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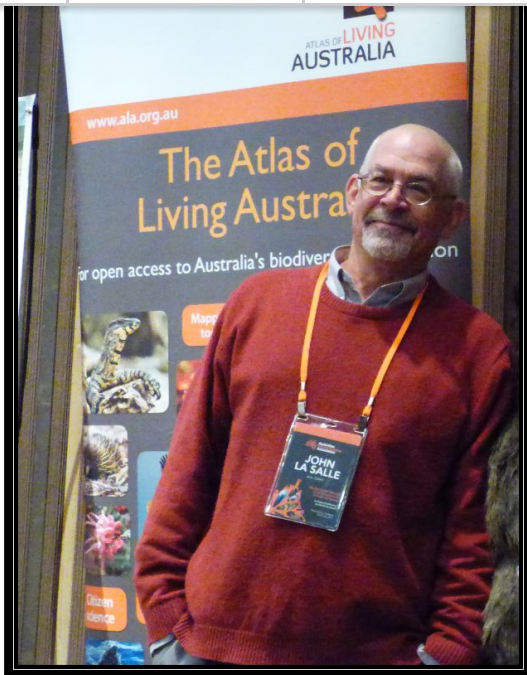
Hi ACSA Community

It's been an incredibly sad time for the science community these past few weeks with the tragic passing of Dr John La Salle, Director of the Atlas of Living Australia, on May 27. Our sympathy and well wishes to those of you feeling this loss of a colleague and friend. This tragedy may overshadow the rest of this month's content, however we invite you to read on for ACSA's acknowledgement of John and his contribution to citizen science, as well as an update on other ACSA items.

Vale Dr John La Salle

The news of the unexpected passing of the Atlas of Living Australia Director Dr John La Salle last week has come as a huge shock to his many friends and colleagues around the world.

John played a key role in the establishment of the Atlas of Living Australia in 2006 as well as in the development and promotion of remote diagnostics and national biosecurity capabilities and has been a leading figure in the informatics and entomology community, nationally and internationally for



John was on the establishment committee of the Australian Citizen Science Association, which was responsible for a number of tasks crucial to ACSA's success.

With the help of the other committee members, John oversaw the selection of a host institution and began the first steps towards ACSA's incorporation. John was also on the organising committee for ACSA's first national citizen science conference in Canberra, and has been a strong supporter and actively involved in citizen science activities for many years, both in his role as Director of the ALA as well as in less formal capacities.

John was a warm, gregarious, passionate and generous man who will be greatly missed. If you would like to read more about John or make a donation in his memory, please visit the ALA's [blog post](#).

New ACSA Membership Categories

We have been thrilled with the uptake in membership subscriptions since launching our membership package last November - thank you. We've also been listening to your suggestions about expanding the membership products on offer to accommodate different groups; an action which is also outlined in our Strategic Plan. Rolling out next month, we are excited to introduce three new membership categories:

1. **Concession:** Replaces the old 'Student' category. Caters for Students, Seniors (60+), Pensioners, Veterans.
2. **Organisation:** Includes non-profit, government, education and community-based groups (up to 5 staff).
3. **Corporate:** Corporate companies, groups (6-15 staff).

information, including annual fees, please visit our [website](#).

#CitSciOz18: Posters, Blogs and YouTube Clips

Posters

Posters are up! A number of you told us how much you loved the poster session at the conference, but wished for more time to take in all the displays. Well, here you go! Posters are available [here](#) for you to peruse to your hearts content.

Blogs

For the next few months we're going to publish some of the amazing blogs we received out of the conference. We really encourage you to give them a read as they are fantastic and provide a number of different insights into the event.

[Big insights for small community groups at CitSciOz18](#)

Gordon Claridge was concerned he might be the only person at the 2018 Adelaide conference from a small community group – his fears were soon allayed!

[Citizen Science in Australia is Inspiring!](#)

After CitSciOz18, Yaela Golumbic hopes to raise the profile of citizen science in Israel.

You can also listen to Yaela's conference presentation [here](#).

YouTube

Did you know that our [You Tube channel](#) now has 38 conferences presentations uploaded? Due entirely to the inexhaustible efforts of our social media volunteer Michelle Neil - thank you. Is yours up yet?

Why not promote your talk by sharing it on your project website, blog or Facebook page?

Our feature talk for June is by our opening keynote speaker Dr Alan Finkel, who told us about the German migrant Ferdinand von Mueller who arrived in South Australia in 1847 and started perhaps the first Australia-wide citizen science project from the 1850s onwards. Dr. Finkel's conference talk was also used as the basis for his [article](#) in The Conversation in May, 2018.

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Keynote Address :

Dr Alar Finkel, Chief Scientist

MC: Jessica Harmsen



By Agi Gedeon, Chair ACSA-WA

The WA Chapter of the Australian Citizen Science Association was officially launched at this year's national conference #CitSciOz18.

We had our first ACSA-WA public event on Saturday 12th May and invited citizen science practitioners, volunteers, scientists and end-users to meet and mingle to learn about many active and successful projects. It was a perfect sunny day in King's Park and there was a good number attending. A few new faces as well. We heard about a number of interesting projects including an astronomy project to be launched by ICRAR, also a bit about DolphinWatch and fungi walks and a PhD project on red-tailed black cockatoos, another on non-insect pollinators and Birdlife Australia.



Deborah Bowie, MicroBlitz Project Manager, speaking to an attentive audience at the first public meeting of the Western Australian chapter on the day after the re-launch of the MicroBlitz project.

We celebrated with [Microblitz](#) which, after several months of planning, had re-launched new MicroBlitz apps and website the day before. We heard that Professor Andy Whiteley, the MicroBlitz Project Director chatted with Nobel Laureate Barry Marshall [broadcast in real time](#) to a few hundred [School of Isolated & Distance Education](#) (SIDE) students who tuned in to a very special science lesson.

All in all it was a most successful get-together and lots of people stayed on to exchange business cards, stories and experiences which is always a good sign of some excellent networking going on.

You can follow ACSA-WA on our [Facebook page](#).

ACSA Publications Listing

Issue #4 available now!

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the March 2018 edition of the ACSA Publications Listing. You can review this over on our [website](#) now.

Call out for New Publications!

The call is now open for those of you have published something with a connection to citizen science in Australia since **1 April, 2018!** If this is you, please send an email to acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com with the following details:

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

Deadline for submission: **Friday 29 June.**

#ECSA2018 Twitter Moments

As you may know, the European conference for citizen and participatory science was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3-6 June, 2018. Our very own Jessie Oliver was there, and will be bringing you her reflections next month, but for those that want a snapshot of the action, please check out these Twitter Moments put together once again by our tireless social media volunteer Michelle Neil.

[Conference Opening](#) | [Day 2 Highlights](#) | [Day 3 Highlights](#) | [Final Day Highlights](#)

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, Sunny, Ellie, Jessie, Kylie, Jenn, Paul, Michelle and Amy

Get connected



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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