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leaves are beautiful
of insect consumption
shapes and
scips amaze me
hills Conservation
Reserve.

30 DEC 2020

26 DEC 2020
Titi Can Bay
Cooloola Coast
Queensland

Christmas 2020 gave
a few opportunities
forage in nature.
Walks around the head
Doonella trail in
Noosaville. A day
exploring the tidal
flats of Titi Can Bay
and chasing Sally
Crabs across the sand.
The weather is just
lovely and nature
is at her best.

1 found this dead
baby bird on the
sidewalk in Towanah.
It was nearly hatched.
Wonder what happened
to it. Did it just fall
out or was it pushed?
What type of bird is it?

Sperredonia sp. (Moth)

These two
feathers
have only
metals
spant.
Not sure
what bird.

29 DEC 2020
Noosaville
Queensland
Aust.

lake
Doonella
Trail

27 DEC 2020
Titi Can Bay
Cooloola Coast
Queensland

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The Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present and recognise their unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society and citizen science.

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This annual report has been designed for accessible online use and distribution. All of ACSA's annual reports, are available at citizenscience.org.au/Documents. Further information on ACSA's goals, activities and services can be found at: citizenscience.org.au.

Governance

ACSA is an incorporated association and is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives, powers and administrative arrangements for the Association.

ACSA is lead by a volunteer Management Committee established under the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, and is supported by state and territory based regional chapters.

The day to day operations of ACSA are conducted by a National Coordinator who is employed part-time.

Membership fees

Individual **\$80**

Concession **\$40** (see concession categories below)

Organisational **\$350**

Corporate **\$860**

Concession categories accepted:

Australian Student Card-holders

Seniors Card-holders (all states)

International seniors aged over 60 years

International Students Card-holders

Australian Government Pension-Card holders

Australian Veterans' Affairs Gold Card-holders

Additional charges may apply to special events.



Who are we?

The Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) is the peak body for citizen science in Australia. We are an independent, non-government, not-for-profit organisation. ACSA was established in 2014 when a large number of dedicated volunteers came together to discuss how to increase awareness of and support Australian citizen science, both nationally and globally. More than 380 people were members of ACSA during 2020-21, as were 30 organisations. Funding for ACSA has been received in the form of a Commonwealth Government grant administered through Inspiring Australia Program. 2020-21 was the final year of funding under the grant agreement. The Association is hosted by the University of Sydney.

ACSA Vision

A community that supports, informs and develops citizen science

ACSA Mission

To advance citizen science through sharing of knowledge, collaboration, capacity building & advocacy for citizen science.

How do we Operate?

ACSA is an incorporated association and is governed by a constitution that sets out the objectives, powers and administrative arrangements.

ACSA is overseen by a volunteer Management Committee established under the Associations Incorporation Act 1991. In 2020-21 the Committee comprised 10 elected members and 1 representative of the Host Institution, which for 2020-21 was The University of Sydney. ACSA Management Committee members must have knowledge of, or experience in one or more of the following: citizen science, business skills, stakeholder engagement, fundraising.

Committee members are elected by ACSA members at the Annual General Meeting for a term of up to two years. Committee members may serve more than one term. Committee members may also be direct appointed by the Management Committee in order to fill a vacancy should it arise prior to the end of term.

ACSA's Management Committee is supported by its Patron, as well as an International Liaison, a Citizen Science Global Partnership Liaison, a Partnerships Liaison and a Social Media moderator, all of whom are appointed to these roles based on expertise in their fields. The day to day operations of ACSA are conducted by a National Coordinator who is employed part-time.

The Committee is also supported by regional chapters, which serve to help implement the strategic goals, priorities and actions of ACSA at a regional level. Chapters operate under their own management committee and report monthly to the ACSA Management Committee. In 2020-21, chapters were operational in Queensland, ACT & region, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

Our People

ACSA Management Committee



Dr Erin Roger
Chair



Stephanie von Gavel
Vice Chair



Alysoun Boyle
Secretary



Peter Runcie
Treasurer



Dr Alice Motion
Host Representative



Rosalinde Brinkman
General Member
Chapter Chairs



Cobi Calyx
General Member



Lisa Evans
General Member



Bill Flynn
General Member



Jenn Loder
General Member



Maxine Newlands
General Member



Janine Bedros
Chair ACSA-QLD



John Pring
Chair ACSA-ACT & region



Kade Mills
Chair ACSA-VIC



Sylvia Clark
Chair ACSA-SA



Alex Chapman
Chair ACSA-WA

Support Personnel



Jessie Oliver
International Liaison



Libby Hepburn
Global Citizen Science
Partnership Liaison



Patrick Tegart
Partnership Liaison



Dr Geoff Garrett AO
Patron



Amy Slocombe
National Coordinator

Staff

CHAIR'S REPORT



This past year has been an important year for citizen science in Australia and globally, with some significant initiatives underway including the incorporation of the Global Citizen Science Partnership with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and the UNESCO Open Science Recommendation. I'm pleased to say that ACSA's has been heavily engaged in both.

It's also been an incredibly challenging year for many of us, but the growth and interest in citizen science remains very strong. ACSA has changed its approach this year by pivoting and producing online resources, refreshed content, forming new partnerships and producing #CitSciOnline and #ConnectingCommunities all the while continuing with the core work of the association. We also successfully launched ACSA Consulting in June, which is a new business model for the association. So, thank you members and supporters and all the volunteers who so generously give us your time.

Below I have summarised only some of ACSA's achievements for 2020-2021. We should all be very proud of how far ACSA has come.

- Partnered with the NSW Natural Resource Commission to implement their Citizen Science Strategy for their state-wide Forest Monitoring Program, and GeoScience Australia to assist in the development of their organisational citizen science strategy.
- Partnered with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust to develop their Citizen Science Strategy.
- Continued to work with the Minderoo Foundation Fire and Flood Resilience Initiative to scale citizen science bushfire monitoring and embed citizen science in broader disaster resilience planning and delivery.

- Delivered [CitSciOnline](#) free to our members and sponsors with over 200 people registering to attend the sessions held every Wednesday throughout October 2020. We have now published these [series of fantastic talks on ACSA's YouTube](#) as additional resources for our community.
- Provided our members with an exclusive viewing subscription to the award winning documentary *Picture a Scientist* to stimulate discussion and provoke thought on the importance of diversity in STEM.
- We developed and distributed our 2021 member and community survey to help us better understand and support our membership base.
- The ACSA Early-Mid career researchers (EMCR) Working Group launched a [lunchtime seminar series](#) discussing exciting developments in Australian citizen science research.
- Developed a [Citizen Science and Education resource](#) suitable for children, educators and community groups such as Scouts.
- Developed a photo library of [citizen science photos](#) as a free CC-BY resource to support promotional citizen science activities.
- Delivered [Connecting Communities](#) in partnership with the NSW Chief Scientist's Office to emphasise citizen science as a method for communities to explore nature, the environment and its connection to health and wellbeing. We had 127 people register to attend and hosted nine diverse, passionate and articulate speakers from across Australia.
- Participated in webinars, [gave invited talks](#), [radio](#) and [print media interviews](#) and [advocated](#) (such as providing input into the State of Environment Report chapters) and advised on citizen science.
- Helped shape global citizen science growth through participation in initiatives such as the development of the [Global Citizen Science Partnership](#) with an ACSA representative sitting on its recently established Interim Board.
- Launched and awarded the [2020 seed grants](#) as a way of giving back and investing in our members.
- Re-established our Western Australia Chapter, bringing us to five well-functioning regional Chapters across the country (WA, QLD, SA, VIC, ACT & Region). ACSA chapters have held meetings, events, webinars and activities and supported other initiatives in their region as they occur. Each chapter has reported back to the Management Committee in our monthly meetings and posted resources on our YouTube Channel. Our YouTube channel hosts hours of content and has had more than 4,000 unique views.
- Distributed monthly general newsletters and quarterly membership newsletters. Monthly general newsletter subscribers ticked over to 2084 this year.

Special thanks to Michelle Neil and Ciara Kenneally for their tireless efforts keeping our [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels active. ACSA's Facebook group sits at nearly 5,200 followers now, Twitter at nearly 5,900 and our Instagram account has grown by 478%, which is a great achievement and wonderful testament to their dedication. ACSA also has benefited from the time of two other volunteers this year Andrew Kinsela and Faiza Sayed. Thanks also to all remaining and outgoing extended Management Committee members for the time and dedication you have given ACSA.

Upcoming priorities for ACSA include the CitSciOz conference for 2021, ramping up grant and funding applications to ensure our sustainability as an association, and continuing to advocate for and articulate the benefits of a coordinated, inclusive approach to citizen science.

As Chair of the Australian Citizen Science Association, I am tremendously proud to be associated with ACSA and see firsthand the impact we are having on the growth of citizen science in Australia and globally. It has been a distinct pleasure to chair the Management Committee over the past five years, and our sixth year has been incredibly productive. We couldn't do it without your support. We now look forward to the coming year and all that it brings.



ERIN ROGER

Chair

FINANCIAL REPORT



ACSA's 2020/21 external financial review was again conducted by independent reviewer Alexandra Wilson. The reviewer has stated that ACSA's financial statements provide a "true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year 2020/21".

Our great thanks to ACSA's coordinator, Amy Slocombe, for managing the finances so well last year and continuing to do so.

Highlights for the Year

Although we were impacted by Covid-19, 2020/2021 saw progress on several fronts:

- We established ACSA Consulting.
- GST registration granted by the Australian Tax Office.
- Improved financial management processes.
- Transitioned to a new web platform with additional features and is less costly to operate from FY21/22 onwards.

Financial Position

We had a net surplus of \$48,263 for the year - an improvement on the previous year's deficit of \$17,333. This was due to an increase in cash received from grants and consulting. This resulted in an increase in equity from \$55,000 to \$103,264.

Income

Total Income for the year was \$132,493 - an increase from \$68,047 in the previous year. This was mainly from consulting services and grants income from the Minderoo Foundation, Geoscience Australia, NSW Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer and the third and final instalment of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science grant.

As with last year, membership fees were about 10% lower than in pre-pandemic years and events income was negligible. ACSA received welcome government financial assistance to help deal with the effects of COVID-19.

Expenditure

Overall expenditure for the year was similar to the previous year at \$84,230. Employment expenses remain the highest expenditure category and saw an increase over the previous year.

Covid-19 reduced opportunities for face-to-face meetings and travel, resulting in some cost savings. This was offset by costs incurred in achieving contract and grant milestones as we are moving to rely less on volunteers to deliver on these commitments.

The Future

As ACSA looks ahead to 2021/22 we will continue to focus on income supporting the ongoing sustainability of the organisation and enabling us to add value to our members and Australian citizen science more broadly.

On behalf of the ACSA Management Committee I extend our gratitude to our staff, members, funding bodies, and clients for their essential financial support.



PETER RUNCIE

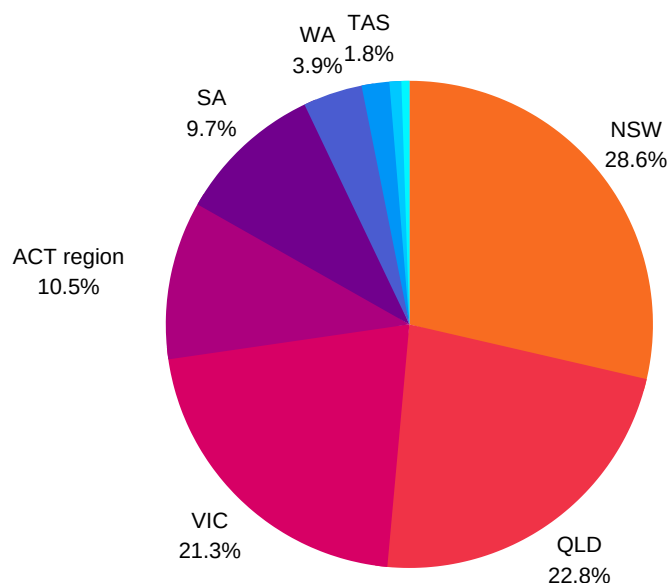
Treasurer

Membership Snapshot

**384
MEMBERS
DURING
FY2021**

**30
ORGANISATIONAL
MEMBERS**

Where do our members come from?



Membership Profile*

Nature of citizen science involvement:

45% volunteers
32% practitioners
21% not yet involved
2% students

Length of involvement:

20% 1 to 3 years
28% 4 to 10 years
15% more than 15 years

Affiliation:

36% not for profit
27% no affiliation
17% University / TAFE
17% Government

Main focus areas:

Biodiversity, marine citizen science, animals

**Data is extracted from voluntary submissions to the Membership database. It does not include all members.*

Organisational Members



Social Media Snapshot

In 2021, 4.48 billion people - over 60% of the global population - were active on social media. Increasingly, social media is where people discover new brands, projects and ideas, but it takes effective strategy and messaging to build an audience. To promote ACSA's brand across our social media channels and encourage interaction, our social media volunteer promotes different focus areas for citizen science on a weekly basis eg Teacher Tuesday (citizen science projects relevant to teachers and education), world-wide Wednesday (international happenings), and 'appy Friday (promotion of a citizen science app). All five of ACSA's social channels continue to grow.

TOTAL FOLLOWERS



This represents a growth rate of 11%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT RATE



ACSA's engagement rate across all channels was 4.5%, well above the industry standard of 0.5%. Engagements include likes, comments and shares on posts.

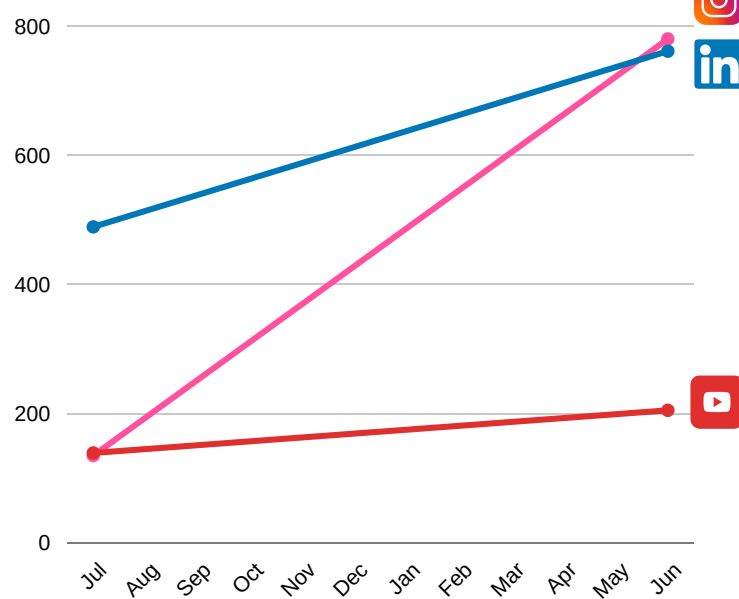
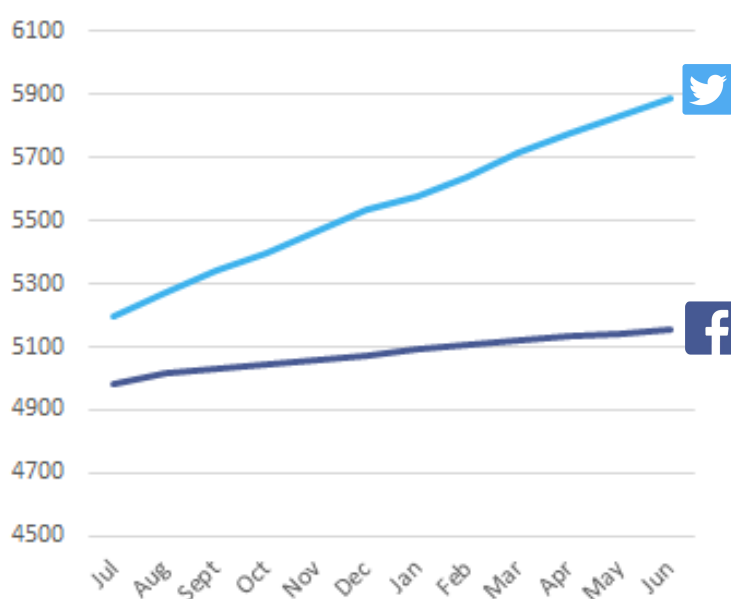
TOTAL IMPRESSIONS



An impression is when a post is visible in a social feed. This is how many people saw the ACSA brand across all social channels.



GROWTH IN SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



Instagram was our fastest growing social media channel in 2020-21, clearly outpacing both Facebook and Twitter with 477% increase over the year, adding about 1.76 followers per day. This is reflective of our dedicated Instagram volunteer and the popularity of the visual medium.

ACSA Chapters

ACSA has Chapters operating in Queensland, the ACT & Region, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. Chapters help implement ACSA's strategic goals, priorities and actions at the regional level. Chapters have been particularly active over the past year holding stalls at regional science fairs and festivals, championing events such as the City Nature Challenge and the Great Southern Bioblitz, and conducting numerous online presentations and webinars.



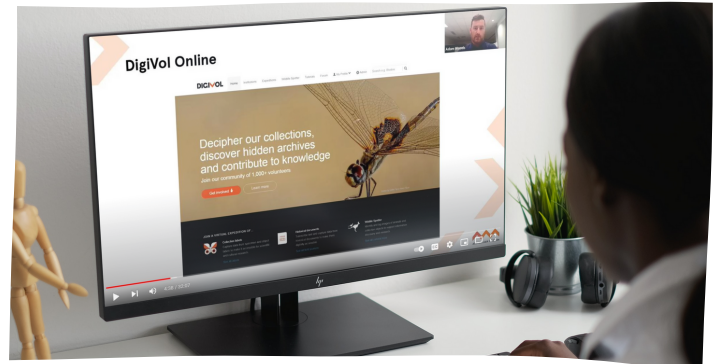
ACSA-QLD stall at the World Science Festival Brisbane (March '21)



ACSA-ACT & Region Chair John Pring presenting a webinar 'Citizen Science in the ACT' (February '21)



ACSA-QLD stall at the Sustainability and Science Showcase (June '21)



ACSA-ACT & Region presentation on 'Digivol Online' (April '21)



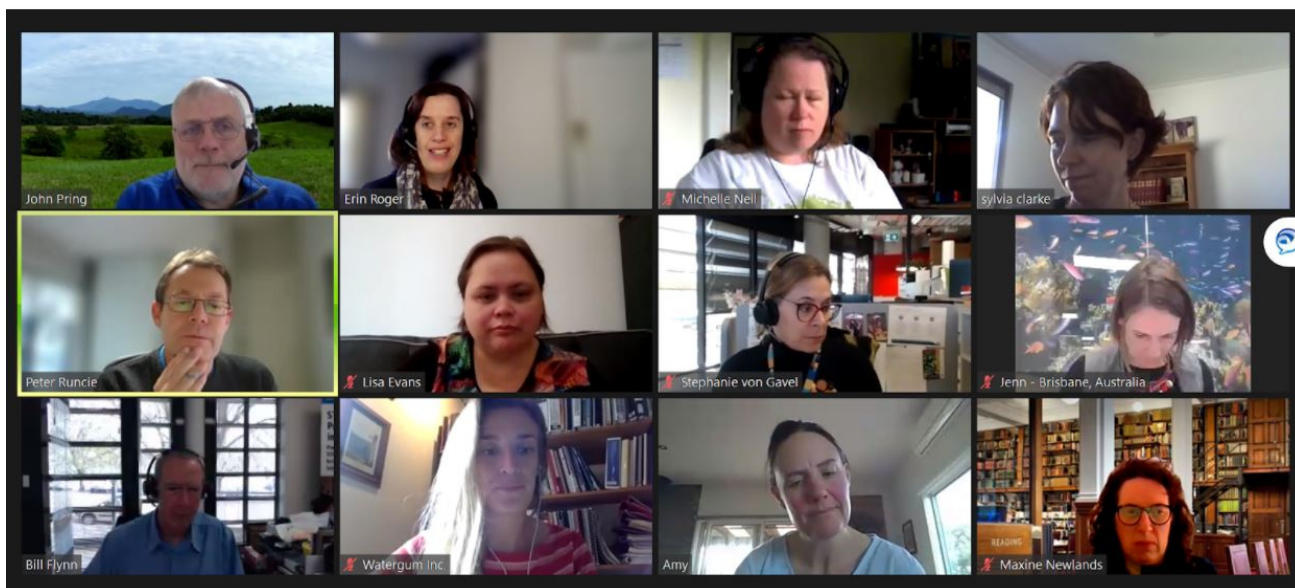
ACSA-SA stall at the Victor Harbor Science Fair (June '21)



ACSA-SA stall at the Victor Harbor Science Fair (June '21)

Through these sorts of activities, ACSA Chapters help to build awareness of ACSA and citizen science in their local communities, give residents the chance to get involved in local citizen science projects and have the opportunity to provide a local voice, representation and communication channel at the national level.

Acknowledgement and Thanks



Our Partners

ACSA gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our partners and thanks them for their diverse contributions to our operations.



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Our Donors

ACSA wishes to thank everyone who provided philanthropic support to ACSA over the past year. We are so grateful for your support.

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Appendix A: Financial Statements

Income and Expenditure Statement

Australian Citizen Science Association

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Sales		
Membership Fees	-	(70)
Membership fees, donations	15,771	16,624
Consulting Services	21,849	4,775
Education Programs Provided	-	600
Ticket sales (events)	777	-
Total Sales	38,397	21,929
Grant Operating		
Government Grant	20,000	22,500
Other Grants	44,500	-
Total Grant Operating	64,500	22,500
Donations & Sponsorship		
Sponsorship	7,500	-
Total Donations & Sponsorship	7,500	-
Total Income	110,397	44,429
Gross Surplus	110,397	44,429
Other Income		
CASH FLOW BOOST	10,000	10,000
JOBKEEPER SUBSIDY	12,000	-
Paid Parental Leave Received	-	13,331
Interest Income	96	287
Total Other Income	22,096	23,618
Expenditure		
Accounting & Bookkeeping	652	285
Chapter Expenses	502	320
Community and Social Gifting	5,667	2,000
Consultants Fees	8,627	-
Event Catering	-	66
General Expenses	79	333
Insurance	334	394
Office Expenses	8	11
Printing, Stationery & Postage	13	106
Professional Fees	3,225	20,000
Promotional Merchandise and Collateral	2,108	814
Rounding	-	-
Subscriptions	1,142	618
Superannuation	5,194	2,882
Travel and Accommodation	20	2,054

	2021	2020
Wages - Paid Parental Leave Paid	-	13,331
Wages and Salaries	54,675	30,668
Website domain and plugin expenses	15	673
Website Hosting	1,320	1,320
Website Support	649	9,504
Total Expenditure	84,230	85,379
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	48,263	(17,333)
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	48,263	(17,333)
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	48,263	(17,333)

Assets and Liabilities Statement

Australian Citizen Science Association

As at 30 June 2021

	NOTES	30 JUN 2021	30 JUN 2020
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		103,390	55,770
GST Receivable		275	-
Total Current Assets		103,665	55,770
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	6	2,055	2,055
Total Non-Current Assets		2,055	2,055
Total Assets		105,720	57,825
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	8	1,276	2,010
Employee Entitlements	12	1,180	815
Total Current Liabilities		2,456	2,825
Total Liabilities		2,456	2,825
Net Assets		103,264	55,000
Member's Funds			
Capital Reserve		103,264	55,000
Total Member's Funds		103,264	55,000

Notes to the Financial Statements

Australian Citizen Science Association For the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act ACT. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income Tax

The association is exempt for Income Tax under relevant legislation

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Leases

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Financial Assets

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2021	2020
2. Cash on Hand		
Community Access Account	103,390	55,770
Total Cash on Hand	103,390	55,770
	2021	2020
3. Trade and Other Receivables		
	2021	2020
Members Loan Accounts		
	2021	2020
4. Financial Assets		
	2021	2020
5. Land and Buildings		
	2021	2020
6. Plant and Equipment, Motor Vehicles		
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	2,055	2,055
Total Plant and Equipment	2,055	2,055
Total Plant and Equipment, Motor Vehicles	2,055	2,055
	2021	2020
7. Intangibles		
	2021	2020
8. Trade and Other Payables		
Other Payables		
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,276	2,010
Total Other Payables	1,276	2,010
Total Trade and Other Payables	1,276	2,010
	2021	2020
9. Tax Payable		
	2021	2020
10. Deferred Income		

	2021	2020
11. Provisions		
	2021	2020
12. Employee Entitlements		
Superannuation Payable	1,002	815
Wages Payable - Payroll	178	-
Total Employee Entitlements	1,180	815
	2021	2020
13. Loans		

Movements in Equity

Australian Citizen Science Association For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Equity		
Opening Balance	55,000	72,333
Increases		
Profit for the Period	48,263	(17,333)
Total Increases	48,263	(17,333)
Total Equity	103,264	55,000

Statement of Cash Flows - Direct Method

Australian Citizen Science Association

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Operating Activities		
Receipts From Customers	15,802	16,554
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(59,869)	(33,550)
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities	116,722	51,493
Cash Payments From Other Operating Activities	(24,667)	(51,829)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	47,988	(17,333)
Other Activities		
Other Activities	(368)	2,825
Net Cash Flows from Other Activities	(368)	2,825
Net Cash Flows	47,620	(14,508)
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	55,770	70,278
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	103,390	55,770
Net change in cash for period	47,620	(14,508)

True and Fair Position

Australian Citizen Science Association

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

We, Peter Runcie - Treasurer, and Erin Roger - Chair, being members of the committee of Australian Citizen Science Association, certify that –

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Australian Citizen Science Association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2021.

Signed: *Erin Roger*

Dated: / /
30/09/2021

Signed: 

Dated: / / 30/9/21

Compilation Report

Australian Citizen Science Association For the year ended 30 June 2021

Compilation report to Australian Citizen Science Association.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Australian Citizen Science Association, which comprise the asset and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2021, income and expenditure statement, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee Member's

The committee of Australian Citizen Science Association are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the partners we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Independence

We are not independent of Australian Citizen Science Association because we operate under a paid engagement to perform BAS services.



1133 Accounts & Services

Julie Barr

Dated: 25.08.2021



ACSA

Reviewer's Report

For the year ended 30 June 2021

ACSA, as an incorporated association, is governed by the provision of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (the Act). As per the Act, ACSA is required to have its accounting records reviewed annually. As a 'small association' by definition, it is noted that ACSA must appoint a Reviewer who:

- (a) is not a member or officer of the association; and
- (b) has not prepared or assisted with the preparation of the accounts.

Such a reviewer need not hold any auditing qualifications.

As the appointed Reviewer meeting the above criteria, I have reviewed ACSA's accounts as held by Bank Australia during the 2020/21 financial year. To the best of my knowledge (as a non-accountant) the financial statements provide a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year 2020/21. I am satisfied that:

- Proper accounting and other records have been kept by the association;
- The financial statement of the association has been correctly drawn up, and
- The review was conducted in accordance with Section 75 of the Act.

Based on my review, nothing has come to attention that causes me to believe that the accounting records do not satisfy the requirements of the Act.

Alexandra Wilson
Reviewer
21 October 2021