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# Australian Citizen Science Association

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## Hi ACSA Community!

It's been a big month for the citizen science community with the announcement of the successful citizen science grant recipients. Congratulations if your project was successful! Read on for more information about the grants, as well as further detail about our upcoming conference, which is now just 9 months away (make sure the dates are in your diary!) Have you recently had a journal article or paper published? Be sure to let us know...

## ACSA Conference Update

What are you doing from **7-9 February 2018**? Heading to Adelaide for the ACSA conference of course! Yes, we have locked in the dates for the conference, so pop them in your calendar and build this into your budget for the next financial year.

### **Sharing your Outcomes | A Conference for the Citizen Science Community**

When: 7-9 February, 2018

Where: University of South Australia, City West Campus, 55 North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia

Thanks to those of you who filled out our [survey](#) on preferred conference content. Communication & Promotion of Projects, Community Engagement, and Communicating Scientific Outcomes to the Community were the top three

Want to have your say? The survey is still open, fill it out [here!](#)

### Partnership Opportunities

Sharing your Outcomes | A Conference for the Citizen Science Community offers a range of partnership opportunities, from comprehensive sponsorship packages, to opportunities to support keynote speakers to funding scholarships to ensure the conference is accessible. Support for this conference provides a platform to reach a diverse, energetic, national audience working in many aspects of science, research, policymaking and the community. Sponsorship can include promotional opportunities online and through the broader ACSA email list in the lead up to the conference.

Please contact Amy on [info.acsa01@gmail.com](mailto:info.acsa01@gmail.com) or (02) 6320 6121 for further information about partnership opportunities.

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### Citizen Science Grant Recipients

Did you see the media release announcing the successful citizen science grant recipients? It was an extremely competitive grant round with 386 applications being received (yes, 386!) This shows just how much interest and activity there is nationally in the citizen science space. Of the 386 applications, 13 were awarded funding to develop and/or expand citizen science in a wide variety of ways.

The successful projects include those proposing to:

- understand the environmental effect of sunscreens on marine ecology in Port Philip Bay
- map the national distribution of frog populations using an app that identifies frogs by their call
- engage with aboriginal citizens of Arnhem Land to develop cross-cultural tools to assess the biodiversity of remote Australia
- DNA-test possum scats to investigate antibiotic resistance in native animals
- understand the composition of household dust and its associated health risks
- help improve satellite-based water quality detection
- collect information about microbat populations and their habitats in the Murray-Darling basin region
- test the effectiveness of biofertilisers using communities in the south-west of WA

If you weren't successful this round, we encourage you to apply in future rounds as well as keeping your eye out for any other funding opportunities.

the bottom drawer! You are most welcome to start a thread in the ACSA [discussion group](#) if you would like to get in touch with other applicants, cooperatively share ideas and make connections for the next round, provide ideas for ACSA or perhaps generate feedback for Inspiring Australia.

ACSA is thinking about how we can best capture the interest that was generated from this grant round, we will keep you posted on any outcomes.

Full details of the grant recipients and their projects can be found [here](#).

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### ACSA Publications List - Issue #3

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 March, 2017. For your submission to be included, please provide the information listed below by **June 23, 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:

Submitting a contribution can be done by sending an email to Julie via [acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com](mailto:acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com) with the following information:

- 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](mailto:acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com).

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

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Julie Banfield, Colleen Foelz, Jessie Cappadonna & Ellie Downing

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## Meet your ACSA Team

Jessie Cappadonna is a returning member to the ACSA Management Committee, in the role as General Member. Jessie is based in Brisbane.

Jessie currently researches how to engage citizen scientists with bioacoustics as a PhD student at the Queensland University of Technology. With a background in ecology and communication, Jessie has a long standing passion for engaging members of the public with scientific research as citizen scientists. Having been involved with ACSA since the initial 2014 workshop in Brisbane, Jessie has had the opportunity help drive ACSA strategic planning and development. Jessie and Michelle Neil co-developed ACSA social media ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), & [LinkedIn](#)) in the early days, and since then Jessie has led the development of ACSA's communication plan and new website, as well as liaised with folks at ALA for the [national project finder](#).

Additionally, Jessie contributed to a [journal article](#) and [book chapter](#) discussing how global associations are currently working together and planning to do so in the future. Jessie is also passionate about understanding past, present, and future diversity citizen science across the nation, and looks forward to continue learning from the community!



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**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](mailto: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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