



**Australian
Citizen Science
Association**

Annual Report 2017

Chair's Report

14 November 2017

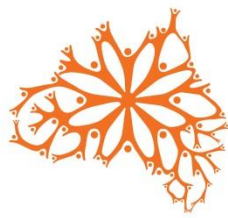
In my second report as Chair of the Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA), I can report that the ACSA Management Committee has had an active and productive year. I am particularly proud of our work organising the 2nd Australian Citizen Science Conference in February 2018 and our refreshed ACSA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



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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.

Erin Roger

Chair, Australian Citizen Science Association

Treasurer's Report

14 November 2017

I am pleased to present the following financial report for the Australian Citizen Science Association for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

As Treasurer I have reviewed the accounts of ACSA as held by the Australian Museum as host organisation for ACSA – and they represent a true and fair view of the financial position of ACSA and I reasonably believe that ACSA will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

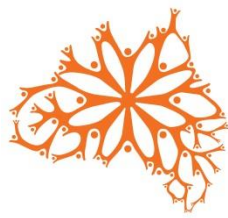
ACSA has been fortunate to receive grant funding from Inspiring Australia, with 2018 representing the final stage of a three-year grant of \$112,500 (\$37,500 per year). This has made it possible to employ a part time support officer, which has proved extraordinarily beneficial as we have worked on the strategic plan and communications plan, created a new website, launched the Project Finder, and opened for members, among other matters as reported by the Chair.

We currently have a balance of \$110,030.07.

It is difficult to anticipate the income and expenditure over the year ahead, as we introduce financial membership for the first time, and plan for the second Australian Citizen Science conference. However, a healthy amount of sponsorship has been secured for the conference, and the organising group is progressing on a responsible basis. The conference is being planned on a break-even budget with a small contingency in case of unanticipated costs.

Please find below the ACSA Financial Report of income and expenditure for the 2016/17 financial year, with additional information for the 2017/18 financial year to date (to end October):

ACSA Inc - Financial Report				
	<i>FY 2016/17 (opening balance: \$131,675)</i>	2017/18 YTD (to end Oct 2017)	<i>Budget 2017/18</i>	
Income				
Grants	37,500		37,500	Inspiring Australia Grant
Other income	10,000	13,000	30,500	(includes conference sponsorship, membership revenue)
Expenditure				
Salary and on costs	23,586	10,574	45,000	
External services	37,221	10,295	15,500	(Includes website costs (domain transfer, hosting, development, financial infrastructure, support), social media honorarium, Consultancy for development of



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				communication plan, professional conference organiser fee)
Domestic travel	2,774		12,700	(Management committee meeting, Management committee conference expenses)
Licences and fees	4,578		1000	
Other expenses	969		7500	
Balance				
Total Expenses	69,129	20,869	81,700	
Balance at close 2016/17	109,946	Current balance (at 31/10/17): \$102,077		

Alexis Tindall

Treasurer, Australian Citizen Science Association