

## 2019 AGM: Nominee for General Member - ACSA Management Committee



**Jordan Gacutan**

### **Commitment to and experience in citizen science**

I am currently a PhD student from UNSW (Sydney) working with Tangaroa Blue, mapping marine debris across Australia. I wanted to give back to the countless number of volunteers, making sure the time they've spent collecting and counting rubbish on the beach contributes towards source reduction plans. I'm committed not only to analysing citizen science data but also constantly improving methods towards best practice, so that we can achieve positive, evidence based management outcomes.

**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*

I worked as an administrative assistant for the office of the Provost and DVC at the University of Sydney. I have skills in administration and running committees, although am keen to learn the skills listed above.

**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*

I've had extensive experience liaising with both the scientific community, government and community groups. Through my Masters, I had the privilege of working at a consultancy in Spain, that was at the interface between science and policy. We worked towards developing an 'ecosystem services' plan, which involved working with local government, fishermen, social scientists, economists and biological / physical scientists, in coming up with a model to manage the marine environment. One of the results was a publication in a reputable journal  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2019.101034>.

Within my current project, I work with local supervisors and community groups, responsible for gathering clean-up data. In using their data to visualise trends in debris around Australia, we hope to form source reduction plans in combating plastic waste. The results from the studies can also be used to encourage and inform local communities.

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

I have a strong understanding of government (research) funding initiatives, mostly with discovery and LIEF grants from the Australian Research Council, although would want to develop greater skills in this area.