

Ask The Expert virtual learning session
with Charles Sturt University research associate,
Dr Emmalie Sanders



When you consider 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 our expert!

1. Tune into the topic by exploring this [short clip](#) or 3min of rakali [footage](#) (from ABC facebook page)
2. Generate questions you'd like raised with Emmalie – 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 by **Wednesday 27th May**.