



Water rushes into the pipes under the culvert at the Melrose Drive, Yamba Drive intersection in the Woden Valley yesterday after soaking rain all day yesterday.



In this picture, taken at the same time, the outlet on the other side of the culvert discharges the water into the storm water channel at a lower level.

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Police find last three bodies

The bodies of the three people missing since the flash flood in the Woden Valley on Tuesday night have been recovered from the Yarralumla Creek.

They were Carmel Smith, 18, and her sister Margaret,

14, both of Curtin, and Lon Victor Cumberland, 18, of Braddon.

They were recovered by a police boat, 30yd upstream from the Molonglo River and Yarralumla Creek junction.

The bodies were found between 1.30pm and 4pm on Saturday and were within 20yd of each other.

The bodies had been missed earlier because the search had been concentrated farther downstream and because it took the bodies several days to float to the surface.

The coroner, Mr W. K. Nicholl, will open inquests into the deaths of the victims on Wednesday, February 3, at 10am.

The hearing will be in No 5 Court at the Law Courts of the ACT.

On February 3, the Coroner will hear applications for leave to appear.

After the applications for leave have been heard, Mr Nicholl will fix a date for the hearing of evidence as soon as possible.

Mr Nicholl has asked anyone who has information or wants to give evidence concerning the manner or cause of death of any of the persons who died in the flood to communicate with Mr J. K. Bowen, the officer assisting the Coroner, by writing care of the Coroner, Law Courts of the ACT, or by telephoning