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Australian Citizen Science Association

19 October 2020

Dear <<First Name>>,

Welcome to Week 3 of [#CitSciOzOnline](#)!

ACSA was delighted by the speakers and active participation in our most recent sessions - The Disaster Response and Coffee Chat Resilience sessions. We welcomed nearly 60 attendees from across Australia and the world. We were pleased with the number of people who stayed on the call to listen and participate in an active discussion on resilience facilitated by ACSA's Patron Dr. Geoff Garrett (who many have since commented sounds like actor Michael Caine!) There were pop quizzes on ACSA throughout the sessions with two lucky winners (your prizes are on their way). We are busy posting the videos on our [YouTube channel](#) so keep your eyes out for them!

This week we are looking at **Collaborations and Partnerships** in citizen science, and with a stellar line up of speakers we look forward to you joining us on Wednesday evening from 7pm AEDT. Remember this is a **free event for ACSA members** so if you've been thinking about joining us, [now is the time](#)!

With thanks to our sponsors...



Connections and Partnerships Stream

Wednesday Oct 21st 7PM – 8PM AEDT

The **Connections and Partnerships Stream** will showcase four speakers who will discuss the role of connections and partnerships in supporting citizen science at different levels - from the policy level (macro), to the institutional level (meso) and finally at the individual/community level (micro). The four speakers will then engage in a Q&A and short panel discussion afterwards.

Speaker Bios



Allie Mokany

*Communications Manager,
Australian Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment*

[Allie Mokany](#) is a Science communication specialist with over 10 years' experience in translating on-ground research outcomes into information that can be used for practical decision making.

She is the communication manager for the National Environmental Science Program acting as the conduit between public funded research and the translation of that research into useful products for influencing public policy.

Cassie Thompson

*Senior Advisor, NSW Natural
Resources Commission*

[Cassie Thompson](#) is an ecologist with a background in ecological consultancy, working for multi-national engineering companies and smaller boutique firms. After a decade in consultancy, she made the switch to government working as a biodiversity specialist at Transport for NSW.



Monitoring Improvement Program. The Program aims to deliver data-based evidence to improve management and outcomes for NSW forests, and where possible, harnessing the power of citizen science to help achieve this goal.

Cassie is passionate about Australia's biodiversity and achieving ecologically sustainable outcomes, focused on providing robust and practical solutions to challenging ecological issues. She is also an avid volunteer, and has been assisting with the annual NPWS surveys of the Mountain Pygmy Possum in Kosciuszko National Park for over 12 years, as well as other citizen science projects throughout the State.



Anntonette Dailey

Executive Director, Operations and Communications at the Australian Space Agency

[Anntonette Dailey](#) started work for the Australian Space Agency soon after it was established in July 2018. Anny is responsible for the operations of the Agency and ensuring it meets its government requirements as well as establishing its governance arrangement.

In addition to managing the parliamentary interaction, finances, human resources and event management, Anny is also responsible for all communications for the Agency and has a personal goal to meet the key values of the Agency – namely to inspire Australians and ‘do cool stuff’.

Tahlia Perry

Environment Institute, The University of Adelaide

[Tahlia Perry](#) is a finishing PhD student at The University of Adelaide, where she has combined her passions for molecular biology and public outreach to aid in conservation and captive breeding of the iconic short-beaked echidna.

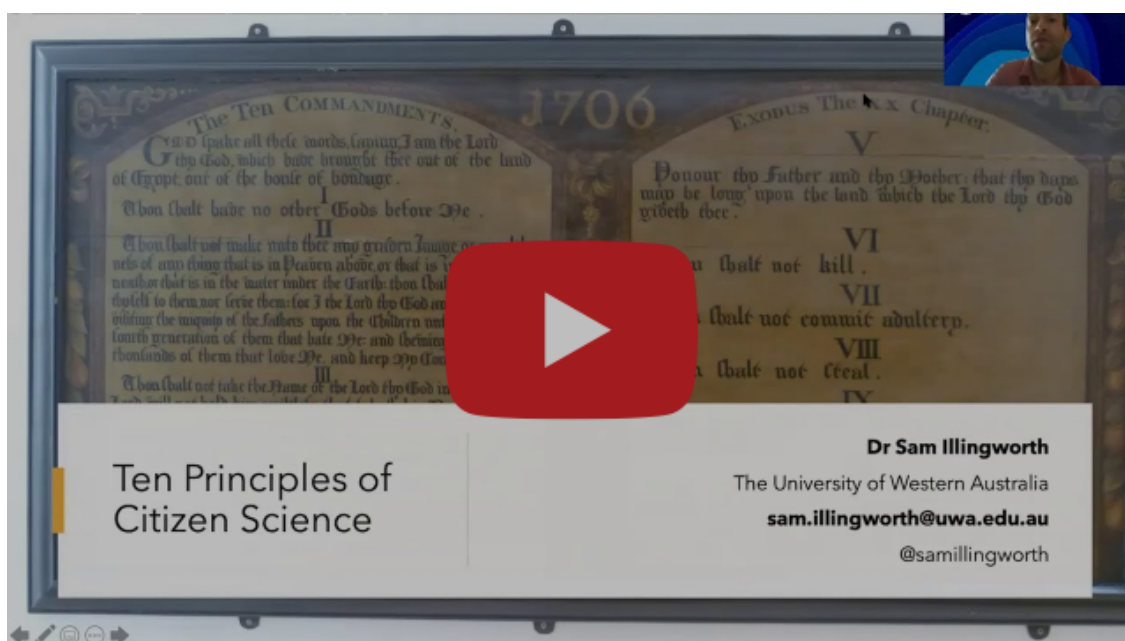


science project EchidnaCSI. This project has engaged thousands of the general public to submit echidna sightings and scat material in order to gain unprecedented insights into wild echidna populations across the country. Tahlia will discuss how EchidnaCSI joins together various research fields such as ecology, genetics and microbiology in combination with citizen science to increase the knowledge surrounding the biology and health of wild echidnas. Tahlia will also discuss the partnerships formed between EchidnaCSI and Taronga and Perth Zoos to inform better captive management and breeding of echidnas.



As a teaser for the Connections and Partnerships stream, we have already uploaded two videos for you! Check them out below...

Dr Sam Illingworth from the University of Western Australia talks to us about the Ten Principles of Citizen Science



Libby Hepburn and Uta Wehn, co-leads of the [Citizen Science & Open Science Community of Practice](#), discuss the community of practice and how it is creating new partnerships and connections.



Registration & Tickets

Get your tickets [here](#)! One ticket will gain you access to the whole event, and you can attend as many sessions as you wish! All information will be sent to you via email prior to each session.

This event operates on a 'pay what you can afford basis' (from \$0-\$20) and is **FREE** for [Australian Citizen Science Association](#) members .



Missed a Session?

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- Landscape transformation and restoration
- Low energy technologies

- Conservation biology
- Environmental economics
- Evolutionary biology
- Genetics, ancient DNA and DNA barcoding
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- Natural hazard risk reduction
- Palaeontology
- Safeguarding biodiversity
- Water quality and supply

The Institute is proud to support the following University of Adelaide citizen science projects:

EchidnaCSI

EchidnaCSI has engaged thousands of the general public to submit echidna sightings and scat material in order to gain unprecedented insights into wild echidna populations across the country.

iBandi

iBandi aims to connect citizen scientists with scientists to find, share, and prioritise unoccupied blackberry habitat within bushland for endangered bandicoots.

For more information please visit the Environment Institute website [here](#).

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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