

# HAPPY PLATYPUS

How you can help an iconic Australian.

## 1 REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION

Limit showers and watering garden times. Platypus rely upon permanent water to feed and mate.

## 2 CLEAN UP RUBBISH

In and around waterways to keep the water clean and clear.

## 3 CUT CIRCULAR RUBBISH

Cut rubber bands, hair ties and other rings that can entangle platypus and other wildlife.

## 4 REHABILITATE BANKS

Replant native vegetation along the banks. This will help stabilise the banks for platypus burrows.

## 5 LEAVE LOGS

Leave logs and branches in the waterways. It creates habitat for the food items platypus eat.

## 6 EXCLUDE LIVESTOCK

Fence off livestock from the waterway. This will help minimise bank erosion where platypus burrow.

## 7 WEED REMOVAL

Along banks (in conjunction with rehabilitation) and instream. Clean out aquatic weeds such as Elodea and Salvinia.

## 8 FISH RESPONSIBLY

Properly discard unwanted fishing line. Look out for platypus, they can become hooked.

## 9 USE WILDLIFE FRIENDLY YABBY NETS

Use wildlife friendly alternative nets such as Open Top Nets instead of enclosed yabby traps (Opera House Nets) which drown aquatic air-breathing mammals.

## 10 RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Control dogs around waterways especially at dawn and dusk.

