

No images? [Click here](#)**April 2021**

Dear ,

Did you know that April is [Global Citizen Science Month](#)? In just a couple of years it has grown from a single day of events to a coordinated effort supported by SciStarter, the Citizen Science Association, National Geographic and many other collaborators from around the world! Citizen Science Month offers thousands of opportunities for you to turn your curiosity into impact. There's something for everyone and you can [join a project or event](#) from wherever you are to help scientists answer questions they cannot answer without you.

Read on for all this and more...

Citizen Science and Education

We are often asked to provide examples of citizen science projects that are suitable for children and those that educators can adopt in classrooms or can be used by community groups such as Scouts. In honour of [Citizen Science Month](#), we've adapted an email our Social Media Moderator, Michelle Neil, prepared in response to an inquiry from a member of

our community and [popped it on our website](#). Let us know if you have other projects or initiatives that are great for children that should be included!

Citizen science for kids



Using their devices for good (not evil) – Cooloola Bioblitz 2019. Pic: Michelle Neil

Now open – 2021 Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science

Are you involved in an innovative research and community engagement project?

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources [Eureka Prize for Citizen Science](#) is a great opportunity to get your work recognised. Winners will also be awarded \$10,000 in prize money, so there are two great reasons to enter!

While it's essential that the entered work aligns with the prize purpose and assessment criteria, and conditions of entry are met, judges aren't looking for a particular 'type' of project. So, if you can meet the above requirements, consider making 2021 the year you put your work forward.

The Eureka Prizes team is available to provide entry support through until the deadline, so contact them with any questions via eureka@australian.museum.

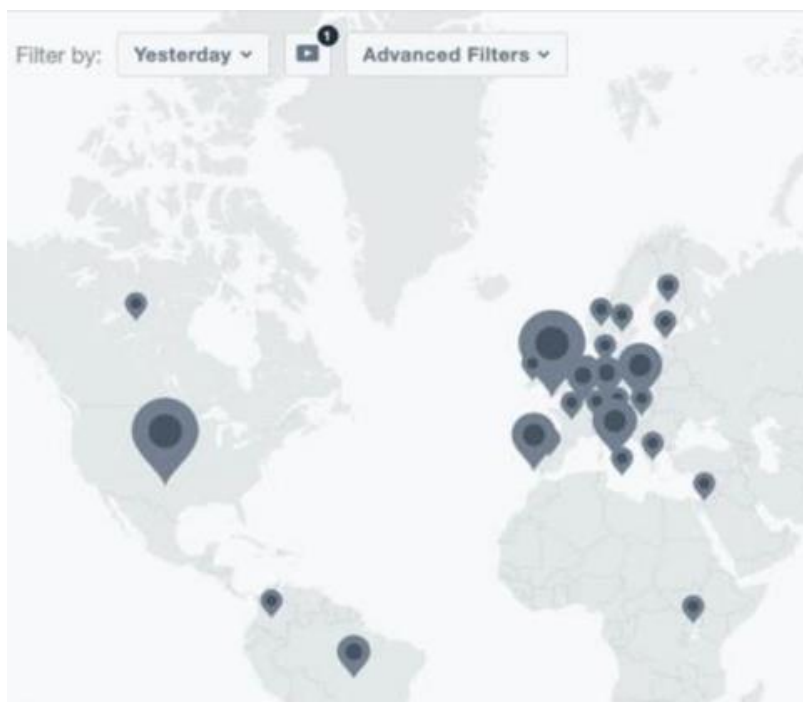
Entries close 7pm AEST Friday 28 May



*Image of Virtual Reef Diver (Queensland University of Technology),
finalist in the 2019 Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science.*

Citizen Science Snippets





We are thrilled that the [ACSA Seed Grant awarded to Erinn Fagan-Jeffries in 2019](#) has allowed her to complete her dream project! Four new species of parasitoid wasp found and named by South Australian schools. Erinn's paper has been published in [Zootaxa](#) - congratulations Erinn!

[Read Erinn's paper](#)

[The third ECSA 2020 conference report](#) is now available. We had several folks from Australia present, and you can [watch conference sessions and keynote](#)

[speeches](#) on the ECSA YouTube channel. You can also find broader ECSA & EU-Citizen.Science webinars on this channel.

[Read Conference Report](#)

The latest newsletter from Saving our Species reflects on the vital role citizen science volunteers play in collecting and analysing the data generated through their program. SoS is one of the biggest conservation initiatives run by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, who are [organisational members of ACSA](#).

[Read SoS newsletter](#)

Picture a Scientist - ACSA members offer



In honour of International Womens Day 2021, ACSA would like to offer a **complimentary screening** of the incredible 'Picture a Scientist' documentary to our members!

The first 100 current ACSA members who register will receive their own unique link to a private virtual screening room, and you will have 72 hours to watch the film from the nominated date & time (to be advised, but it will be over a weekend).

Get in quick – [regsiter now!](#) | Not yet a member? [Join us!](#)

[Register now](#)

We're going virtual! CitSciOz21

We had hoped to hold a face-to-face conference in 2021, but with the Covid-19 situation still unstable we have decided to stage a full virtual conference this year instead.

And we'd LOVE your input!

* **Join the conference working group** and help us plan and organise the event. Meeting once/month at this stage.

* **Nominate a key note speaker** - both national and international. Who would you like to hear from?

Please [email Amy](#) with your ideas or to join the working group.

Share your Snaps?

ACSA is in the process of building a library of citizen science photos that we can feature on our website and use in general promotion of ACSA and citizen science. And we'd love to hear from YOU!



Members of Leard Forest Research Node conducting ambient air monitoring and dust deposition monitoring at a farm adjacent to Maules Creek Coal Mine

Do you have any photos of you or your volunteers 'doing' citizen science? Are you willing to share your snaps with ACSA?

Our aim is to have a diverse gallery of citizen science photos on our website, freely available to all for use in promoting citizen science (with appropriate permissions in place). So if you have any photos we would LOVE to hear from you! Please email Amy via coordinator@citizenscience.org.au.

March Publications Listing

March was a busy month in the publications department! Check out our summary of citizen science articles relevant to Australia; it's up [on our website](#) now.

ACSA Publications Listing March 2021



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