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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Hi ACSA Community

Have you recovered from National Science Week and the Eureka Prizes? We have just about caught our breath, but here we go again with the launch of the #CitSciOz18 Spotteron Brush-turkey App, as well as meetings with a founding member of ECSA, the ACSA Seed Grants, our Member Survey and a recap of the Innovation in Citizen Science Prize at the Eureka!

#CitSciOz18 Spotteron Competition - winning app goes live!

"Within three days of the launch date the number of reports on the app already outstripped the number of Brush-turkeys I had personally tagged in the whole first year of my PhD. It really goes to show the potential of citizen science and including the general public in the process of data gathering."

We are so excited to let you know that the app for Matthew Hall's Spotteron-winning Brush-turkey project has been released.

Where are the brushturkeys in your area?

Add them to the map using the new Brushturkeys app!



The Australian Brush-turkey (*Alectura lathami*) is an endemic Australian bird species and (usually) lives in rainforests and woodlands. But they are increasingly being seen in suburbia...

How many are there?

Where are they?

What are they doing?

Download the app today ([iOS](#) | [Android](#)) and help us find the answers!

A huge congratulations to Matthew and a big thanks to [Spotteron](#) for donating this amazing prize.

Please read Matthew's [excellent blog](#), in which he describes his experience in building the app and also of harnessing the power of the people to help his PhD research.

Want to win \$500?

Members! Don't forget to apply for the inaugural [ACSA Seed Grants](#) - there are 3 up for grabs!

Apply by
30 September, 5pm AEST**3 X \$500
SEED GRANTS
AVAILABLE**FIND OUT MORE:
CITIZENSOURCE.ORG.AU

It's Survey Time!

Thanks to those of you who have completed the Membership Survey. Have you filled yours in yet? We'd love to hear from as many of you as possible, to allow us to prioritise and understand how we can better support you going forward.

Not yet a member? We'd still love you to take part, to gain insights into the needs of the broader citizen science community.

The survey has been designed in conjunction with the University of Queensland, and we hope to get some really practical and useful information out of it. So we'd love as many people as possible to take part.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

And the Eureka goes to....QuestaGame!



A huge congratulations to [Zika Mozzie Seeker](#), [EcoOcean Inc.](#) and

hours into her new job as Minister for Science, The Hon Karen Andrews MP spoke of her huge interest and commitment to citizen science before awarding the prize to QuestaGame! Congratulations to Andrew Robinson and the QuestaGame team on this fantastic achievement.

You can review the finalists entries [here](#) and start getting ideas for your application in for next year's prizes! Entries will open early in 2019.



Ellie, Amy, Kylie, Erin, Steph and Paul representing ACSA at the Eureka

Chatting to Martin Brocklehurst

In late August ACSA Chair Erin Roger along with ACSA member Patrick Tegart met with Martin Brocklehurst. Martin is one of the founders of the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA) & Coordinator of the citizen science delegation to the UN World Data Forum in Dubai October 2018.

They discussed Martin's progress with the Global Mosquito Alert Consortium and his work to raise the profile of citizen science for the European Union. Erin shared some of the recent Australian successes, such as the recently announced ACSA SEED grants and the recent Eureka Prize night.



Earlier this month, members of the newly formed ACSA-QLD also met with Martin Brocklehurst. They were invited to participate in a round table discussion with Martin, ACSA member Libby Hepburn (Atlas of Life) and members of industry and business. After [being welcomed by the United Nations Association of Australia \(Queensland Division\) President Donnell Davis](#), Martin gave a short presentation entitled #1BillionCitSci2020 in which he spoke about the formation of ECSA and how they have been starting to harmonise the projects in Europe, as well as talk to local, state and federal politicians particularly about health issues (e.g. mosquitoes, air quality) and the environment including plastic pollution and threatened species.



Members of ACSA-Qld with Martin Brocklehurst, Libby Hepburn, UNAA, Management and CEO officials

For those based in Canberra, Martin is giving a free seminar on September 11th "Global Citizen Science - Can Citizens deliver and make a difference" it's not too late to [register your attendance](#). The seminar is also available for webcast ([details here](#)).

Read the Blogs

["Are we citizen scientists 'firing in synchrony'?"](#)

PhD student Alan Stenhouse, from the University of Adelaide, found the diverse range of local and international presentations at #CitSciOz18 interesting, enriching and inspiring.

["Engaging Scientists in Citizen Science"](#)

PhD student Jade Cawthray-Syms, from the University of Dundee, Scotland, wonders whether we are doing enough to engage scientists in citizen science.

How did we do?

It has been incredibly rewarding to look back at all the conference evaluations completed by delegates after attending #CitSciOz18. Evaluating our performance and understanding who you are, where you came from, what you want more of, less of and what we could do differently is so important for future events, and will certainly help us prepare for and shape up #CitSciOz20!

A huge thanks to Veronica French, formerly of ECSA, who very generously volunteered her time to complete the conference evaluation. Keep an eye out on our website for the detailed analysis, but in the mean time enjoy the snapshot presented below!



#CitSciOz20 - Coming to your patch?



Speaking of #CitSciOz20, expressions of interest (EOI) are now open for hosting the 2020 Australian Citizen Science Conference!

Hosting this event is an incredible opportunity, with hundreds of like-minded citizen science enthusiasts coming to your patch.

If you are interested, please [submit an application!](#)

Have you published lately?

Calling all publications connected to Australian citizen science that have been published since June 2018! We'd love to include you in our publication list! The ACSA Publications 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**.

In order to submit your publication, please provide us with the information below by **September 28, 2018**. 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 acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com with the following information:

- title

- the journal/proceedings/book with a [link to the published document](#)

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:

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