

# Platypus evening

with ecologist Josh Griffiths



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Coliban  
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## Coliban Creatures Walk & Talk

Are you interested in learning more about the platypus in the Coliban River catchment?

Keen to know more about their habitat and river restoration?



North Central CMA is hosting a platypus walk and talk evening with ecologist Josh Griffiths to present the most recent Coliban River environmental DNA sampling results.

The Coliban catchment boasts strong platypus populations, and a long-term river restoration project known as A Healthy Coliban Catchment is underway.

The project aims to restore native habitat and riparian connectivity within the rivers and creeks of the upper Coliban catchment, from the headwaters to Malmesbury Reservoir.

A goal of the project is ensuring species such as platypus and river blackfish have a thriving environment to call home.

This event is for anyone interested in knowing more about the platypus, its habitat, behaviours, diet, and population.

Josh has been sampling the Coliban River for the presence of platypus, native fish, and other species since 2017 and will share plenty of stories from near and far, about working with one of Australia's most iconic critters.

Josh has spent the last 17 years specialising in platypus research throughout Australia. This has included the development and verification of eDNA as a new method that has revolutionised the way we can monitor platypus populations.

## Event details

**When:** Thursday 11 April, 2024

- 5pm to 5:45 pm: River walk location TBC
- 6pm to 7pm: Presentation in the Lauriston Hall

**Where:** Lauriston Hall

**What to bring:** Please wear sturdy footwear, long pants and dress for your own comfort walking along uneven ground along the riverbank. A small torch may be handy.

**Register:** [via Eventbrite](#)

A light supper will be provided. Please advise of any dietary requirements upon registering.



This is an informal evening and family friendly event. Nature enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to attend.

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