

## SACTCG WATERWATCH BULLETIN JANUARY 2021

Happy new year teams!

January is CHIP report writing time and many thanks to those who have sent me many fabulous photos and words of wisdom to add to the report. It covers 2020, so much of the content unfortunately revolves around a catchment recovering from drought and bushfire at the start of the year. I am so glad we are enjoying a relatively wet summer. I was at Tidbinbilla on Monday and the wetlands are overflowing into the river. In contrast to everything being barren and dry. I forget sometimes how uplifting the sound of running water is.

I am back on deck Tuesday to Friday all this month so if you need any kit supplies you are welcome to pop in. (Just ring 62966400 first to make sure I haven't ducked out.)

Cheers,

Martin Lind

Waterwatch Coordinator.



### Southern ACT Catchment Group news and events;

Head to [SACTCG Calendar/News](#) for the latest on the SACTCG website.



### ACT Government Waterway updates;



[Waterway closures.](#)

[Recreational Water Quality](#)

[Bacteria alerts](#)

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

### Icon Water 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 approximately 28 MLD. Release currently at licence requirements:

13 January 11.5 – 13.1 MLD 0.84 – 0.85 m 20 January 32.9 – 36.2 MLD 0.93 – 0.94 m

*Licence requirements:* 13 January 11.5 MLD 20 January 34.5 MLD

#### **Corin**

Currently overflowing. Flow below Corin Dam approximately 125 MLD. Release currently at licence requirements:

14 January 6.63 – 7.69 MLD 0.17 – 0.18 m, 21 January 22.3 – 24.2 MLD 0.29 – 0.30 m

*Licence requirements:* 14 January 7.5 MLD, 21 January 22.5 MLD

#### **Cotter**

Currently overflowing. Current flow approximately 46 ML/d below 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

## Other newsletters and links;

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



- [River operators keep close watch as River Murray system runs at capacity](#) The River Murray will continue to flow at maximum capacity over summer to meet demand for water through the system, according to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's latest outlook. [Read more](#)
- [MDBA welcomes Rene Woods as new Indigenous board member](#) The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has welcomed the appointment of Nari Nari man Rene Woods to the permanent Indigenous Authority Member board position. [Read more](#)
- [Murray-Darling Basin Authority Communique](#) The Murray-Darling Basin Authority met on 16 December 2020. All members were present and the meeting was chaired by Sir Angus Houston. [Read more](#)

CSIRO [ECOS enewletter](#)



Invasive Species Council [Feral Herald](#)



SPEL Stormwater [The Flow](#)

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