

Hi Waterwatch teams,

The theme for the rest of this year is **data**. I can now go into the new database and check all entries. Thanks to everyone who has logged in to the new site and entered all their readings for the last 4 months. For many this will have been quite a stack! For everyone else please try to do this before monitoring this weekend. <https://biocollect.ala.org.au/actwaterwatch>.

There are instructions on how to upload Waterwatch data on the Waterwatch website site along with a new map.

<http://www.act.waterwatch.org.au/waterwatch-database.html>

If you have difficulties let me know.

Cheers,

Martin Lind.



WW Calendar and shared links;

- **QA/QC Date: November 30th 10am-2:30pm** Wallaroo Fire Shed, 468 Wallaroo Road, Wallaroo, NSW. **RSVP: Tuesday, 26 November** to waterwatch@sactcg.org.au Please let me know if you are coming to QAQC, if you are staying for lunch and if you will be staying for the talk.



Extracts from Anke-Maria Hoefler's newsletter. (Let me know if you would like the complete version.)

Enter your surveys before 15.11.2019 Now is the time for entering the survey data (if you have not yet done so) and submit it with your recordings online at our data portal at the CNM <https://frogwatch-act.naturemapr.org/> **FROG CENSUS ON THE ABC LOCAL AND 24 NEWS**

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM FROG WEEK 8 – 17 NOVEMBER

The museum has an app ... which you can use to report frogs from anywhere, at any time. Visit <https://www.frogid.net.au/> to download the free app and register now. Remember, every call counts! <http://www.frogid.net.au/>



SACTCG Calendar/News;

- **Wednesday 13 November 2019 5:45 pm; Canberra Nature Park consultation Information session** - Chifley Community Room, Chifley Health and Wellbeing Hub. - [please RSVP here](#)
- **25th November 5:00pm to 6:30pm SACTCG AGM Hello members,**

‘We will be holding our AGM at the Tuggeranong Homestead in Theodore. We will start the evening with a walk around the Tuggeranong Creek to see the work the Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead have done over recent years (with Jenny Horsfield). We will have some light refreshments after the meeting in the Homestead.

We would love to see you so please come and join us!

We are also looking for new committee members, so if you or anyone you know is interested please contact Miranda on the email: sactcg.chair@gmail.com or myself.’

Kind Regards, *Martine Franco*

Coleman Ridge Parkcare Group

- 17 November at 10.30 am AGM at the end of Kathner St, Chapman
- Contact: Martin Lind waterwatch@sactcg.org.au Ph: 62966400 for more info.



Mt Taylor Parkcare Group

- December 8th 10am-12pm Butterfly walk with Suzi Bond followed by a Christmas cuppa and eats at the Waldock picnic area.

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

Fetherston Gardens

- Sunday, 24th November 10am to 1pm. Working bee Info: fetherstongardens@gmail.com



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Tuggeranong See-Change Next Meeting- Sun 1st Dec 2-4pm at Diversity ACT 8 Laidlaw place Kambah. This will be a family xmas gathering, children are invited, please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks. **Info contact;** Liz Stephens lizmar54@bigpond.com

Great news our aquatic wildlife!

Media release



Mick Gentleman MLA

‘ACT leads action on platypus protection

The ACT has led a national agreement on addressing the impacts of harmful opera house yabby traps at today’s Meeting of Environment Ministers.

My state and federal colleagues have agreed with the ACT Government’s recommended approach to working together to remove these traps from our nation’s waterways.

Opera house traps pose a high risk to our native animals such as freshwater turtles, water rats and our iconic platypus. The traps lure the animals in and can suffocate because they are unable to exit.

I recently moved to make these traps illegal in all ACT waterways, however a national approach is needed to ban their sale across Australia.

I have written to retailers encouraging them to stop selling these traps and am pleased that some major retailers have already decided to take them off the shelf.

We will continue to work with industry and businesses on our local ban to reduce the purchase and use of opera house traps in the ACT.’

Statement ends

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Waterbug photo competition open!

Enter your photos of waterbugs & workshop locations for a chance to win an Olympus Tough TG6 camera.

Take your photos within the promotion period from 1st Sept. to 16 Nov. 2019 & upload with #waterbugblitzpics in one of three categories -

#instreamwaterbug
#offstreamwaterbug
#blitzlocationlandscape

or

enter on the Waterbug Blitz website.

See full details and T&Cs here -
www.waterbugblitz.org.au

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Eflow releases;

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

Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via scour valve is approximately 90 ML/d.

Due to low inflows, the releases have been reduced to calculated natural flow as per the licence:

13 Nov 39.0-41.8 MLD 0.95-0.96 m

20 Nov 81.6-85.2 MLD 1.08-1.09 m

Licence requirements:

13 Nov 50.3 MLD

20 Nov 83.8 MLD

Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release via cone valve is approximately 60 ML/d.

14 Nov 20.4-22.3 MLD 0.28-0.29 m

21 Nov 64.5-68.7 MLD 0.43-0.44 m

Licence requirements:

14 Nov 21.5 MLD

21 Nov 64.5 MLD

Cotter

Currently not overflowing.

Current flow 20 ML/d via M2C and 20 ML/d through Cotter Dam Cone Valve.

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 described in M2C section of the Water Abstraction EMP.

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

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.



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[Satellite imagery critical in tracking first flush flows](#)



Canberra Indian Myna Action Group Inc.

INVITATION TO AGM and PUBLIC INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday 2nd December 2019 beginning at 7:00pm, at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison.

Contact me (Martin Lind) for details waterwatch@sactcg.org.au



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