



March 2022

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I can't help but feel 2022 is a year full of promise for citizen science. It started out slowly, with a level of uncertainty, but the confidence quickly grew and we are up and running again. There is a flurry of enthusiastic autumn activity - bioblitzes, seminars, surveys and conferences. Citizen science feels empty without meeting up, sharing stories and learning from each other.

Speaking of which, the ACSA management committee and Chapter Chairs met in Canberra for two days late last month. We did pretty well in achieving our objectives: getting to know one another (particularly

important with six new members and two years of Covid lockdowns), getting to know ACSA and where it is headed, and setting our actions for the next three years. Among our priorities are ramping up our collaboration and advocacy with important sectors such as universities and research organisations, NGOs and of course governments, finding new ways to support our members, promoting citizen science activities and opportunities across the nation, and seeking funding to support the functioning of ACSA so we can do more of the above. Professor Hugh Possingham, ACSA's patron, joined us for part of the meeting, shared his learnings from many years of working with NGOs like ACSA and gave us some direction pointers. You can read a more detailed recap of the meeting on our website [here](#).



Your 2022 ACSA Management Committee

Our new International Community of Practice

ACSA is establishing a new Community of Practice dedicated to increasing and enriching broader knowledge in Australia of international citizen science. The group will explore and share knowledge of what's happening across the world in citizen science. Through this work we will develop networks and collaborations across skills and research areas. If you are interested in learning more and making further advances together at the global level, you are warmly invited to join this ACSA CoP! You can join as an **observer** or as a **contributor**. [Sign up here](#) and

you will be included in all relevant communication and activities.

[More information](#)

Now open - 2022 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 Innovation 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 meet the above requirements, consider making 2022 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 6 May

[Enter now](#)

Citizen Science Snippets





We were so pleased to see both citizen science and ACSA referenced in the five-year Action Plan underpinning the [Threatened Species Strategy 2021-2031](#), launched last month. Citizen science is recognised in Action Area 8 "Community Leadership and Engagement".

[Find out more](#)

We love this article and also the t-shirt! Thanks for being such a great advocate for citizen science and ACSA Costa Georgiadis.

[Read article](#)

[Insights from a Eureka Prize Judge](#) In this article ACSA's former Chair Erin Roger takes you inside the judging process for the Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science, discusses why you should enter and offers reflections on the evolution of citizen science.

The '[Using Digitalisation for Our Common Future](#)' report, written by members of the Policy

Network on Environment (PNE) (including ACSA affiliates Jessie Oliver and Peter Runcie) is out now. It highlights policy recommendations for digital technology and data use to ensure an environmentally sustainable future.

Changes to ACSA's newsletter frequency

At our recent strategic meeting in February, the Management Committee voted in favour of reducing the frequency of ACSA's newsletters. Conscious of email fatigue and aware of the different ways in which our community likes to keep updated, we are changing to a quarterly newsletter schedule and using our growing social media channels as well as our website to communicate with you all in between times.

We will also be replacing the members newsletter with a members networking group, where we will post member updates, and where you can interact with fellow members, find experts, ask questions, share news etc. Stay tuned for that.

So to connect with us in between newsletters, make sure you like and follow us on our social channels to keep on top of all things ACSA and citizen science.



Upcoming Events

- **April:** Citizen Science Month. If you have a citizen science event during April, we would love to hear about it.
- **April 20:** Observing butterflies with Helen Schwenke - Join ACSA Qld with guest speaker Helen Schwencke and learn to observe and record invertebrates that visit, live and rely on backyard plants [REGISTER](#)
- **April 30:** Submission deadline for proposals for the 4th ECSA Conference. For more information

click [HERE](#)

- **May 6-8 2022:** Big Bushfire BioBlitz 3, Crowdy Bay & Dooragan National Parks, Biripi Country [REGISTER](#)
 - Check out our Facebook page for more details of upcoming events [here](#).
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Meet our Members

In support and recognition of our Organisational Members and Partners, we have decided to run a little feature series across our social media channels ([Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)) where we share and promote the purpose, activities and projects behind our member groups. We are so grateful for the support of our organisational members and partners, and are keen to support them in return.

Keep an eye on our socials for monthly member profiles! First up we have one of our newer members, [PlantingSeeds](#), who joined ACSA in July 2021. Click the image below to find out more about them, including their wonderful B&B Highway project.



SPOTLIGHT:
FEATURED ACSA
MEMBERS

Meet our member

PLANTINGSEEDS
School B&B Highway BioBlitz



Calling for Q1 Publications

Have you published this year? We are looking for publications relevant to the field of citizen science in Australia from January - March 2022.

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



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