

Hi Waterwatch teams,

As we veer towards the silly season with all the mayhem and distractions it brings remember to take the time to visit your favourite water body to unwind. When you get home, in between bouts of online shopping, relax by mindfully entering the Waterwatch data you have collected on the way.

Seriously though, with all the ups and downs of 2020 it is vital to get as much monitoring done as we can over the next 2 months. Many waterways have gaps in the database through volunteer movement and access restrictions. The coming CHIP report is going to be interesting given the year that has been.

Cheers,

Martin Lind.



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[SACTCG Calendar/News](#)



YOU ARE INVITED TO SOUTHERN ACT CATCHMENT GROUP'S

## STEAMWEEDING PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

Come along and see SACTCG's steamweeder in action, with Weedtechnics Jeremy Winer to answer all your questions about how it works and what weeds it can effectively treat

**NOVEMBER 19, 2020 3:30-4:30 PM**  
**THARWA TENNIS CLUB**



Please bring a hat and sunscreen and wear closed toe shoes.  
For more information please contact Hannah at  
[urbanwater@sactcg.org.au](mailto:urbanwater@sactcg.org.au)

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- **From Coleman Ridge PC newsletter: “Comings, Goings and Sightings”**

“Apart from the views, one of the joys of walking on Coleman Ridge is that you are likely to see something different each time:



Photo: Rob Lundie

Another family of six ducklings on the Old Dam. The chicks looked more than just bits of fluff so hopefully they will all survive.

A White-faced Heron fishing around the edges of the Kathner St dam and then further up the hill lots of Red-rumped parrots.

A wedding at the Anniversary Seat on a beautiful, sunny Saturday.

A couple from Watson walking on the Ridge for the first time declared that it was the best of all the Canberra hills and ridges that they had visited.

A Gippsland Water Dragon nearly trod on as it sat in the middle of the track next to an ants nest just up from the Kathner St dam. A couple of hours later it was still there but poking out from a hole it had dug. A female laying her eggs? No sign of her nor the hole on the following day.”

Rob Lundie



## WW news and shared links;

- **A Message from Waterwatch - Melbourne Water:**

Did you miss the **Urban platypuses: threats and challenges** live webinar? You can now access the recording via our website.

The video is an informative resource for community groups, citizen scientists and school groups seeking to understand the ecology and urban threats of this unique waterway animal. The first six webinars of the Expert Connections series have been published and more will be added as they become available. Follow the link to view recordings:

<https://www.melbournewater.com.au/water-data-and-education/get-involved/be-citizen-scientist/webinar-series-expert-connections>

If you have any questions or would like to be notified of upcoming Waterwatch events please email [Waterwatch@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:Waterwatch@melbournewater.com.au)

Thank you for your interest in the Expert Connections webinar series and we hope to see you at upcoming sessions.

The Waterwatch Team



**[Frog watch in the news!](#)** with the **[Turtle project](#)** and report on the **[first turtle sampling event](#)**



**[Waterway closures.](#)**

**[Recreational Water Quality](#)**

**[Bacteria alerts](#)**

For water and sewerage faults and emergencies phone 02 6248 3111 (option 1)



Dear UMCN Members and Associates,

Rivers of Carbon is running a Webinar Series this month on riparian management in the Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment.

[riversofcarbon.org.au](http://riversofcarbon.org.au)

**Riparian Real Estate for Wildlife**

20th November, 11am - 12pm

REGISTER NOW:

<https://riversofcarbon.org.au/riparian-real-estate-for-wildlife>

**Farm Roads and Tracks**

27th November, 11am - 12pm

**Farm Roads and Tracks - Field Day**

4th December, 10am - 12.30pm

REGISTER NOW:

<https://riversofcarbon.org.au/farm-roads-and-tracks-that-withstand-erosion-its-all-in-the-design/>

Any queries about either event please get in touch with Antia Brademann on 0429 778 633 or email [upperbidgeereach@gmail.com](mailto:upperbidgeereach@gmail.com)



**Eflow releases;**

Below is a summary of water releases from Icon Water dams in the Southern ACT, courtesy of Chris Martin, Icon Water. ***This data is operational information and subject to change.***

**Bendora**

Currently overflowing.  
Flow below Bendora Dam approximately 185 MLD.  
Release currently at licence requirements:

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| 11 November | 81.6 – 85.2   |
| MLD         | 1.08 – 1.09 m |
| 18 November | 48.0 – 51.2   |
| MLD         | 0.98 – 0.99 m |

Licence requirements:

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| 11 November | 84 MLD |
| 18 November | 50 MLD |

**Corin**

Currently not overflowing.  
Current release is approximately 30 MLD.  
Release currently at licence requirements:

|             |                 |        |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|
| 12 November | 52.4 – 56.3 MLD | 0.40 – |
|             | 0.41 m          |        |
| 19 November | 30.2 – 32.5 MLD | 0.33 – |
|             | 0.34 m          |        |

Licence requirements:

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| 12 November | 53 MLD |
| 19 November | 32 MLD |

**Cotter**

Currently overflowing. Current flow approximately 320 ML/d from dam.  
  
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.



[Murray-Darling Basin Authority Communique](#)  
[With all the spring rain, where's the flow going?](#)



**Feral Herald**



**ACT Government** **COVID-19 Update**  
12 November 2020

**DON'T LET COMPLACENCY SET US BACK**

- ✓ Wash your hands
- ✓ Stay 1.5m apart
- ✓ Stay at home if you're unwell
- ✓ Get tested if you have symptoms

For updates, visit [covid19.act.gov.au](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au)

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