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Australian Citizen Science Association

14 June 2019

Dear <<First Name>>,

Just a quick update this month as we finalise the arrangements for ACSA's new host institution and confirm the details next years Australian Citizen Science Conference on the Gold Coast. We hope to make both of these important announcements next month. Meanwhile, our Management Committee has been busy reviewing our performance against the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan while also preparing the next installment, which will take us through to 2021. We've implemented a number of website upgrades this month, and have a few more in the wings, which we hope will improve the functionality of the site and indeed its usefulness! And we've got a great yarn to share from the Solomon's, featuring ACSA's host representative Paul Flemons.

Website Improvements

We've made a few improvements to our website this month, a couple of which are due to suggestions by our members - thank you for your ideas and feedback!

[1. Open Access Journals](#)

In response to one of our member's request for ACSA-assisted access to scientific journals, we have compiled a list of Open Access Journals which are freely available to all. Each of these journals includes search functionality which allows you to search broadly for 'citizen science' articles or more specifically for a paper or topic of interest. You can find this list under [Resources > Open](#)

[2. Newsletter Archive](#)

All of our past newsletters (excluding the Member's Only newsletters) are now up on our website and accessible to all! If you're a new to ACSA and want to know a bit more about what we do, or if you want to chase up something you've previously read about, you can now access all past editions of our newsletter via our website! Just look under [Stay Connected > Newsletter](#).

[3. Blog Posts now as Clickable Titles](#)

No more scrolling through blog after blog after blog to find the one you want. All our blogs are now displayed as clickable titles listed at the top of the page, with each one hyperlinked to the associated blog. Much easier! Check out [Stay Connected > Blog](#).

[4. Organisational Member Logos](#)

Did you know that 14 organisations have joined ACSA since we launched organisational membership in July 2018? In recognition of this support, we have included each of their logos on our Join Now page (scroll to the bottom) with a link to their website. The relevant logos will also be featured on the individual state & territory chapters that we will be announcing next month! See who our organisational supporters are on the [Join Now](#) page.

If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions for website improvements, we'd love to hear from you via coordinator@citizenscience.org.au.

Mozzie Monitors and Urban Foresters with ACSA-SA

By Katie Irvine, ACSA-SA Chair

The South Australian Chapter hosted a community meeting with citizen science presentations at Glenunga Hub last Thursday evening.

Craig Williams from UniSA spoke about some citizen science projects that his group have started over the last year. These include Mozzie Monitors: A crowd-funded mosquito surveillance program throughout SA involving over 100 citizen scientists, and Activating Citizen Scientists: An initiative with SA Health's Office for Ageing Well.

and help monitor the urban forest, with a variety of activities to cater for different interests.



Dr. Philip Roetman of the Burnside City Council talking about Urban Foresters

We also heard from Tahlia Perry about her recent trip to the Citizen Science Association conference in North Carolina U.S.A., where she presented on EchidnaCSI. Her interesting insights from the conference included the popularity of the iNaturalist platform and the growing field of environmental activism through citizen science.

Thank you to everyone who came along, an enthusiastic group of about 40 citizen science participants, practitioners and new comers. The next ACSA-SA meeting will be an informal catch-up at an Adelaide pub. We will send an invite via the ACSA-SA email list, please email acsasacommittee@gmail.com to register for this list. We hope to see you there.

Citizen Science in the Solomons

In April, ACSA committee member and host representative Paul Flemons led an Australian Museum research expedition to Malaita, Solomon Islands. He and two colleagues travelled to the remote mountainous Kwaio community, accessible only by foot, to learn more about the biodiversity of the area's beetles, moths and snails.

Paul and his team knew that they had to recruit the assistance of the Kwaio

action in this very remote paradise!

You can read the full story [here](#).



Some of the newly crowned citizen scientists in their home of Malaita

Coordinator contact details

As of 1 July 2019, the Australian Museum email address for our National Coordinator Amy Slocombe (amy.slocombe@ausmus.gov.au) will no longer be valid.

Please update your address books to the new address:
coordinator@citizenscience.org.au.

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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