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# Australian Citizen Science Association

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**5 April 2019**

Dear <<First Name>>,

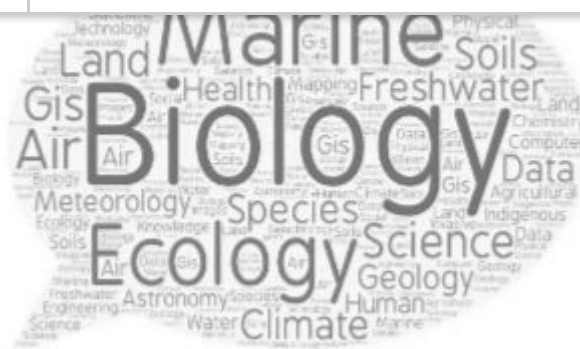
Did you know that April 13th is Citizen Science Day? Citizen Science Day is an annual event to celebrate and promote all things citizen science; amazing discoveries, incredible volunteers, hardworking practitioners, inspiring projects and anything else citizen-science related! To celebrate Citizen Science Day and to help promote citizen science and ACSA, we are running a photo competition! Read on for more details on this competition and much much more.

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## Survey results are in

From July to October 2018, we asked for feedback from Australian Citizen Science Association members and our broader network to find out more about our community and how we can help support this network and better shape our association.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey! The results are in and the information you provided us has been collated and presented in the following report: [ACSA member & network feedback 2018](#).



*Most respondents (97%) were involved in natural science projects.*

This feedback has already contributed to efforts to support, develop and grow the ACSA community by informing the development of the strategic plan for 2019-2021, and additional actions based on your feedback are detailed in the report.

Should you have any comments or questions about this report, please don't hesitate to contact [Amy Slocombe](#).

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## Is your organisation ACSA's new host?

ACSA is looking for a new host institution! After four productive years our arrangement with the Australian Museum is coming to an end as of 30 June 2019. We are grateful to the Museum for all the support we have received as our host institution and for helping ACSA lay the foundations of an active and incorporated association.

We have put together an Expression of Interest form for our new host and we would be grateful if you could share this with your networks or send to anyone you feel may be a good fit for ACSA. Can be based anywhere in Australia!

Expressions of Interest are due **17 May 2019**.

Expression of Interest - ACSA host institution

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## Reflections on #CitSci2019

ACSA Secretary and social media moderator Michelle Neil is back from the States and my goodness does she have a story to tell about #CitSci2019! You can read her in depth blog [here](#) - but grab a cuppa first!



After recording a podcast with SciStarter's [Caroline Knickerson](#), Michelle loved loved the badges, Caroline loved the koala!



Trying out the EPA USA's AirBeam air pollution monitor during the Air Quality Workshop

## ACSA T-shirt competition!

Let's get into the spirit of Citizen Science Day in April with a t-shirt competition!



*No, we're not stretching or doing yoga...who can guess the MC's pose?*

### Competition Details

To enter the competition, wear your ACSA t-shirt and post a photo of yourself on social media with the hashag **#citscioztee**. You can post your photo directly to the ACSA [Facebook page](#) or tag us on Twitter or Instagram. It can be a selfie, a group pic with friends, family, colleagues or pets. Get creative and remember, only the entrant needs to be wearing the ACSA t-shirt in the photo.

### Winner and Prize

The photo that receives the most likes before the competition closes on **April 30th, 2019**, will win a \$50 gift voucher from the Australian Museum shop. Not located in Sydney? No problem! ACSA will purchase a gift voucher for the winner's closest Museum shop. ACSA will notify and announce the winner in May.

*NB: you must be an ACSA member to be eligible to win*

## Street Science fun - WSF Brisbane

The ACSA Queensland Chapter teamed up with the Department of Environment and Science for some Street Science! fun at the World Science Festival Brisbane 2019 on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March. The joint stall at South Bank, called 'Citizen Science: Everyday people powering science', saw approximately 3000 people visit to learn about the power of citizen science (even though it was very hot and humid!).

Saturday morning started with a display by the Glossy Black Conservancy and PhD student Daniella Teixeira sharing her experiences working with these enigmatic birds. People loved holding real red-tailed black and glossy black cockatoo feathers! Wildlife Tourism presented a Nature Puzzle Trail, where visitors could walk the South Bank parklands and discover the plants and animals living there, with a chance to come back and win prizes. A live butterfly display complete with chrysalis and caterpillars were presented by the Butterflies and Other Invertebrates Club much to the delight of all passers-by. The Department of Environment and Science created a fun and interactive way to 'spot-the-particle' in images of dust samples, showcasing the work of the Air Quality Monitoring team.

On Sunday, the day started with Bird Life Southern Queensland's display called Bird's the Word!, showing the variety and beauty of birds in our own backyards, and how to look after backyard birds by creating nest boxes and bird baths. Live butterfly displays again wowed the passing crowds, before the afternoon's activities of peering into the microscopic jewelled world of beach sand from all over the world, with Maggie Muurmans from Griffith Centre for Coastal Management.



*Queensland Chief Scientist Dr Paul*

*Bertsch*

I was fortunate enough to be present for the whole weekend, and I could tell that all the people who visited the displays learned a lot about all the projects, what citizen science means, and how they could get involved in citizen science. I know I learned a lot that weekend about all the projects, study species and objects!

The success of this stall was all down to all the citizen science groups who participated – for taking the time to set-up these creative displays, talking to everyone who came to our stall in a professional and enthusiastic way, and for putting up with the awful heat! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated.

Caitlin Syme

Vice-Chair of the ACSA Queensland Chapter

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## YouTube - can we hit 100?

Most of you should know that ACSA has its own YouTube channel, which our Secretary and social media guru Michelle Neil has painstakingly populated with hours of citsci presentations from our recent conference.

But did you know that unless you have 100+ subscribers to your YouTube channel, you are stuck with a very ugly URL that cannot be customised? Like ours, below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETzSdrExLMkQiF6bDfQ6GQ>

So our call out to you is to **HELP US HIT 100!** It's easy as 1-2-3. Click on the button below, hit the red 'subscribe' button and you're done! Thank you so much.

ACSA YouTube - subscribe now

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**@CitSciTC – a citsci conference for everyone**

before – our first ever worldwide twitter conference! Do you have a smartphone? An internet connected laptop? A computer with wifi? If so then you can participate. And here's the great thing - there is no venue to pay for and no accommodation needed so this is the cheapest conference you will ever attend! [Read more.](#)

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## Did you know...?

Did you know that Google Scholar has a whole host of citizen science "Australia" articles on it at the moment? [Check them out!](#) And these are only since the start of this year. Isn't it fantastic to see citizen science publications in abundance!

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## Ladies Tee's now available!

ACSA has now incorporated a women's style t-shirt into it's product range! Featuring the same image but in a more fitted style, you can pick this up for the same bargain price of \$20 (including free shipping!) Simply click on the [Merchandise tab](#) under About Us and away you go.



**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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