

# SACTCG WATERWATCH BULLETIN JULY 2019

Hi Waterwatch teams,

Fantastic news this month! The SACTCG Waterwatch program has been given money for the next 12 months. Special thanks need to go to ACT Environment and Planning Directorate Executive Director, **Ian Walker** [IanS.Walker@act.gov.au](mailto:IanS.Walker@act.gov.au) and **Minister Mick Gentleman** [gentleman@act.gov.au](mailto:gentleman@act.gov.au) for recognising the importance of our volunteer force. I would also like to thank **Woo O'Reilly** [Woo.OReilly@act.gov.au](mailto:Woo.OReilly@act.gov.au), our facilitator for promoting and supporting us to the best of her capacity in difficult economic times. If you haven't done so already a quick thankyou email to these folk would make their day.

Cheers,

Martin Lind.



## WW Calendar and shared links;

- **August 8<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 6:15-8:00am, Platypus** The Southern ACT survey site is Point Hut
- **August 21<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 4:15-5:45pm, Month** Crossing. RSVP to me at [waterwatch@sactcg.org.au](mailto:waterwatch@sactcg.org.au)
- **August 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00am Platypus Walk** Isabella Footbridge, Queanbeyan. No RSVP necessary. For more details on Platypus Month please contact me at [waterwatch@sactcg.org.au](mailto:waterwatch@sactcg.org.au) . There are surveys happening right around the Upper Murrumbidgee. I can send you the flyer with details.



From **Deb Kellock** at **Molonglo CG**; Millions of fish are dead, our mighty inland rivers are dying, communities are going without water, but a few big businesses are making huge money at taxpayer expense. [Sign the petition to stop the rorts!](#)



## SACTCG Calendar/News;



**July 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00pm – 4:00pm Coleman Ridge PC meeting** Top of Chauvel Circle, near entrance to the Ridge.

**August 18<sup>th</sup> Coleman Ridge PC Meeting**, Darrell Place. Contact Doug Tinney 6288 8589 for more info.

- **August 11<sup>th</sup> 11am Holder Wetlands Open Day** Dixon Dr, Holder. Come along and see what happening at one of the newest wetland developments in the ACT and how you can get involved. For more info Ph: 62966400 or email Fiona Spier at [projects@sactcg.org.au](mailto:projects@sactcg.org.au)
- **November 9<sup>th</sup> Mt Taylor PC** 30 year anniversary of Park Care event. Details TBA



[Supporting grassroots environmental efforts](#)

## 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 Rick Pratt, Icon Water.

#### Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via scour valve is approximately 45 ML/d

Releases are below licence requirements due to low inflows:

10 Jul 29.9 – 32.9 ML/d 0.92 – 0.93 m

17 Jul 39.0 – 41.8 ML/d 0.95 – 0.96 m

Release requirements:

10 Jul 35.5 ML/d

17 Jul 150 ML/d

#### Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via cone valve is approximately 150 ML/d

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

11 Jul 191 – 204 ML/d 0.58 – 0.59 m

18 Jul 145 – 155 ML/d 0.54 – 0.55 m

Release requirements:

11 Jul 22.5 ML/d

#### Cotter

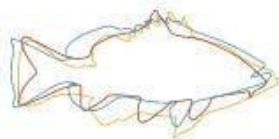
Currently not overflowing.

Current flow 42 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.*



## NATIONAL CARP CONTROL PLAN

### [Expressions of Interest for Waterbug Training Sessions due now](#)



[MDBA statement on Four Corners](#)

[Murray-Darling Basin Authority Communique](#)

[Mid-year report card highlights work ahead for Basin Plan](#)

[Bulk account adjustment trials to facilitate trade](#)

[Pulling the levers on water compliance in 2019-20](#)

[Environmental water priorities target fish, birds, native vegetation](#)

[Distinction important when delivering on water decisions](#)

[Murray-Darling water resource plans well on the way](#)

[Using water to support the environment](#)

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

