

SACTCG WATERWATCH BULLETIN AUGUST 2019

Hi Waterwatch teams,

As I write this we are still waiting on the new data base to be ready. While you're waiting very patiently go to <https://biocollect.ala.org.au/actwaterwatch> and register. Your old logins have **not** been transferred from the old site so you will need to go through the whole palaver of renewing a login. Also this month is **Platypus Month** for UMWW. We have seen some already at Point Hut Crossing. There are still places available at survey sites around the region if you don't mind sharing. Also people often cancel unexpectedly, so extra hands are always welcome.

Cheers,

Martin Lind.



WW Calendar and shared links;

- **August 21st & 29th 4:15-5:45pm, Platypus Month** The Southern ACT survey site is Point Hut Crossing. RSVP to me at waterwatch@sactcg.org.au
For more details on Platypus Month please contact me at waterwatch@sactcg.org.au . There are surveys happening right around the Upper Murrumbidgee. I can send you the flyer with details.

RIOT ACT!

[Platypus killings raises concerns about illegal yabby traps](#)



[Dry July spells trouble for Canberra's platypus population](#)



[Landscape regeneration seminar 23 Aug 2019](#)



SACTCG Calendar/News;

- **August 14th 10:00am-2:00pm Fetherston Gardens Working Bee.** Meet in the Arbor for sign on.
- **August 14th 7:30pm Fetherston Gardens AGM** Raiders Club in Weston. Contact: Louise Hughes fetherstongardens@gmail.com



August 18th 1:30pm -4:00pm Coleman Ridge PC Meeting, Darrell Place.
September 15th Coleman Ridge PC Meeting Lincoln Place.
Contact Doug Tinney 6288 8589 for more info.

- **September 1st 2pm Mt Taylor PC** Work meet will be the first day of Spring. Meet at Colquhoun gate where we will check and fortify the erosion control work along the gully.
- **November 9th Mt Taylor PC** 30 year anniversary of Park Care event. Details TBA.

For more info mttaylorparkcaregroup@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/MtTaylornaturereserve>

- **October 12th Black Mt spring wildflower ramble** Friends of Black Mountain is assisting Jean Geue to organise this popular ramble again this year.

Contact Linda Beveridge Email: friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com Mobile: 0437 298 711

Other News and links:

Some of the icons below are hyperlinked to online newsletters if there is no adjacent article. The views expressed in some media releases and opinion pieces are not necessarily the same as SACTCG or UMWW. But they make interesting reading and all sites linked to here are bonafide.



[Waterway closures.](#)

[Recreational Water Quality](#)

[Bacteria alerts](#)

For water and sewerage faults and emergencies phone 02 6248 3111 (option 1)



Eflow releases;

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

Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via scour valve is approximately 50 ML/d

Releases are reduced due to low inflows:

7 Aug	29.9 – 32.9 ML/d	0.92 – 0.93 m	
14 Aug	53.1 – 56.0 ML/d	1.00– 1.01 m	set base flow
14 Aug	152.1 – 158.1 ML/d	1.24– 1.25 m	riffle release
17 Aug	53.1 – 56.0 ML/d	1.00– 1.01 m	by WDE

Licence requirements:

7 Aug	48.5 ML/d
14 Aug	145.5 ML/d

Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via cone valve is approximately 200 ML/d

Releases are above requirements to refill Bendora to normal operating level:

8 Aug	145 – 155 ML/d	0.54 – 0.55 m
15 Aug	191 – 204 ML/d	0.58 – 0.59 m

Licence requirements:

8 Aug	31 ML/d
15 Aug	93 ML/d

Cotter

Currently not overflowing.

Current flow 40 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.



[Murray-Darling Ministerial Council, 4 August 2019](#)

[Feedback sought on draft Basin-wide environmental watering strategy](#)

[Dry start to water year affects operational outlook for River Murray](#)

[Basin-wide watering a great leap forward in making every drop count for the environment](#)

[Model knowledge built on river reality](#)

[Water for the environment is making the grade](#)

Click on these links to go to the latest newsletters or events;



[Cash for your containers – new drop off points around Canberra](#)



ICE WaRM
International Centre of Excellence
in Water Resources Management

[The Sustainable Development Goals under climate change](#)



[Rally for Kosci IT'S A PARK, NOT A Paddock!](#)



[Events in August 2019](#)

