



# Australian Citizen Science Association

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## Hi ACSA Community

It's been 8 months since we officially launched ACSA membership - wow! A big thank you to all who have joined so far. We're excited to now introduce a range of new membership options – including organisation and corporate members, and an expanded eligibility for concession membership.

We've also been working on how we plan to connect with our members. And we're thrilled to let you know that from July, a special quarterly members-only email featuring updates and opportunities will be sent to ACSA members.

This newsletter also features Jessie's reflections on ECSA2018, CitSciOz18 blog posts, the June publications list, the launch of a new ACSA chapter and more!

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## New ACSA Membership Categories

With **new membership categories** on offer, including for community groups, non-profits, seniors and more, it's never been a better time to join. Work with colleagues? An organisational membership could help you save!

With the launch of our new membership categories, we have a goal of 50 new members and 10 organisational/corporate members by the end of this year. We invite you to be one of them!

Did you know you can also [donate to ACSA](#)? All contributions will be gratefully accepted and your gift will help ACSA grow.

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## ACSA-QLD - A New Chapter is Born

*By Michelle Neil*

On Tuesday the 19th of June, 18 very keen Queenslanders met to discuss the formation of an ACSA-QLD Chapter. Hosted by Inspiring Australia and located at the Queensland Museum in Brisbane, the discussion ranged from how many Queensland citizen science projects were currently underway; how to collaborate together so as to stop the duplication of projects (e.g. one big Qld Koala Count vs lots of small ones) and the use of social media for engagement in citizen science in Queensland. Communication and sharing data and resources were the take home messages of the day.

After some discussion it was decided that James Gullison (Griffith Uni, Gold Coast) would be the new Chair with Nikki Sims-Chilton (Office of the Qld Chief Scientist) as the Vice-Chair. Any other positions may be decided on at future meetings and everyone is welcome to put their hand up for the committee if they are an ACSA member. Non-members are always welcome to be a part of the Qld Chapter. As Queensland is so large future meetings may be held online.

The Office of the Chief Scientist of Queensland offered to host future meetings. The paperwork is currently being reviewed by the 48 prospective Qld Chapter members from all over Queensland who expressed an interest in becoming involved, many of whom could not make it on the day. If you would like to be involved in the ACSA-QLD Chapter please email [citscioz@gmail.com](mailto:citscioz@gmail.com).

Which state or territory will be next?



*Representatives of the new ACSA-QLD chapter*

### #ECSA2018: Gaining Inspiration!

*"Having never been to Europe myself, it was intriguing to see just how large those alps are, and I was immediately struck by the politeness of the people, as well as the interesting mix of historical and modern city scape aspects..."*

ACSA's Jessie Oliver [shares her reflections](#) on her trip to Geneva for the recent conference of the European Citizen Science Association. First up on her agenda: exploring the UN Sustainable Development Goals & Citizen Science Global Partnership, followed by a WHOLE lot more! You can find [Jessie's blog](#) on our website under 'Latest News'.



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## 10 Principles of Citizen Science

Keeping on with the ECSA theme, have you seen the [Ten Principles of Citizen Science](#) featured on ECSA's website? We think they are pretty great, and we'd like to adapt and adopt them for ACSA.

As members of our community, we'd love your input on our [draft version](#). Please take a look, and let us know your thoughts, comments and suggestions by [email](#).

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## #CitSciOz18 - July Features

### Read the Blogs!

[“The key to engaging ‘our future’ – the millennials!”](#)

Tina Phillips travelled from New York to attend CitSciOz18 and gleaned some top tips on how to engage the younger generation.

You can also see Tina's conference presentation on our YouTube channel [here](#).

[“The ACSA conference was rewarding and inspiring”](#)

James Gullison reflects on the important messages from CitSciOz18 – and how great it was to be in Adelaide!

You can also see James' conference presentation on our YouTube channel [here](#).

### Revisit the Keynote!

With NAIDOC week next week we thought it appropriate to share the wonderful keynote given by Dr. Emilie Ens of Macquarie University. Emilie's talk centered around her Eureka prize-winning work with the Ngukurr wi stadi bla kantri (we study the country) research team in East Arnhem Land.



*Dr. Emilie Ens: "Ngukurr wi stadi bla kantri Research Team"*

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## Recent CitSci Publications

The [June 2018 ACSA Publications List](#) is now up on our website, and it's a bumper edition! Please click on the link and check it out! Thanks to Colleen Foolz for compiling this edition, and to all of you for contributing your listings. Stay tune for the next call out!

## Meet your ACSA Team

We are delighted to formally introduce you to Dr Geoff Garrett AO, ACSA's first patron! Geoff has been acting in the capacity of ACSA patron since early this year. He is instrumental in providing guiding advice, making connections and advocating on our behalf to help promote ACSA.

Dr Geoff Garrett AO is the former Queensland Chief Scientist (2011-2016) and led two of the world's major national research and development organisations, CSIRO in Australia (2001-2008) and CSIR in South Africa (1995-2000). He currently lectures in leadership and change management and provides coaching support in these areas to academics and to senior officers of the Australian Public Service. In



Chair of the [National Youth Science Forum](#), and a non-Executive Director of [Behaviour Innovation Pty Ltd](#).

More info on Geoff can be found [here](#).

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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](#).

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

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## Get connected



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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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