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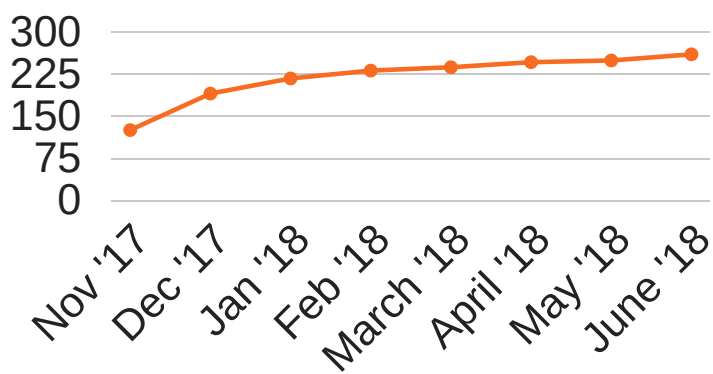


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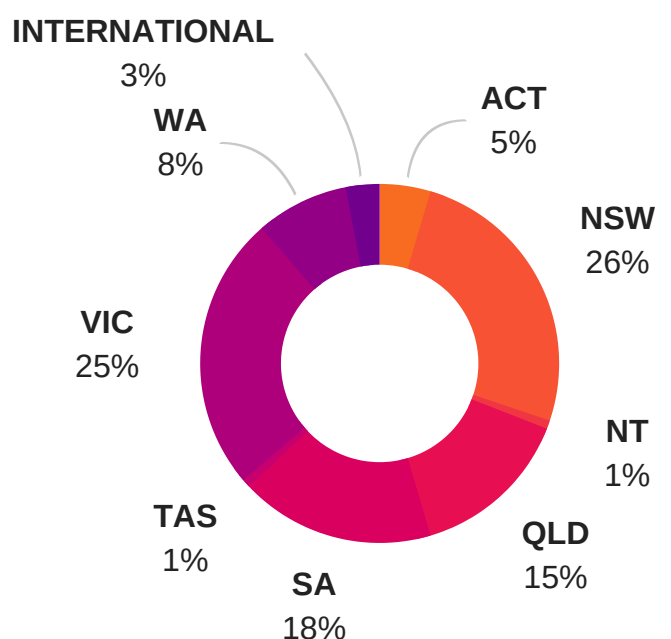
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Membership growth after launch in Nov 2017

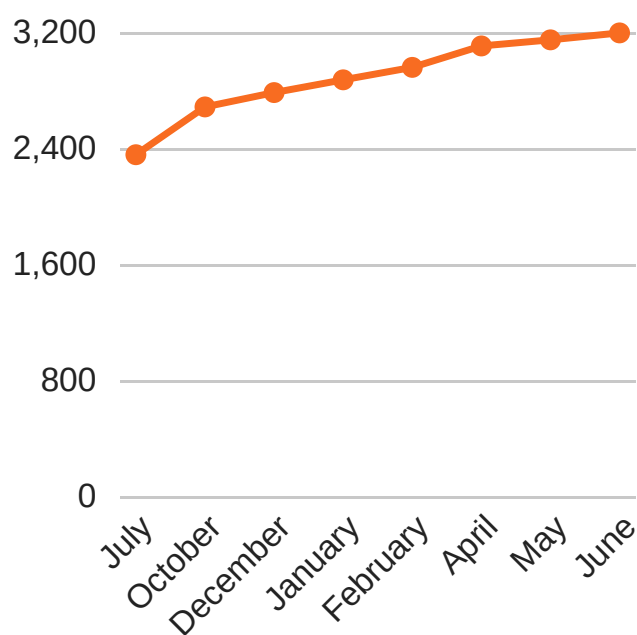


Membership geographical breakdown

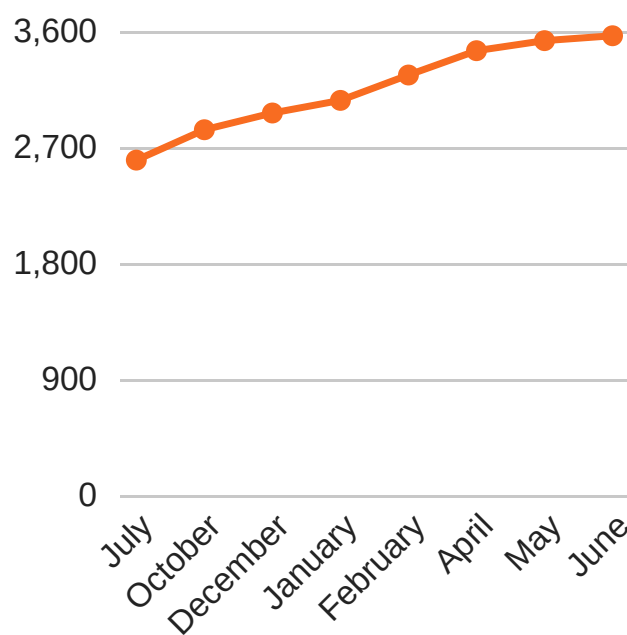




Facebook followers



Twitter followers





CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr Erin Roger

Chair, Australian Citizen Science Association

In my third 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, securing additional funding from Inspiring Australia and having an ACSA membership community of more than 250 individuals and organisations.

There are many highlights from ACSA's work for 2017-2018 summarised below;

- Led the organisation and deliver the 2nd Australian Citizen Science Conference (CitSciOz18) in Adelaide, on 7-9 February 2018.
- Designed and developed the new ACSA website including membership and benefits sections.
- Conducted a member and community survey to identify community needs and ACSA priorities.
- Established Regional Chapters in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.
- Adapted and published the "10 Principles of Citizen Science" as relevant to ACSA and its community.

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- Organised two citizen science information sessions in Canberra (February 2018 and September 2018) to advocate and promote the value of citizen science in Australia.
- Presented internationally on behalf of ACSA at the Citizen Science Association conference and CSA board meeting in St. Paul, MN, USA, the European Citizen Science Association Conference and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis meeting in Vienna, Austria.
- Distributed monthly newsletters (over 1,300 subscribers) and quarterly publications lists to our members.
- Provided high level briefing papers to Inspiring Australia and provided comments on national strategies and policies, including a submission to Australia's Strategy for Nature 2018-2030.
- Attended the United Nations Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment to advocate for citizen science on a global scale, as well as helped form and continues to advise a new Citizen Science Global Partnership.
- Delivered on all commitments and acquitted all expenditure in our agreement with Inspiring Australia and reported on the outcomes and expenditure to the funding body.

ACSA priorities for 2018/19 and onwards

- Continue investigating the state of citizen science in Australia and advocate for sharing of information across the community and more broadly
- Disseminate and implement the findings from the member and community survey
- Continue undertaking activities listed in the MOU between the U.S. CSA and ECSA.
- Evaluate the Strategic Plan and develop a new forward work plan.
- Lead the organisation of the 3rd National ACSA conference in 2020.

Chair's Report continued...

Special thanks to Michelle Neil for her tireless efforts keeping our Facebook and Twitter pages lively with exciting community updates. We currently have over 3,400 followers on both Twitter and Facebook in addition to a LinkedIn page 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. Michelle also set up our dedicated YouTube channel to showcase more than 50 videos of citizen science presentations given at the national conference.

It has been my privilege to work with the Management Committee and our National Coordinator over the last year. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of four Management Committee members who have decided not to stand for re-election this year: Jessie Oliver, Kylie Andrews, Ellie Downing and Sunny Sanderson. Thank you for the enthusiasm and expertise you have invested in ACSA.

Most of all though it has been a pleasure working with all of you. With five regional chapters established and operational, ACSA now has a strong network of individuals working at the regional level to help implement and achieve the strategic goals of ACSA. These Chapters, while operating under the banner of ACSA, will largely be self-sustaining.

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

A photograph showing two people, an older woman in a light-colored hat and a man in a blue jacket, looking at a specimen in a white tray. The woman is using a small tool to examine the specimen. In the background, there are trees and other people. A large, bold, white title 'TREASURER'S REPORT' is overlaid on the image.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sunny Sanderson

Treasurer, Australian Citizen Science Association

I am pleased to present the third Financial Report of the Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) for the 2017 -2018 financial year. 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. These accounts have also been audited externally. I reasonably believe that ACSA will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

ACSA has been very fortunate to receive grant funding from Inspiring Australia, with this current year, 2018, representing the final stage of the three-year grant of \$112,500 (\$37,500 per year). This grant has enabled ACSA to continue to employ our part-time National Coordinator, who has been invaluable in helping to support the strategic direction and ongoing development of ACSA, as detailed in the Chair's Report.

ACSA also introduced financial membership this year, and we are pleased to report nearly \$14,000 in membership fees over the first 8 months. The second Australian Citizen Science Conference in Adelaide in February was a great success, attracting \$48,000 in sponsorship (\$20,000 of which was secured at the end of FY16/17) and resulting in a surplus of \$18,763.24.

As at 30 June 2018 ACSA had an account balance of \$115,087.39.

Treasurer's Report continued...

In the coming financial year, it is anticipated that income from financial memberships will continue to grow as we promote the value of organisational and corporate membership. We have applied for additional funds from Inspiring Australia, which would see ACSA receive \$67,500 across 3-years.

Please find the ACSA Financial Report of income and expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year and on the following page:

	Plan 2017/18	Executed 2017/18	Description
Income			
Balance carried forward from previous year	-110,537.39	-110,537.39	
Grant payment	-37,500.00	-37,500.00	
Membership fees	-7,500.00	-13,917.00	
Conference sponsorship		-28,000.00	
Conference income		-33,957.87	Includes conference surplus (18,763.24) and reimbursement to ACSA for expenses paid not using conference funds (15,194.63)
		-113,374.87	FY17/18 INCOME
		-223,912.26	INCOME BALANCE

	Plan 2017/18	Executed 2017/18	Description
Expenditure			
Salary and on-costs	30,000.00	29,291.98	
CitSciOz18 Conference		57,206.82	Includes professional service fees (9,206.86) and transfer of conference sponsorship for payment of invoices (48,000)

Expenditure table continued on next page

Treasurer's Report continued...

	Plan 2017/18	Executed 2017/18	Description
Expenditure			
Website development	10,000.00	4,771.74	
External services	1,000.00	1,000.00	Social media stipend
Domestic travel	7,700.00	7,007.61	Management Committee attendance at strategic planning and conference events
International travel	2,500.00	2,689.14	Attendance at UN Science Policy Business Forum on Environment, Nairobi
Event catering	1,000.00	824.16	
Promotional merchandise	5,000.00	3,847.51	ACSA t-shirts
Insurance	2,500.00	0.00	Obtained free of charge
Marketing	1,000.00	743.01	Facebook promotion of CitSciOz18
Fees- legal	500.00	402.50	Advice on Constitution
Bank fees and charges	500.00	267.15	
General expenses	1,000.00	773.28	
		108,824.87	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
BALANCE			
INCOME		-223,912.26	
EXPENDITURE		108,824.87	
		-115,087.39	GRAND TOTAL

Sunny Sanderson
Treasurer, Australian Citizen Science Association