

2019 AGM: Nominees for General Member - ASCA Management Committee



Dr Maxine Newlands

Commitment to and experience in citizen science

My work centres on the Great Barrier Reef, marine and wider community. Australian Citizen Science Association (Qld branch) was one of 11 exhibitions/events taking part of the satellite World Science Festival Brisbane event. The day was held at the Museum of Tropical Queensland, in Townsville, Queensland, March 9th, 2019. There were three ASCA talks, spread across the day. The well-attended talks ran for 30 minutes, at 90-minute intervals. The speakers told of their citizen science helping with coral reef gardening and education; data collection on sharks; and Eye on the Reef – A Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority The day saw over a 1000 people visiting the Museum of Tropical Queensland. Families and young children made up the audience, along with a few grandads.

Business Skills *Experience in strategic planning; establishing or working with/in a not-for-profit (NFP) organisation; experience in managing budgets/finances; managing organisational risk; understanding the legal framework within which NFPs operate; leading change within an organisation*

As an academic, I have experience of managing grant and research budgets between \$50,000 and \$150,000. As a project manager, I am constantly risk managing, monitoring and evaluating to adapt and adjust accordingly. As an academic my jobs requires me to design programs, research projects, manage researchers, senior staff and reporting. As an academic, I focus on governance and policy.

Stakeholder Engagement *Ability to work and communicate with multiple and diverse stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes, including government (local, state and federal), scientific community, community groups, educators and the private sector*

Co-ordinating the ASCA Qld Branch satellite event in Townsville (March 2018) required organisational risk planning and mitigation. The event was held in the Museum of Tropical Queensland, with 11 other exhibitors, and our speakers were talking to up to 200 visitors through the event. As a former BBC journalist and media commentator, I have the skill set to communicate to a wide range of people. As a university senior lecture, a key role is to communicate the complex world of Australian politics isn't easy manageable chunks of information. An academic, I often have to communicate my findings via public speaking forums, journals and grey literature.

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Fundraising *Experience in raising funds (including for NFPs); knowledge of funding initiatives (including government, philanthropic, corporate)*

I have been awarded grants from the Journalism Educators and Researchers Association of Australia; University of Queensland and Australian Institute of Marine Science. Despite being in a regional and rural area, I am able to attend meetings either online, or in person. I often travel to capital cities for government and university related work.