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Hi ACSA Community!

A BUMPER EDITION ahead! It's been a massive month here at ACSA HQ, and we are absolutely thrilled to be sending out this newsletter today announcing:

- the launch of our brand new website,
- the launch of official ACSA Membership, and
- the opening of registration for #CitSciOz18!

All the details are below, and we'd love to hear your feedback on the new website and membership section so please send Amy an email via <u>info.acsa01@gmail.com</u>!

Membership is finally here!

It's time to break out the champagne.. and the credit card! The ACSA Management Committee is absolutely delighted to announce that we are now officially open for <u>membership</u>. This moment is the culmination of years of hard work and the fulfillment of the original vision for ACSA – it's history in the making!

To celebrate we're offering <u>foundation memberships</u> at the one-off discounted price of \$50 for individuals, and \$20 for students. But get in fast - there are only 150 foundation memberships available.

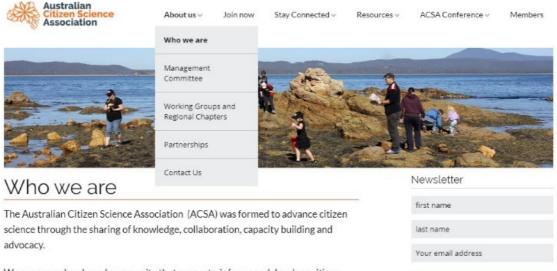
ACSA membership is open to anyone with an interest in citizen science, and

Check out the <u>membership page</u> on our website for full details, and join us today!

Our new website - citizenscience.org.au

You may have already had a sneaky peak, but we are very proud to officially launch our <u>new-look website</u> today, in conjunction with the membership drive.

The Management Committee has been working hard to create a tool that will enable our community to connect across Australia, share projects and ideas, and to start delivering membership options and benefits for you all. This new website has been built specifically for our growing community, and features lots of information about the conference, working groups, regional chapters and much more. Take a look and tell us what you think!



We are a member-based community that supports, informs and develops citizen science. ACSA membership is open to citizen science project managers, volunteers or anyone with an interest in citizen science.

Sample page from our new website

SIGN UP!



And now to the third of our big announcements for today - registration is now OPEN for #CitSciOz18! Make sure you <u>become a member</u> of ACSA first, so you can access the discounted conference registration fees, and then sign up to join us in February!

Register for #CitSciOz18 here

We've got a bumper social program for you all; not only do we have the opening and closing receptions, but also a live podcast on the opening night and a full weekend of activities (plenty of citizen science on offer, as well as a couple of winery tours...we are in wine country after all). All the details, including ticket bookings, can be found in the <u>registration portal</u>.

Did you know that we are offering scholarships of up to \$500 to help fund your attendance at the conference? You can <u>apply here</u>.

We had a terrific response to the call for abstracts with 123 submissions coming in. A big thanks to all of you who submitted. The conference working group is in the process of reviewing and allocating the abstracts, and successful authors will be notified by email on **Monday 6 November**.

Annual General Meeting - November 14th

A reminder to all that ACSA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November in the Krefft Rooms at the Australian Museum, from 10:30 -11:00 AEDT. All welcome to attend either in person or via teleconference (phone in details to be posted via this newsletter closer to the date). Those attending in person are invited to join ACSA's Chair Erin Roger and other members of the ACSA Management Committee afterwards for morning tea at the Australian Museum.

Have you published lately?

Don't forget to submit your publications for the final edition of the ACSA Publications List for 2017! If you've published something since **1 July, 2017** with a connection to citizen science in Australia, please let us know by sending an email to <u>acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com</u> with the following details:

- abstract
- the journal/proceedings/book with a link to the published document

Deadline for submission: Wednesday 8 November.

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



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