



ACSA

Chair's Report

14 November 2017

In my second report as Chair of the Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA), I can report that the ACSA Management Committee has had an active and productive year. I am particularly proud of our work organising the 2nd Australian Citizen Science Conference in February 2018 and our refreshed ACSA website.

There are many highlights from ACSA's work for **2016-2017 summarised below.**

- Designed and developed our new [ACSA website](#)
- Developed a paid [membership structure and benefits list](#)
- Finalised the Communication Plan (internal)
- Defined [Roles & Responsibilities for ACSA Management Committee members](#)
- Developed a simplified process for formation of Regional Chapters and Working Groups
- Established a collaboration with Atlas of Living Australia to develop a national [Citizen Science Project Finder](#): ALA and the global project finder SciStarter also exchange data on projects added either database via an Application Programming Interface (API)
- Met delegates from South Korea and Canada to discuss global citizen science initiatives
- Distributed monthly newsletters and quarterly publications lists to our members
- Represented ACSA at multiple conferences, workshops, and award ceremonies

ACSA priorities for 2017/18 onwards

- Lead the organisation of and deliver the [2nd Australian Citizen Science Conference](#) (CitSciOz18) in Adelaide, from 7-9 February 2018
- Continue investigating the state of citizen science in Australia and advocate for sharing of information across the community and more broadly
- Conduct a member survey to identify community needs and ACSA priorities
- Establish and grow Regional Chapters and Working Groups
- Continue undertaking activities listed in the [MOU](#) between the U.S. CSA and ECSA, such as participating in international ethics, and data & metadata working groups, as well as Global Mosquito Alert Consortium and other initiatives.
- Represent ACSA on various international organisation working groups, such as the [Society for Conservation Biology Participatory and Citizen Science Working Group](#), which any members of SCB can join.



Special thanks to Michelle Neil for her tireless efforts keep our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages lively with exciting community updates. We currently have over 2,400 followers on both Twitter and Facebook which is a great testament to her work. Our growing digital communications help us continue to foster strong relationships with our members and partner associations, and build networks for citizen science across Australia and the world.

It has been my privilege to work with the Management Committee and our Support Officer over the last year and hope to see all of you at the conference in Adelaide in February. I am confident that ACSA has laid the foundations over the past year and will continue to grow and support citizen science within Australia and globally.

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