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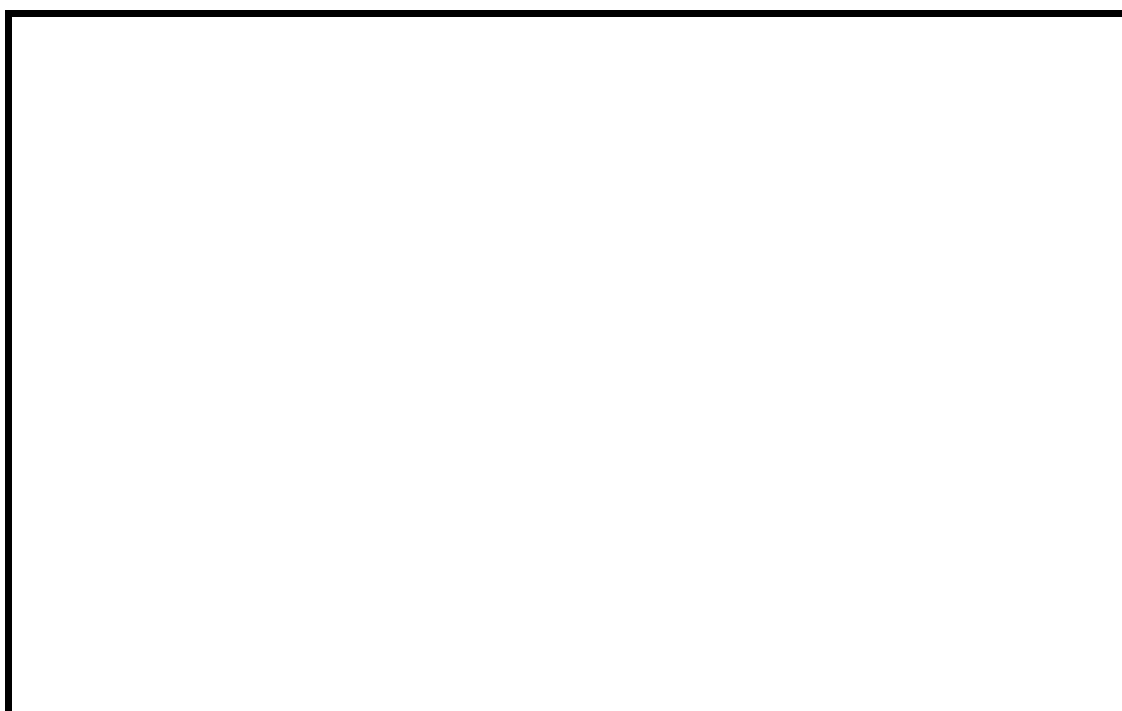
Australian Citizen Science Association

11 October 2019

Dear <<First Name>>,

Nominations for the ACSA Management Committee are due Monday 28th October! There are two General Member positions available, each with a two-year term beginning December 2019. Are you interested in joining our team? Read on to find out more, as well as an exciting job opportunity with CSA, a volunteer opportunity for ACSA and also our monthly member spotlight featuring Monique Van Sluys.

ACSA AGM - 11 November



2019 AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 2:00pm, University of Sydney

ACSA would like to extend an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Australian Citizen Science Association. The AGM will be held on Monday 11th November 2019 at the [University of Sydney](#), from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Full details can be found [on our website](#).

Mgt Committee nominations close Oct 28

Nominations for the two General Member positions on the [ACSA Management Committee](#) remain open until **Monday 28th October, 2019**.

Being on the committee is a highly rewarding experience, and provides members with an opportunity to engage with peers, professionals and the community to help advance citizen science both within Australia and globally.

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.

Please have a look at the [Terms of Reference and basic responsibilities](#) for the position. Once nominations are received, they will be considered for inclusion in the pool of nominees on which financial members of the Association will vote at the AGM on 11 November.

Nominations are due by Monday 28th October, 2019. You must be a

Nominate Now!

Can you help?

Have you seen our [Project Finder](#)?

Results from our recent ACSA Member's Survey highlighted the need for our Project Finder to stay up to date. The ACSA Management Committee Project Finder team is currently going through over 400 projects listed on the Project Finder as a peer review process. Following this, contact needs to be made with the hosts of projects on the Project Finder to double check that all the projects listed are current and contain the correct information.

If you have a few spare hours a week, we would love a hand with this important task! And there may just be a free conference registration in it for you...

If you are able to volunteer your time to help coordinate this effort, please contact our Secretary, Michelle, at secretary@citizenscience.org.au. Thank you.

GEO Week 2019



Next month, representatives from 105 Member governments, 127 international organisations and thousands of passionate individuals and businesses will meet together in Canberra for GEO Week (GEO = The Group on Earth Observations). The GEO community uses data about our planet to drive sustained and inclusive economic growth. GEO provides a unique forum where governments, businesses, the research community, not-for-profits and all other groups come together to create solutions, to share, and to cooperate.

ACSA community. In particular, there will be a discussion on the use of citizen science within the Earth Observations community - "With a Little Help From Our Friends: The Value and Use of Citizen Science for GEO".

Registration is free so if you are in the area, you may wish to go along and hear international speakers on citizen science and other topics.

Boost your project's efficiency & impact

Are you running a citizen science project and keen to improve project efficiency and increase impact? Then, come along for this FREE 1-hour Project Management webinar delivered by Project Checkpoint.



Dates available: Friday 25 Oct 19 (10:30am AEST) Tuesday 29 Oct 19 (6:00pm AEST).

What is covered in the webinar? This 1-hour webinar is packed with information designed to give you a taste of project management basics and how it can help you achieve better results.

To ensure maximum learning, we have limited the number of available spots. Get in early before spots run out and please share with anyone who may want to come along too.

Don't miss out! [Register via Facebook](#).

Has your City joined the City Nature Challenge?

For the first time ever in April 2020, Australian cities and townships will be competing for citizen science glory on a world wide scale using iNaturalist app in the 5th worldwide City Nature Challenge. Cities around the world will be competing in a bioblitz-style competition to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people in one weekend.



Find Wildlife



Take a Picture



Share!

Has your city or town joined the challenge? It isn't too late to sign up as a coordinator for your city or town. Go to <http://citynaturechallenge.org/>.

Job Opportunity - CSA Journal

The [Citizen Science Association](#) is seeking a **Managing Editor** and an **Editor-in-Chief** for the open access, peer-reviewed journal, *Citizen Science: Theory & Practice*.

[Brief descriptions of these positions are posted here](#), or link directly to the full position announcement for [Managing Editor](#) and for [Editor-in-Chief](#). *Please note the due date for applications at the bottom of this announcement.*

[Citizen Science: Theory & Practice](#) (CS:TP) is an online-only, open-access and peer-reviewed journal established in 2014 by the CSA in partnership with Ubiquity Press Ltd. The journal seeks to advance the field of citizen science by providing a central space for scholarly communications across multiple disciplines and contexts. Our target audience is a mix of scholars, practitioners, and those with an interest in expanding their efforts into public involvement including: project coordinators, scientists, education researchers, evaluators, participants, funders, and others in a wide range of fields including ecology, astronomy, public health and many more.

At the moment, the journal publishes an average of two issues annually, each containing an average of nine papers, while receiving an average of 60 manuscripts each year. These papers are processed by the Journal's international Editorial Board, which currently consists of 18 individuals with expertise in peer-review publication.

Each of these positions offers an opportunity to make a major impact on a young journal in a dynamic and rapidly growing field.

We seek highly motivated and highly skilled candidates with strong experience

for specific qualifications). **Applicants can be based anywhere in the world.** As this publication is in English, fluency writing and reviewing in English is required.

Applications for **Managing Editor** will be accepted until filled (aim to fill by mid/end of October if not before). Direct inquiries regarding this position to Jennifer Shirk, director@citizenscience.org

Applications for **Editor-in-Chief** position will be accepted through 17 October 2019. Please direct inquiries regarding this position to Michael Pocock, Michael.pocock@ceh.ac.uk.

Call for your CitSci publications

If you've 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 **August 2019 - October 2019**.

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

The call out closes **25 October** and the list will be published in November's newsletter.

Monthly Member Spotlight

Continuing our "member spotlight" feature, this month we are head east to meet one of our earliest foundation members, NSW-based **Monique Van Sluys**. Over to you, Monique!

Name: Monique Van Sluys

Role: Wildlife Conservation Officer

Why did you join ACSA?: I have been involved with ACSA since the early discussions to create a citizen science network back in 2013-14. To join ACSA as a founding member was an easy and natural decision. I believe that the wide community should be involved with science for a better understanding of what it takes to create knowledge.

What do you love about citizen science?: I do appreciate the opportunities citizen science creates for the wider community to engage with different aspects of science, to foster public participation and curiosity regarding the scientific process. It is inspiring for individuals to make a difference and contribute to the broader science community through sharing knowledge and collaborating data.

What is the most awesome citizen science project you have been involved in and why?: I haven't been extensively involved with citizen science projects. The first project I had been involved with was to identify galaxies for a NASA project - very cool! They all looked a blur to me at the start!



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.

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 or via our [website](#).

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