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Australian Citizen Science Association

7 December 2018

Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to the final ACSA newsletter for 2018. It's been another big year for ACSA. Reflecting back on our achievements and progress over the past 12 months as summarised by Erin in her [Chair's Report](#) at the recent AGM, we should all be very proud! Now wishing you all a safe and happy break away from busy work schedules over the holiday period. Enjoy the newsletter, and we look forward to having you with us again in 2019.

ACSA AGM happenings

Thanks to all of you who tuned in to the AGM two weeks ago, whether in person, via Zoom or Facebook live. It was great to see you! If you missed the event we invite you read Erin's Chair's Report, which summaries all the highlights and achievements over the past 12 months. This can be found inside the ACSA 2017/18 [Annual Report](#) on our website, along with the [minutes of the meeting](#).

New Management Committee!

Congratulations to our newest office bearers who were elected/appointed to the ACSA Management Committee:

Rosemary Race - Treasurer

Michelle Neil - Secretary

Patrick Tegart - General Member

Want to know a bit more about who is representing you on the Committee - have a look at their [profiles](#) on our website!

Many thanks once again to our outgoing committee members Jessie, Ellie, Kylie and Sunny, who have contributed so much time, energy and effort into making ACSA what it is today. We are truly grateful!



Erin with outgoing committee members Kylie, Jessie and Ellie

CitSciOz20 Host Venue

We were due to announce the host venue for the next Australian Citizen Science Conference in 2020, however this announcement has been deferred until the new year. We will let you know as soon as possible so you can start thinking ahead and making arrangements for what is sure to be a fantastic event.

Seed Grant Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the first ACSA Seed Grants! The Seed Grants were designed as a way of giving back and investing in our members, with three \$500 grants available to ACSA members to seed their professional

And the inaugural winners are:

- **Jodi Salmond - ReefCheck Australia:** Jodi will use the money to attend a workshop aimed at improving her understanding of and ability to manage and support her volunteers more effectively, in order to reduce turnover rate. She will produce a summary report detailing her leanings which she will share with ACSA members.
- **Geetha Ortac - Bellingen RiverWatch:** The grant money will be put towards printing high quality copies of the new training manual for volunteers to use when conducting water quality monitoring at 25 sites across the Bellingen Shire.
- **Lindy Orwin - Cooloola Turtle Care:** The grant will support the establishment of a new Cooloola TurtleCare Program on Rainbow Beach and Inskip Point on the Queensland coast. A representative of Cooloola TurtleCare will undertake a training course to become a certified carer who can manage strandings, rescues, nest relocation, nest protection and recruitment and training of volunteers for daily field work as citizen scientists.

Congratulations once again, we look forward to seeing the outcomes and successes of these projects!

Will you be the next Seed Grant winner? Round 2 will open next year, keep an eye on our website for details.



Jodi Samond, Geetha Ortac and Lindy Orwin - 2018 Seed Grant Recipients

Membership Renewal

It is now just over a year since we launched official membership of ACSA, and many Foundation Members have been receiving their renewal emails about

bear with us and take the time to renew your ACSA membership for the coming year. Although we are a volunteer management committee, your ongoing membership makes a huge difference to our ability to achieve goals and obtain federal funding to support ACSA.

To renew your membership please login in to the [My Account](#) section on our website, and from your account dashboard select the 'renew' button to sign up for another year.

Expressions of Interest - ABC Citizen Science Project

The ABC is interested in potential citizen science partners and projects for the National Science Week citizen science project, for both 2019 and 2020. These projects will receive the support of the ABC's expertise in citizen science engagement and usability, plus considerable media attention.

If you are interested in applying, please complete a short (less than one page) summary of your proposal plus a short CV, and email these to Kylie Andrews, ABC on kylie.andrews@abc.net.au before January 22nd, 2019.

The citizen science project needs to be:

- an online project, i.e. does not include sampling kits or extensive fieldwork;
- on a topic that is of interest and relevant to most Australians, i.e. not just one interest group or location;
- easy enough for people without a science background to participate in;
- feasible to run in August (when Science Week is on).

Any questions, please contact Kylie Andrews on email or (02) 8333 2473.

Bound for CitSci2019?

Are you thinking of heading to the [US Citizen Science Association Conference](#) in North Carolina from March 12-17 2019? If YES, then



As an ACSA member, you are eligible for 20% off CSA membership fees. Anyone who either joins or renews with CSA will be entitled to **discounted conference registration fees!**

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Amy via amy.slocombe@austrmus.gov.au to receive your discount code. [Conference registration is now open!](#)

Not an ACSA member? No worries! You can [join now](#).

Call for Publications

Last call for your #citsci publications for 2019! If you've recently had your journal article, conference proceedings, book chapter or dissertation published or accepted for publication, in a field relevant to citizen science in Australia, we'd love to hear from you! We are looking for publications from October 2018 onwards.

Please send an email to acsa.pubs.list@gmail.com with the following details and we'll include your publication in our next list:

- title
- author's name and addresses (or affiliations)
- abstract
- the journal/proceedings/book with a link to the published document

This list will be published in February 2019.

Happy Festive Season

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season and see you again in 2019!



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](#).

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