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Australian Citizen Science Association

8 March 2019

Dear <<First Name>>,

It's been a busy few months for citizen science. As of March 8, the Second Global Session of the UN Science Policy Business Forum is kicking off in Nairobi. We wish our members well who are attending as [delegates of ACSA](#) as they advocate and promote citizen science at global scales. Did you know ACSA is now an accredited observer of the UN Environment and as such, ACSA members can apply to attend various forum as representatives?

On a personal note, our National Coordinator Amy Slocombe is moving with her family to Jindabyne this month. She is looking forward to more space to roam and explore. She will however, still be working for ACSA but will miss working with her colleagues at the Australian Museum and the support and comradery they have offered by over the past two and a half years.



ACSA MC meets in Sydney

On the 21st and 22nd of February, ACSA management committee members met at the Australian Museum. For some of us, this was the first time we'd met face-to-face, following last years elections. During the packed two-day workshop the team worked through several high level and priority actions, including the 2020 ACSA conference, ACSA member survey and development of the new ACSA Strategy.

ACSA Chapters also provided an overview into how they are progressing – including the newest Chapter from the ACT.

We are particularly grateful to citizen science enthusiast Danielle Stock for facilitating the ACSA strategy review and delivery actions. We also appreciated the great insight provided by Maria Zollo from the Australasian Research Management Society. Maria identified valuable initiatives that ACSA will explore to provide greater benefits to ACSA members.



ACSA Management Committee members at the Australian Museum

Bound for North Carolina!

ACSA's Secretary Michelle Neil, together with ACSA members Peter Brenton, Tahlia Perry, Jessie Oliver, Aless Smith, Andrew Robinson and Jonathan Brier are off to the States next week to



If you take a look at the [program](#) you'll see that Tahlia, Peter, Jessie and Aless are all presenting. Congratulations guys on having your talks accepted, and we hope your presentations go really well.

For those playing along at home...you can tune in to the conference Twitter commentary by using hashtag [#citsci2019](#).

CitSciOz20 placeholder

Speaking of conferences, we are excited to let you know that the 3rd Australian Citizen Science conference will be held in the winter of 2020, in south east Queensland! We are still firming up the finer details around date and location, so stay tuned for more information! We'll post it via our website and social media as soon as we can.

Call for Nominations - ACSA Victoria



ACSA-Victoria is looking for committed, capable, enthusiastic people to join its Management Committee. The following roles are open:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Engagement Officer
- General Committee Member (3 places)

The ASCA-Vic Committee gets together at least quarterly to plan the Chapter's program, organise events and align with the programs of member groups and organisations. If you're passionate about involving people from all walks of life in scientific work, please nominate yourself for a role with Citizen Science Victoria today!

For more information, please [click here](#).

To nominate, please complete and submit the [nomination form](#).

Nominations close on Sunday, 31 March, 2019.

Entries to the 2019 Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science are now open!

Are you involved in a project that is building knowledge or skills, empowering the community or changing behaviours?

Sponsored by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, the Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science is awarded to an individual or team for demonstrated excellence in citizen science practice, through an innovative research and community engagement project.

The prize is open to individuals and teams of up to six people, and entrants can either enter themselves or be nominated by others.

It's a brilliant opportunity to get your project noticed; finalist representatives will be invited to attend the Eureka Prizes Award Dinner in Sydney, and the winner will be awarded \$10,000 in prize money.

Entries close 7pm AEST Friday 3 May

Learn more: <https://australianmuseum.net.au/get-involved/eureka-prizes/enter/innovation-citizen-science>



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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:

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