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Hi ACSA Community!

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable festive season. It's nearly the end of January (already!) so we thought it time to give you a bit of an update about what your ACSA committee is up to, as well as an exciting TV opportunity for citizen science grant applicants!

ACSA MC Planning Day

We here at ACSA headquarters have been busy planning the first gathering of our newly elected management committee. We will be meeting in Sydney next week to get to know each other and map out the year ahead. We are excited to get cracking on plans for 2017 which will benefit YOU as part of the citizen science community. This year should see us finalise our Communication Strategy, go live with our updated website, develop a membership structure for our community and much more! We look forward to sharing a great year in citizen science with you all.

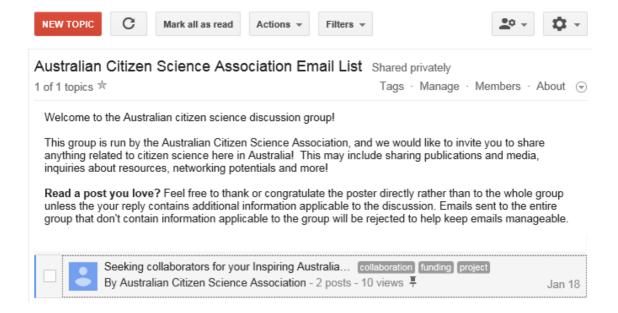
New Email List & potential for Australian Science Channel Collaboration

In the last newsletter we invited you to join ACSA's new email list where you can exchange ideas, updates, outcomes, resources related or relevant to

We are very much hoping you will join the new list, please follow these instructions to sign up:

- If you have an account with Google (e.g. you've already signed up for Gmail, Google Docs or Google Groups) click on this link to join: <u>Australian</u> <u>Citizen Science Association</u>
- If you do not have an account with Google, click <u>here</u> to create your free Google Account, then click on the link above to join the group!

Below is a screen shot of the home page, it super easy to use and navigate around.



As you can see from the image above the first discussion thread is up and running and it's an exciting one, with the Australian Science Channel looking to collaborate with those of you putting together Inspiring Australia citizen science grants, and offering to promote your project to Australia's Science Channel audience! Once you sign up to the new email list and have been approved, you will be able to see further information about this exciting opportunity including contact details to get in touch about collaboration opportunities.

Have questions about Google Groups? Don't hesitate to send Amy an email via info.acsa01@gmail.com.



Stephanie von Gavel

Stephanie von Gavel is Business Development Manager for the Atlas of Living Australia (www.ala.org.au) and CSIRO Land & Water. She has over 20 years experience in technology transfer, business development and strategy development in the life sciences area, including biotechnology, agribusiness, inclusive innovation and now biodiversity. She has a strong commitment to citizen science - having contributed to the development of ACSA as an organization, and CSIRO and ALA's own initiatives in this space, and even participated in BioBlitz or two. Stephanie believes in the importance of citizen science as a mechanism for engaging with communities and individuals to drive a better understanding of science and science literacy especially if Australia is going to have constructive conversation about our environment and the STEM skills of our children (and adults).

The profiles of all of your ACSA team members can also be viewed on our website here!

Thank you for you continued support and interest in ACSA.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us: info.acsa01@gmail.com or via our website.

Erin, Stephanie, Alexis, Ellie, Jessie, Kylie, Paul and Amy









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