

Hi Waterwatch teams,

The biggest news this month is the chance to socially distance your self at our **QA/QC Event** on the 18th See attached flyer at the end of this bulletin. Remember to **RSVP** to me or Woo asap. Also Anke-Maria urgently needs **Frogwatch** volunteers to sign up to monitor frogs at **Tuggeranong Creek, Point Hut Pond** and **Tharwa** this month.

Details below.

Martin Lind.



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



WW news and shared links;



Are you interested in assisting other Citizen Science Projects?
FrogWatch is now recruiting volunteers for their October FrogCensus
Go to <https://ginninderralandcare.org.au/frogwatch-census/>
Southern ACT sites that still need volunteers include;
(these all have links to the locations)

[CTT100: Lower Tuggeranong Creek](#)

[CTT300: Upper Tuggeranong Creek, Theodore](#)

[UMD004: Tharwa Sandwash, Tharwa](#)

[UMD005: Point Hut Crossing, Gordon](#)

[RCD001: Rose Cottage horse paddock 8 and Dam](#)

[RCD002: Rose Cottage paddock 7 dam](#)

For more information contact Anke-Maria Hoefler at frogwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au

- From Deb Kellock, Waterwatch Coordinator MCG

Platypus (& echidnas) & a new perch sp. have Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), and impacts on them and the aquatic macroinvertebrates which are their food are attributes of OUV:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/sep/18/nsw-government-ordered-to-revisit-world-heritage-assessments-for-warragamba-dam-expansion>



“Hi Folks

At the recent Ginninderra Catchment Group meetings I mentioned the Youtube video walks on Canberra's reserves and said I would send a link to them. Here it is.”

Cheers, Sarah

[Walks \(and runs and rides\) of CANBERRA](#)

- Extract from Cooleman Ridge Parkcare Groups' October Newsletter. Lovely to see the 'Kathner St' dam springing back into life!

'Friday Group at Kathner St'

"We were visited by Mike Mulvaney who pointed out a Sacred Kingfisher on a tree near the horse-paddock fence. The brilliant little bird came down to the dam fishing and diving several times, then drying its feathers before leaving. A Willie Wagtail joined it, swinging its tail and chittering about in the same area, on the uphill bank of the dam. It's likely they'll both be about again, so let us know if anyone gets a good photo.

We also had a visit from a very knowledgeable lady and her two grandchildren.

With a beaker and magnifying glass they looked for bugs and found a tadpole. They were excited to see big blue dragonflies and both blue and red damsel flies hovering about."

By Arminel Ryan



[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 Chris Martin, Icon Water. **This data is operational information and subject to change.**

Bendora

Currently not overflowing.

Current release is approximately 135 MLD.

Release currently at licence requirements:

7 October	74.6 – 78.2
MLD	1.06 – 1.07 m
14 October	121.8 – 126.1
MLD	1.18 – 1.19 m

Licence requirements:

7 October	75 MLD
14 October	125 MLD

Corin

Currently not overflowing.

Current release is approximately 71 MLD.

Release currently at licence requirements:

8 October	45.0 – 48.6 MLD	0.38 –
	0.39 m	
15 October	79.4 – 85.0 MLD	0.46 –
	0.47 m	

Licence requirements:

8 October	48 MLD
15 October	80 MLD

Cotter

Currently overflowing. Current flow approximately 218 ML/d from dam and 25 MLD from 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.



[Welcome spring rains bring heightened risk of blackwater - Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray Valleys the watch points](#)

[Playing our part to improve collaboration with Basin communities](#)



ECOS





Waterwatch QAQC

Burra Hall- Burra

18th October 2020, 10:00am-2:00pm

10:00am-Midday: QAQC testing

1. Mystery solution tests for Nitrates, Phosphorus, Electrical Conductivity and pH. There will be a station for each parameter overseen by a Waterwatch coordinator. There will also be a station set up to check the condition of your dissolved oxygen kits.

2. All QAQC forms will need to be checked at each station and given to a Waterwatch staff member after the completion of all four tests.

3. Remember to bring your kits, including bottles to update your EC calibration solution.

12:00-1:00pm: Lunch

Lunch will be available during this time allowing for people to complete their QAQC forms.

1:00-2:00pm: Frogwatch - Eavesdropping on our local frogs in the name of science - what has been unearthed so far?

Join Frogwatch Coordinator, Anke Maria Hoefler, to hear about unexpected shifts in frog breeding activities due to a warming climate, species specific habitat preferences of frogs in the ACT, the overall prevalence and persistence of local frogs since 2002 and how the world's first FrogPhone could revolutionise auditory surveys in the future. Strictly no frog legs for snacks!!

WHERE: Burra Hall, 1 Lagoon Rd, Burra, Burra, NSW

RSVP: Tuesday, 13 October to your Waterwatch coordinator or to Woo O'Reilly 0413 246 761. Please let us know if you are coming to QAQC and if you are staying for lunch and have any dietary requirements.

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

