



ACSA

Treasurer's Report

11 November 2019

I am pleased to present the fourth Financial Report of the Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) for the 2018 -2019 financial year. During this financial year, ACSA's accounts were jointly held by the Australian Museum, as Host Organisation of ACSA during this period, and Bank Australia, in an account managed by ACSA.

The accounts held by the Australian Museum were primarily attached to the Commonwealth Grant Agreement (2016 – 2018) between the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and the Australian Museum. The Bank Australia account was established to receive monies external to the Grant Agreement (primarily membership fees and conference revenue).

As Treasurer I have reviewed the accounts of ACSA as held by the Australian Museum and Bank Australia, and they represent a true and fair view of the financial position of ACSA. These accounts have been reviewed externally in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, and 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, 2019, representing the first stage of a new three-year grant providing baseline funding of \$67,500. The baseline funding from IA 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.

The funding support from IA will be reduced annually over the term of this grant as ACSA looks to develop new revenue models to support the ongoing sustainability of the organisation. These revenue models include organisational membership, sponsorship, grants, and leveraging in-kind contributions.

Financial Membership of ACSA continues to grow, and with the introduction of three new Membership Categories (Concession, Organisational and Corporate) we are pleased to report \$16,982 in membership fees over the 2018-19 financial year.

In an innovative partnership, ACSA entered into a financial agreement with the City of Sydney in February 2019 to coordinate and deliver a series of citizen science project presentations across its inner city library network, as part of the city's 2019 citizen science program. This resulted in an income of \$1,800 for the Association in the 2018/19 financial year.

The actual expenditure for this financial year was approximately 1.2 times the forecasted expenditure. This was primarily due to additional costs associated with:

- Salaries and on-costs being higher than anticipated;
- Management Committee attendance at two international meetings/conferences;
- ACSA's National Coordinator relocating to a regional town – home office expenses;
- Website support needs; and
- Gardening Australia advertising opportunity.

As at 30 June 2019 ACSA had an account balance of **\$73,512.79**.

Please find the ACSA Financial Report of income and expenditure for the 2018/19 financial year below:

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	Plan 2018/19	Executed 2018/19	Description
Income			
Balance carried forward from previous year	115,071.06	115,071.06	
Grant payment	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Membership fees	15,750.00	16,982.00	
City of Sydney contract		1,800.00	
Donations	500	710.00	
Merchandise		250.00	
Interest		171.97	
2018/19 Revenue		44,913.97	
Total		159,985.03	
Expenditure			
Participation			
Salary and on-costs	48,000.00	55,951.27	Inc. leave, super, workers comp, tax
Honorarium Payment	1,000.00	1,000.00	Social media stipend
Partnerships			
International conferences	2,500.00	4,233.15	Attendance at ECSA18, CitSci19
City of Sydney talks		840.00	City of Sydney program presenters
Practice			
Chapter Support	2,000.00	389.24	ACT Chapter launch
ACSA Seed Grants	1,500.00	1,500.01	
Conference Deposit	2,500.00	2,272.73	Professional Conference Organiser
Platform			
Administration	500.00	423.08	Fees, subscriptions
Advertising		1,500.00	Gardening Australia advert
Asset Purchase		2054.94	Computer for National Coordinator
Branding and Marketing	3,000.00	2,997.75	Chapter logos, banners
Catering / Meeting Expenses	500.00	534.67	
Management Committee travel	2,500.00	2,470.69	MC attendance at meetings

Office Expenses	200.00	83.80	Printing, postage, stationary
Promotional merchandise	2,500.00	2,515.00	ACSA t-shirts, postcards
Website platform	5,400.00	7,705.91	Website hosting, maintenance, fees
2018/19 Expenses	72,100.00	86,472.24	
Balance		73,512.79	

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