

Hi Waterwatch teams,

Good news after a horrible couple of months of fire, smoke, hail and subsequent fish kills (albeit mostly carp). The Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch Program will be funded for 3 more years by the current ACT Government. If you would like to send a big thank you to Minister Mick Gentleman, his hotline is; 62057402 email; gentleman@act.gov.au This month is CHIP writing time for me. A special thanks to those who wrote pearls of insight in their monthly monitoring reports. These have been a huge help as I piece together the last 12 months. Another thanks goes out to those who took photos of their sites. I will make these available to the editor and you will hopefully see your work in shiny print next month. More on the CHIP launch below. Save the date. More details will be forwarded as they come to hand. Cheers,

Martin Lind.



Click here ↓ to head to the latest on the SACTCG website!

[SACTCG Calendar/News](#)

From our Executive Officer:

Hello members,

I am back from summer leave. I hope you are all well and holding up after what has been a very trying time for so many of us. I'm keen to catch up with members to see how you are travelling and am available throughout the week if you would like to chat.

In the meantime, please see the below invitation from our Peak Body: Landcare ACT.

Cheers

Martine

Dear Landcare Community

We acknowledge the impact of fires and drought across Australia on widespread communities. Many native forests have been burnt that are vital for the health and well being of native bees, European Honey bees and pollinators of many species that are crucial for biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. It is now even more important for us to plant for and maintain our urban gardens and parklands to protect our bees, butterflies, birds and local wildlife.

ACT for Bees, Landcare ACT and the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens have been planning an event 'Bees, Butterflies, Birds: Maximising Biodiversity by Supporting Pollinators' for Saturday 22nd February 2020 from 9 am -12.30 pm.

There are limited places available and so if you're keen to attend, please register immediately at the following [Eventbrite link](#).

Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Hall for their support.

Martine Franco

Executive Officer

Southern ACT Catchment Group Inc



WW Calendar and shared links;

- **March 22nd World Water Day** Launch of **2019 Catchment Health Indicator Program** report. Probably at Jerrabomberra Wetlands. Details TBA.

Deb Kellock (MCG WW) found this gem in a Conservation Council Newsletter;



[Forest Fire Recovery: Preventing Wildfire Erosion](#)

...and this one too on yellow spotted bell frogs. Deb is very good to us;



[Other News and links Yellow-spotted bell frogs, previously thought extinct, released at Mulloon Natural Creek Farms.](#)

From **Lesley Harland** Waterwatcher from Ginninderra featuring Bruno Ferronato their WW Coordinator and Karrisa Pruess, Catchment Coordinator;



[Catchment starved of oxygen as Landcare group raises fish kill concerns](#)



[Waterway closures.](#)

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[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 Sarah McLaren, Icon Water.

Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release is approximately 12 MLD.

Release at licence requirements:

12 Feb	21.9 – 24.4 MLD	0.89 – 0.90 m
19 Feb	11.5 – 13.1 MLD	0.84 – 0.85 m

Licence requirements:

12 Feb	24 MLD
19 Feb	8 MLD

Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release is approximately 24 MLD.

Release is above licence requirements

13 Feb	24.2 – 26.0 MLD	0.30 – 0.31 m
20 Feb	5.62 – 6.63 MLD	0.16 – 0.17 m

Licence requirements:

13 Feb	15 MLD
20 Feb	5.0 MLD

Cotter

Currently not overflowing.

Current flow 17 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.

“ Join farmers and foodies, scientists, creatives and change-makers at this showcase event. We are taking a deep dive into discussions around Fire, Carbon & Water to learn how we can help mitigate fire and rehydrate our farms.

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE - FIRE, CARBON & WATER | FRIDAY 21 FEB 2020. MULLOON INSTITUTE. 9 - 430PM

Charlie Arnott Martin Royds Damon Gameau Walter Jehne Helen & Mike McCosker Shayleen Thompson

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Enjoy morning tea and lunch at the Mulloon Institute (Bungendore) followed by a visit to Martin Royd's farm at Jillamatong (Braidwood). Included in the event is the formal launch of the Clean Energy Regulator's Handbook for farmers wanting to learn how to join the Carbon Market. Full day \$70.00

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The Draft Variation is open for public comment until 28 February 2020. The Greens will make a submission arguing for stronger action on trees and living infrastructure, and we encourage you to do so too.

How to make a submission

- View the Draft Variation and find out more [here](#)
- Email your submission to terrplan@act.gov.au or post to Territory Plan Section, EPSDD, GPO Box 158, Canberra, ACT 2601 **by 28 February 2020**

- Some suggested points to make are:
 - That we need to cool our city for climate resilience,
 - The importance of permeable surfaces,

- The value of trees.
For more information to base your submission on have a look at our [media release](#).



[Yarrowonga weir crossing to close in July 2021](#)
[Relief of rain brings expected water quality challenges](#)
[Bushfires to impact water quality in the Murray-Darling Basin](#)



[Question Time with Adam](#)



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