

Hi Waterwatch teams,

Platypus watch month is nearly over as I write this. A huge thanks to all the good folk who joined us early in the morning and late in the afternoon to spot platypuses and rakali around the region. See below under the Waterwatch logo for news links celebrating the month on WIN news.

Martin Lind.



Click here ↓ to head to the latest on the SACTCG website  
[SACTCG Calendar/News](#)

Hello members,

Our Peak Body - Landcare ACT will be collating community comment on the Urban Forest Strategy that is currently open for comment. You are invited to write directly to Karissa Preuss at [ceo@landcareact.org.au](mailto:ceo@landcareact.org.au) with your views.  
Cheers

The Urban Forest Strategy 2020-2045 "sets out the ACT Government's vision for a resilient and sustainable urban forest that supports a liveable city and contributes to the wellbeing of the community in a changing climate".

The strategy sets out six key objectives.

1. Protect the urban forest.
2. Grow a resilient forest.
3. Balance and diversify the urban forest.
4. Take an ecological approach and support biodiversity.
5. Develop infrastructure to support the urban forest and liveability.
6. Partner with the community.

More information at: <https://yoursay.act.gov.au/trees-act/urban-forest-strategy>

*Martine Franco*

*Executive Officer*

*Southern ACT Catchment Group Inc*

SACTCG has been supporting the Southern Canberra community and its catchments for over 18 years, and we need your help to continue to do so in the years ahead. There has never been a more important time to be stepping up to protect our local environment now and for the future. SACTCG's environmental work is mostly funded by competitive grants, which are often small, short term, intermittent and don't meet all our community or catchment needs. If you would like to support us, please consider donating to the Southern ACT Catchment Fund through [our secure online platform](#) or via [direct debit](#).

**Due to the current pandemic, if you must visit us, please phone the office on 62966400.  
Please try to avoid dropping in.**



## WW news and shared links;

- [WIN News Canberra - Precious Platypus | Facebook](#)
- From both Antia and Bruno, Waterwatch Coordinators of the far south and north respectively;  
[Melbourne Water seminars home page](#) "Good one to keep track of for upcoming events"



[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 Sarah McLaren, Icon Water.

#### Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release is approximately 55 MLD.

Release currently at licence requirements:

5 August	140.8 – 146.9 MLD	1.22 – 1.23 m
12 August	48.0 – 51.2 MLD	0.98 – 0.99 m

Licence requirements:

5 August	145.5 MLD
12 August	48.5 MLD

#### Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release is approximately 24 MLD.

Release currently at licence requirements:

6 August	91 – 98.9 MLD	0.48 – 0.49 m
13 August	30.2 – 32.5 MLD	0.33 – 0.34 m

Licence requirements:

6 August	93 MLD
13 August	31.0 MLD

#### Cotter

Currently not overflowing. Current flow approximately 25 ML/d 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 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.



- [The trifecta delivers a more positive outlook on the River Murray](#)
- [MDBA welcomes ACCC's early findings in water markets inquiry](#)
- [Monitoring compliance with Australia's largest water reform - 2020/21 priorities set](#)
- [MDBA welcomes new Authority Chair, Sir Angus Houston](#)

**ACT Government**

## COVID-19 Update

6 August 2020

COVID-19 news is changing daily

**STAY UP TO DATE**

**PROTECT YOURSELF AND OUR COMMUNITY**

- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Stay 1.5m apart
- Stay home if you are unwell
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19

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