of >15 ML/d, with bi-monthly riffle release of >100 ML/d for >24 hours. OR
Flow requirements as set out under Murrumbidgee to Cotter eflow return.



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