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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Hi ACSA Community!

We have some exciting news to share with you this month about the next Australian Citizen Science Conference, as well as a major citizen science TV premiere *The Crowd & The Cloud!* Read on for more details, as well as information on ACSA's new photo sharing group, two new citizen science publications and more!

It's Conference time again!

The ACSA Management Committee is very excited to announce that the next conference will be held in ADELAIDE in February 2018! We will let you know the dates as soon as we have locked them in, but please keep Feb 18 in mind when planning out the year ahead. The format will probably be a Thursday-Friday conference followed by an optional Saturday field trip, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Stay tuned for more details!

The Crowd & The Cloud

Citizen Science is about to go big-time with a major TV premiere, *The Crowd & The Cloud*. This 4-part series explores the frontiers of citizen science in the age of mobile technology, and is hosted by former NASA Chief Scientist, Waleed Abdalati. You can find out more about the series as well as watch the episodes via crowdandcloud.org.

Crowd & The Cloud will be featured, including host Waleed Abdalati, producer Geoff Haines-Stiles, and leaders from highlighted projects - to screen and discuss of segments of the show at the Friday night event, A Night in the Cloud. [More info here...](#)



Flick us your Pics

Have you taken a great photo relating to citizen science activities that you would be interested in sharing? Perhaps a picture of you classifying images, developing software, collecting samples or of the plants and critter observations you are contributing to a project? If so, please flick us your pics! ACSA is putting the call out for good quality images that showcase the wonderful diversity of citizen science projects and people, and we would love for you to upload yours to the new Flickr group "[Australian Citizen Science Projects](#)".

Having a central image gallery is a wonderful way to share photos of your projects for the benefit of our whole community, and ACSA would love to feature some of your photos on our new website and in other promotional material.

So, whether you transcribe historic science logs, record weather events, count koalas, monitor waterways, document weeds, share your bird observations or participate in any other aspects of the incredible diversity of citizen science projects taking place across our country, [post your pics](#) for us all to see! Make sure you include a caption that contains the name of the citizen science project the photo is affiliated with and photographer credit to allow for appropriate acknowledgement. Please only post pictures that you have taken and have rights to share.

NB: You will need to join Flickr if you aren't already a member

ACSA Publications List - Issue #2

Thanks to those of you who contributed to the second issue of the ACSA Publications Listing. [Issue #2](#) can be found on our website and features

Cheers,

Julie Banfield, Colleen Foelz, Jessie Cappadonna & Ellie Downing

Profiling Citizen Science via LinkedIn

How many of you list 'citizen science' as a skill on LinkedIn? Who has endorsed a connection for their 'citizen science' skill? Wouldn't it be great if we could harness the global reach of LinkedIn to increase the profile of citizen science? And enable citizen scientists to find and connect with each other via this platform? Let's give it a go! Log in to your [LinkedIn profile](#) and under "Featured Skills and Endorsements" add citizen science. You can then choose to endorse those among your connections who contribute to citizen science. A quick and easy way to get the words 'citizen science' out there into the broader community, and further enable those within our community to find each other!

Get Your Eureka Entries In!

Don't forget to get your entry in 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 Science! Submit your entry [here](#).

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

Meet your ACSA Team

Please meet ACSA's Secretary, Ellie Downing! Ellie is based in Sydney.



museology; one via coursework at University of Sydney, and one in research exploring experiences of citizen science within museums from Macquarie University. She currently works for the Science Communication unit of the Australian Museum, helping deliver the Australian Museum Science Festival (AMSF) and associated projects. She is passionate about museum communities, informal learning, citizen science and dogs. Follow Ellie on Twitter: @jesiathe

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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