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Australian Citizen Science Association

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Dear <<First Name>>,

Now is the time to have your say in shaping the future of ACSA! Voting is open for the two new General Members to join ACSA's Management Committee. We bring you all the AGM details below, as well as a reminder about GEOWeek, an exciting article from the UN about the potential for citizen science to help monitor the SDGs and a slightly different member spotlight featuring ACSA's Patron Dr Geoff Garrett AO.

Voting Open!

Voting is now open for the election of two General Members to the ACSA Management Committee for 2020-2021. We received six nominations for the two available positions. The six candidates are shown below - you can find their profiles and answers to four questions about the field of citizen science, together with details relevant skills and experience, [here](#). Alternatively, you can access individual profiles by clicking on the images below. Please use this information to help you decide which **two** candidates to vote for.

Remember, you must be a current ACSA Member to vote.

General Member Candidates



[Jordan Gacutan](#) (NSW)



[Dr Cobi Calyx](#) (SA)



[Jonathan Inglis](#) (VIC)



[Dr Maxine Newlands](#) (QLD)



Ready to vote now? Members, [log in here to access the voting form](#).

Want to vote but aren't a member? [Click here](#) to renew or join up.

Ballots must be received by midday (AEDT) Monday 11th November.

[Vote Now!](#)

ACSA AGM - 11 November

Join us at the AGM to find out who your new committee members will be, as well as the winners of the Seed Grants. You'll also hear an address from our new Host Institution Representative, and be presented with ACSA's new 3-year strategic plan.

We want to make this event as accessible to as many of you as possible, so there are [three ways you can attend](#):

1. In person
2. Via Zoom
3. Facebook livestream

We'd love to have you along. Please click [here](#) for all the access details.

[View the Agenda](#).



2019 AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 1:00pm, 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](#).

GEO Week is here!



In or near by Canberra? Interested in attending [Geo Week 2019](#)? It's not too late! 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.

Citizen science and the SDGs

Last month, the UN published an article highlighting [the potential of citizen science to track progress on the Sustainable Development Goals](#), following a [recent paper in Nature](#) on the aligning the two.

"We are currently almost five years into the [2030 Sustainable Development](#)

monitor the environmental dimension of the Goals using traditional data sources alone."

Jillian Campbell, UNEP's statistician leading the work on monitoring the SDGs, goes on to highlight the enormous potential for citizen science to help monitor and track these goals as part of a global collaboration, while also acknowledging that we need to strengthen the interface between governments and citizen science organisations.

It's an interesting read, highlighting the very real potential for citizen science to contribute on this global stage. And while you're there, make sure you [check out the music video](#) featured in the article as well...it's a good 'un!

Your CitSci publications are up!

The November edition of the ACSA publications listing is now live on our website. Check out the recent publications by clicking on the link below: thanks to all who contributed.

ACSA Publications List No. 9 - November 2019

Monthly Member Spotlight

Our Member Profile this month is a slight departure from previous formats, featuring a Q&A with ACSA's Patron, **Dr Geoff Garrett AO**. Answering questions ranging from his first encounter with citizen science to his involvement with ACSA and his visions for the field going forward, Geoff delivers an amusing, honest and engaging account of the years since citizen science first crossed his radar (which was not as early as you might have expected for a Chief Scientist!) But perhaps that is just testament to the times that were. Not anymore! Read on to find out a little more about our Patron.

ACSA: How did you get interested in Citizen Science? And why?

Geoff Garrett: To my considerable embarrassment, during my time as CSIRO's Chief Executive and, thereafter, as Queensland's Chief Scientist, Citizen Science hadn't really crossed my radar. I was probably not alone in this as, for example, up to that point I can't recall

Alan Finkel.

But then, late in 2016, towards the end of our time in Queensland, I got an interesting (and some might say pushy!) letter from a devoted Citizen Science evangelist....

[Read more](#)



Geoff sharing a science story with one of his dranddaughters, Evie

If you would like to share your citizen science story, or would to nominate a

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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