

## Ask The Expert virtual learning session

with Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder  
author of ‘Rakali of the Riverbank’



When you think of important aquatic creatures are rakali on your list?

Native water rats can be misunderstood and undervalued. In 2025 rakali were named Australia's most underrated animal in a Science Week poll.

What would you like to know about rakali?

Submit your questions for a chat with Stephanie!

1. Tune into the topic by reading Stephanie's book 'Rakali of the Riverbank', watching a reading or exploring 3min of rakali footage (from ABC facebook)
2. Generate questions you'd like raised with Stephanie – about rakali or her work (these will be asked on your behalf during the pre-recorded interview, with a recording made available later for on-demand viewing).
3. Email questions labelled with school/student first name and year level and to [riverdetectives@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:riverdetectives@nccma.vic.gov.au) by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**.