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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Hi ACSA Community!

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year. This newsletter is jam packed with information and updates, including:

- ACSA Strategic Planning Day
- New Project Finder
- Eureka Awards
- Community Email List
- Publication List, and more.

We hope you find it of interest!

Planning Day Success

Your new ACSA Management Committee and support staff had our very first strategic planning meeting on 1st February at the Australian Museum in Sydney. The agenda was jam packed with plans for the coming year, and thankfully we had Jenni Metcalfe attend to both facilitate the meeting and run us through the new ACSA Communication Strategy that the [Econnect](#) team just wrapped up for us! Other hot topics covered included the future ACSA website being developed by Gaia Resources, ACSA sustainability and future membership structure, citizen science community engagement and the exploration for the potential of another Australian citizen science conference. We've certainly got a busy and exciting year ahead, and if you

ACSA's New Project Finder

A new version of the Australian Citizen Science Project Finder has recently been released and can be seen [here](#). This wonderful project finder was developed by the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) and they have partnered with the Australian Citizen Science Association to help the citizen science community members learn about each others projects at a one-stop-shop project finder for the nation. If you visit the finder you will also see they have partnered with other groups such as SciStarter so that projects of global relevance can easily be searched for as well! Special thanks to Peter Brenton and his team at the ALA for all their hard work.

Do you manage a project? Add yours to the finder today! Are you looking to get involved in citizen science? Give the finder a search! Feel free to share your thoughts about the finder and what you are hopeful to see in the future by emailing Amy at info.acsa01@gmail.com.

Eureka! It's prize time again!

It's that time of year again! Entries are now being accepted for the 2017 Australian Museum [Eureka Prizes](#)! Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Eureka Prizes are Australia's most comprehensive national science awards, rewarding excellence in the fields of research & innovation, leadership, science engagement and school science.

For the second year there will be a citizen science specific prize. The Eureka Prize for **Innovation in Citizen Science** is awarded to an individual or team for demonstrated excellence in citizen science practice, through an innovative research and community engagement project. \$10,000 is up for grabs thanks to the Department of Industry, Innovation and ScienceInspiring Australia! Submit your entry [here](#).

Further details can be found on the [Australian Museum Website](#) and entries close on Friday 5th May. [Enter now!](#)

ACSA Community Email List is a GOER!

[cool discussion](#) taking place over the last couple of weeks about kid-friendly citizen science projects that could be featured in Crinkling News, Australia's only newspaper for young people. Thanks to all who put forward suggestions!

Are you attending CitSci2017, the US Citizen Science Association's second conference being held in Minnesota in May? If so, let others in the Oceania community know [here](#) and find out who else is making the long trek! Perhaps there can be a regional delegation meet up!

For those of you who have signed up to the email list, you will now be receiving one summary email of new activity per day, on days when a new message has been sent.

If you haven't yet signed up to the email list, please follow these instructions:

- 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: [Australian Citizen Science Association](#)
- If you do not have an account with Google, click [here](#) to create your free Google Account, then click on the link above to join the group!

ACSA Publications List - Issue #2

The ACSA publication list is a quarterly electronic listing of publications in the field of citizen science within the Australian Community. The listing is intended to inform those within the Australian citizen science community of recently **accepted papers, conference proceedings, book chapters and dissertations**. You can contribute to this list!

We are currently accepting all publications connected to Australian citizen science that have been published since November, 2016. For your submission to be included, please provide the information listed below by **March 10, 2017**.

Please only submit those publications where you are the author and only include those that have been ACCEPTED for publication.

How to submit a contribution to the listing:

- title
- author's names and addresses (or affiliations)
- abstract
- the journal/proceedings/book with a [link to the published document](#)

If you have any questions or suggestions on how the publication list can be improved, please let us know at acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to hearing about all the great work that everyone is doing!

Cheers,

Julie Banfield, Colleen Foelz, Jessie Cappadonna & Ellie Downing

Meet your ACSA Team

Continuing our 'Meet the Team' series, next up is Alexis Tindall who was elected to the position of Treasurer at the AGM.



Alexis Tindall

Alexis has worked in museums and has a passion for collections and their potential. For the last five years she has led a volunteer digitisation program at the South Australian Museum, working with a team of volunteers to make data and images from their massive terrestrial and marine invertebrate collections available online. During that period she has worked closely with the Atlas of Living Australia, faunal collections around the country and also coordinated content for the Field Guide to the Fauna of South Australia app. She has worked with volunteers in natural history museums, social history museums, regional areas and community organisations, and is keen to contribute further to the citizen science community.

The profiles of all of your ACSA team members can also be viewed on our website [here](#)!

Please consider helping spread the word about ACSA by sharing this newsletter with people engaged in citizen science!

Thank you for your 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](#).

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The Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) is a developing 'community of practice' which supports researchers, educators, businesses, science communicators, government, community groups and community volunteers in all aspects of citizen science. To learn more visit <http://citizenscience.org.au>.

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