

Platypus & rakali citizen science monitoring program

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

- In the 2021 reporting season we had 12 unique locations and over 30 new participants.
- Sightings continue their upwards trend from the program beginning in 2015, although down from 2020, with numerous minor flood events recorded.
- Some amazing photos and videos were submitted, in some very unique places!

A platypus was spotted running across the golf course!



Total sightings:
46 Platypus
70 Rakali

Images courtesy of Tamara. R.



Platypus & rakali - Brian. H.



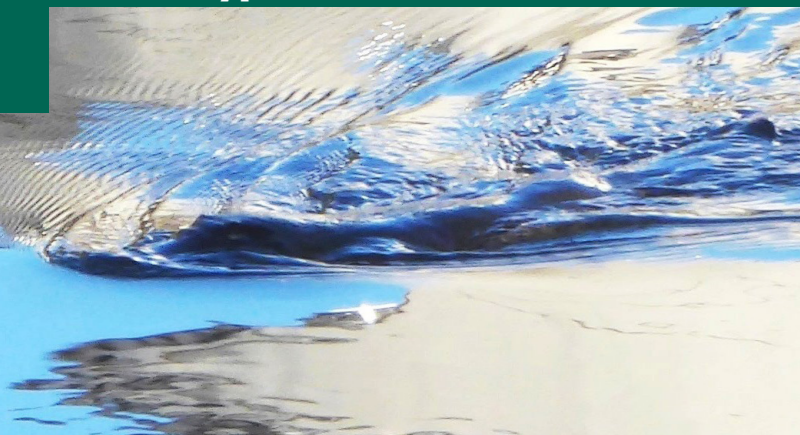
Platypus - Simone. E.



Rakali - Karen. P.



Platypus - Martin.R.

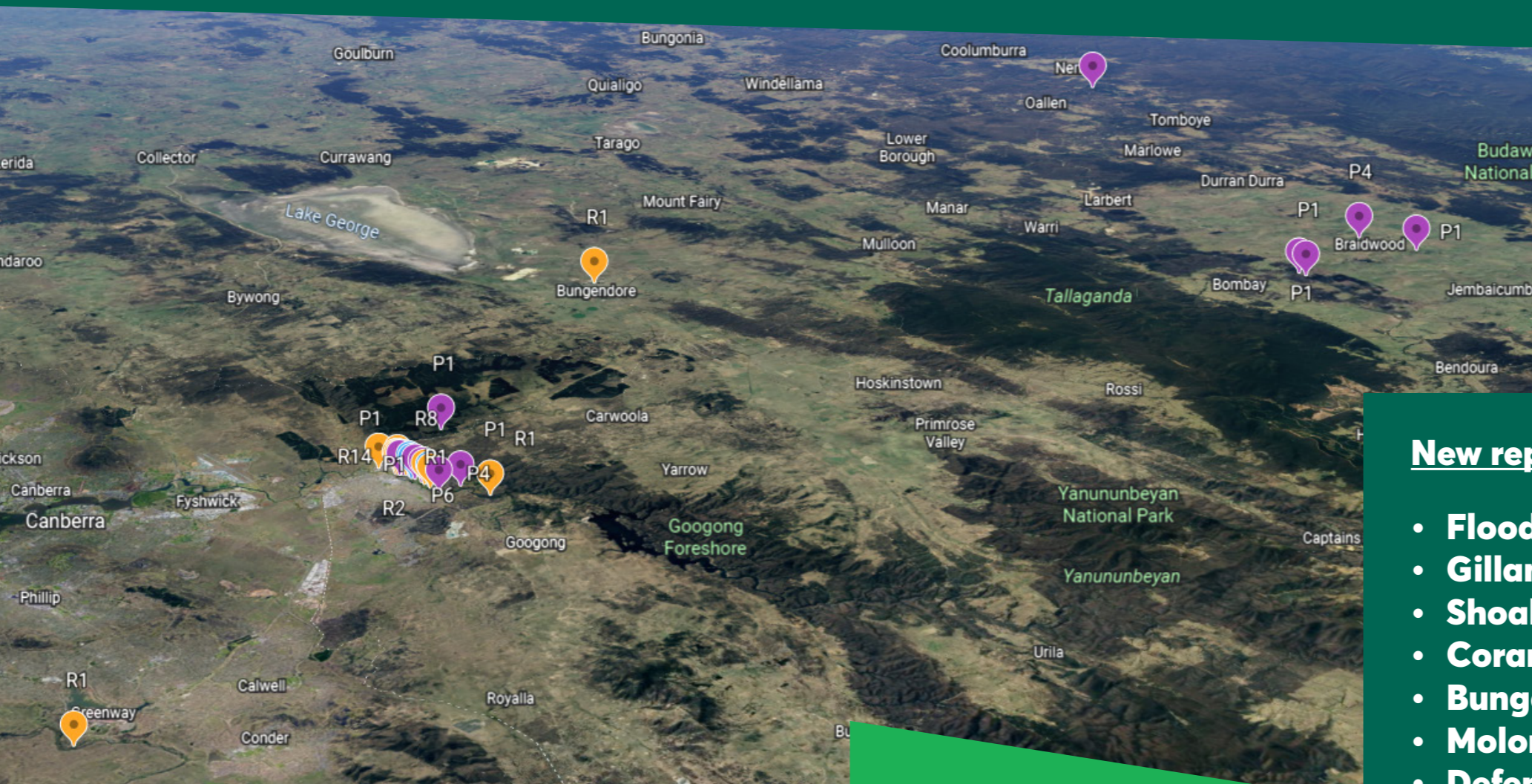


Platypus - Michaela. R.



Rakali - Neil.E.

The geographic spread of sightings continues to grow beyond our CBD areas...



Rakali, June 2021 - Simone. E.

New report locations:

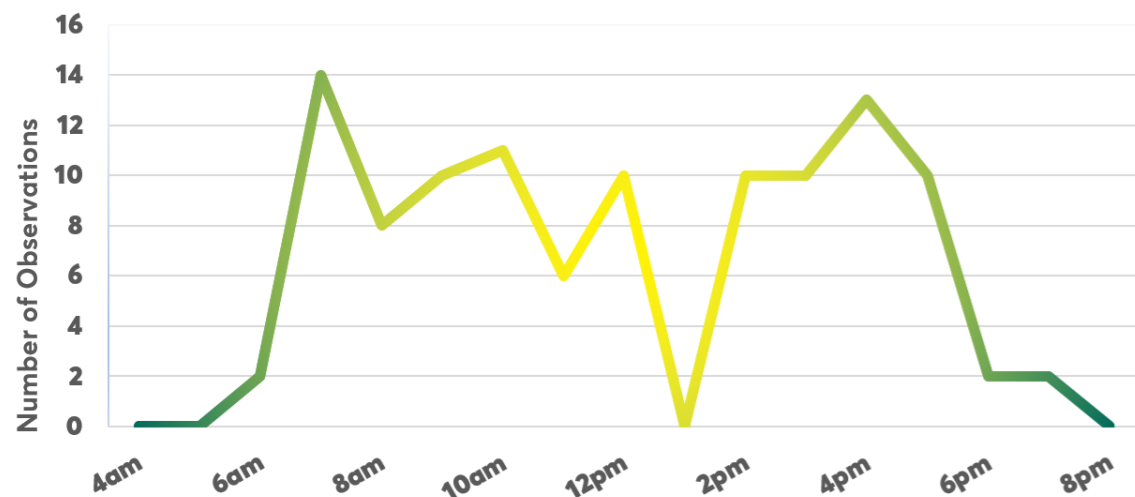
- Flood Creek - South Braidwood
- Gillamatong Creek - Braidwood
- Shoalhaven - River Bombay
- Corang River - Nerriga
- Bungendore Ponds
- Molonglo Gorge and...
- Defence Force Headquarters ?!

"Rakali was inside the security building at HQJOC...looked healthy if not confused due to lighting in the building... incident reported through base Command."

Adrian. H.

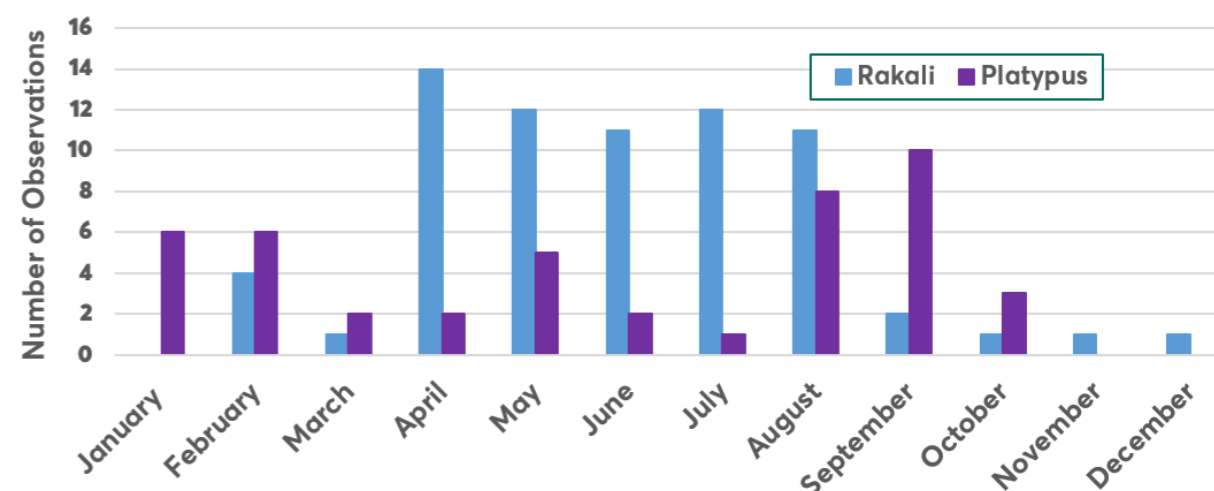


Time of Reported Sightings



Sightings are increasingly common throughout the day, not just dawn and dusk.

Platypus and Rakali Sightings by Month (2021)



Email your sightings to platypus@qprc.nsw.gov.au
 Online reporting available at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/platypus