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# Australian Citizen Science Association

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**12 September 2019**

Dear <<First Name>>,

With busy August behind us and Spring upon us, now is the time to look forward to what the rest of the year has in store! If you or your project could use a \$1000 boost, the good news is that it's not too late to put in for an ACSA Seed Grant! We've also opened the call for two new General Members to join our Committee. What a great chance to get involved in ACSA and citizen science in Australia, particularly with the 3rd national citizen confernece on the horizon. We've locked in the dates for that too! Read on...

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**Seed Grant applications due tomorrow!**

# WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH AN EXTRA \$1000?



Members - apply for a 2019 Seed Grant by Fri 13 Sept, 5pm AEST!

Members, have you submitted your ACSA Seed Grant 2019 application? It's not too late.

Applications close tomorrow **Friday 13th September, 2019**. Two \$1000 Seed Grants are up for grabs. Full details, including how to apply for the grant and the T&Cs, can be found [here](#). We encourage all members to apply. Not a member yet? [Join us!](#)

If you need a little inspiration, check out [Geetha Ortac's blog](#). Geeta was one of our Seed Grant recipients in 2018.

## 2018 Seed Grant Recipient: Geeta Ortac

Geeta Ortac, of Bellingin Riverwatch, was the winner of one of the 2018 Seed Grants. Geeta used her grant to produce high quality training manuals for the Bellingin Riverwatch volunteers, who collect monthly river water quality data across 25 sites in the Bellingin Shire. The manuals are taken into the field and cover all aspects of



## CitSciOz20 - DATES CONFIRMED!

OK everyone pull out your diaries, calendars and phones...for we are finally able to announce the dates of the **3rd Australian Citizen Science Conference!**

Leading with the theme "*Inspire, Impact, Influence*" the Conference will be held from **Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th October, 2020**. SAVE THE DATE!

**#CITSCIOZ20**  
**AUSTRALIAN  
CITIZEN SCIENCE  
CONFERENCE**  
**6 to 9 October, 2020**  
Griffith University | Gold Coast  
Queensland | Australia

The graphic features a central orange floral logo surrounded by icons: a camera, a hand holding a magnifying glass, a microscope, a laptop, and a stethoscope.

Other key dates for your diary are:

Call for abstracts open	6 April 2020
Conference registration open	6 April 2020
Call for abstracts close	17 May 2020

Early bird registrations close / deadline for presenting authors to register

31 July 2020

Stay tuned for more details!

## 2019 Citizen Science Eureka Winner!



A huge congratulations to [FrogID](#), winner of the Innovation in Citizen Science 2019 Eureka Prize! Our Chair Erin Roger had the privilege of being [one of the judges](#) for this award, and was impressed by the calibre of all applications (she said it was very tough for them to choose!).

Minister for Industry, Science and Technology Karen Andrews said "In less than two years, FrogID has touched all corners of Australia, revealing insights into Australia's frog distributions, breeding seasons and habitats. The team should be incredibly proud of their work.

"This project is a brilliant concept, and getting involved is as simple as downloading the app to submit recordings of frogs as you hear them. It really shows what can be done with a bit of innovative thinking."

Congratulations **FrogID** from all of us at ACSA!

## Nominate for the ACSA Management Committee!

Nominations for the ACSA Management Committee are now open! There

We are looking for motivated, enthusiastic people who have a little bit of time available to dedicate to growing ACSA and helping us achieve our strategic goals. Skills or experience in fundraising, grant writing, graphic design and/or WordPress would be advantageous. And the perks are that you get to work with a group of motivated citizen science lovers and shape the future direction of ACSA!

You must be an ACSA member to nominate for a position (not yet a member? [Join Now!](#)) The terms of reference and basic responsibilities for the positions are [available here](#).

Please consider joining our team - we'd love to have you!

[Nominate Now!](#)

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## Are you a woman in STEM?

The Australian Academy of Science is looking to *promote and connect women in STEM across Australia* – particularly for career recognition and advancement.



<https://www.stemwomen.org.au/>

This is a great opportunity for our female members and project leaders to become part of this network. Click on the link above to create your STEM Woman profile and start connecting.

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## Monthly Member Spotlight

Continuing our new "member spotlight" feature, this month we are heading south to Tasmania, to meet one of our newest members **Scott Bell**. Over to you, Scott!

purchase 640 acres of varied bushland, close to the coast in North Eastern Tasmania, in 2007. I've protected it with a covenant, apart from 2%, which is set aside for a building envelope.

**Role:** Retiree, home builder, citizen scientist, volunteer, community member

**How long have you been an ACSA member?:** I just joined last month

**Why did you join ACSA?:** To share ideas with other citizen scientists, to help me achieve my citizen science project goals

**How have you used citizen science on your property?:** Initially, I invited some local Wildlife Carers to use the site for the release of rehabilitated animals. An early approach to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Project resulted in the construction of a 50 acre biosecure enclosure, for breeding disease free devils. And a number of other groups are regularly involved in activities on the site - Field Naturalists, other Conservation Landowners, a local school group, and occasionally a Threatened Species group. And of course, family and friends participate.

**What is the most awesome citizen science project you have been involved in and why?** In 2018, I was involved in a state wide citizen science project, undertaking a census of wedge tailed eagles. I'd previously been monitoring fauna, in a slap dash fashion, periodically trapping, or trail camera photographing. I've since tried to be more diligent, recording dates and sites where trappings occur. There is still a way to go, in terms of developing more rigorous systems. Perhaps by sharing ideas with other citizen scientists, I'll be able to achieve this goal. And also finishing the house building project will free up some extra time.....



*Scott with the lighthouse at Tasman Island, where he does voluntary work with the "Friends of Tasman Island"*

If you would like to share your citizen science story, or would to nominate a fellow ACSA member to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, please let us know! [coordinator@citizenscience.org.au](mailto:coordinator@citizenscience.org.au).

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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:

[coordinator@citizenscience.org.au](mailto:coordinator@citizenscience.org.au) or via our [website](#).

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