

# SACTCG WATERWATCH BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2019

Hi Waterwatch teams,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable start to the year and hopefully some time away.

Here are some of the things happening around this month. Many articles regarding fish kill responses at various government levels. I have also included a link to a

**Greens** opinion piece for interest. Thanks to Coleman Ridge Parkcare, Mt Taylor

Parkcare and Fetherston Gardens for their newsletters, dates from which I have included below.

Martin Lind.



## WW Calendar;

### Catchment Health Indicator Program (C.H.I.P.)

The launch date for the 2018 report is aimed to coincide with **World Water Day** on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

We will be inviting volunteers to join us so if you can pen this into your diaries please do so. It's a **Friday**.

**Canberra Show(22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Feb)** Look for us in the Budawang Building!



Again, I include the TCCS website link to give an up to data listing of waterway closures.

<http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city->

[living/recreation/waterways/water\\_quality\\_in\\_our\\_lakes\\_and\\_ponds](http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/recreation/waterways/water_quality_in_our_lakes_and_ponds)

In addition The ACT monitors for blue green algae and enterococci as per the ACT

Guidelines for Recreational Water Quality [https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-](https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-09/ACT%20Guidelines%20for%20Recreational%20Water%20Quality.pdf)

[09/ACT%20Guidelines%20for%20Recreational%20Water%20Quality.pdf](https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-09/ACT%20Guidelines%20for%20Recreational%20Water%20Quality.pdf)

Monitoring is weekly at swimming locations across the swimming season (warmer months of the year)

Data for enterococci is available online:

<https://www.data.act.gov.au/Health/Lakes-and-Rivers-Compliance/hp3u-ekx2>



### 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 10 ML/d

Releases at licence requirements:

13 Feb	24.8 – 27.3 ML/d	0.90 – 0.91 m	
20 Feb	7.4 – 8.4 ML/d	0.81 – 0.82 m	set base flow
20 Feb	152.1 – 158.1 ML/d	1.24 – 1.25 m	through Cone valve
22 Feb	7.4 – 8.4 ML/d	0.81 – 0.82 m	By WDE

#### **Corin**

Currently not overflowing.

Cone valve is currently closed for project works.

Current release via leakage through closed cone valve is approximately 2 ML/d.

Release requirements

15 Feb	30.2 – 32.5 ML/d	0.33 – 0.34 m
21 Feb	4.7 – 5.6 ML/d	0.15 – 0.16 m

#### **Cotter**

Currently not overflowing.

Current flow ~ 40ML/day from Cotter Dam and 40ML/d through 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.*

## Other news:

Fetherston Gardens' First 2019 Working Bees. Contact; [fetherstongardens@gmail.com](mailto:fetherstongardens@gmail.com)

Wed 13th Feb - 10am - 12pm

Sun 24th Feb - 10 - 1pm

Mt Taylor Park Care Contact; [mttaylorparkcaregroup@gmail.com](mailto:mttaylorparkcaregroup@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/MtTaylornaturereserve>

3 March - Woody weed walk Colquhoun gate to farm dams



## From Coleman Ridge Parkcare Group's newsletter

*What a difference a week and rain makes*



Kathner St Dam 8 Dec 2018 Photo: Rob Lundie



Kathner St Dam 16 Dec 2018 Photo: Rob Lundie



[Water for the environment being delivered to lower Murrumbidgee](#)  
[MDBA response to South Australian Royal Commission final report](#)  
[Basin governments taking action to prevent further fish deaths](#)  
[Governments commit to working together on fish deaths](#)  
[Basin water officials to coordinate actions after fish deaths](#)

## Other newsletters:



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[Feral Herald - January 2019](#)

[It's official: Invasive species are the No 1 threat](#)



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