



Australian Citizen Science Association

National Projects Working Group - *Invitation to Contribute*

The Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA) is a member-based organisation and we need your help to build strong foundations and inspirational initiatives to grow the citizen science community of Australia.

It's an exciting time for citizen science in Australia. There is big interest and energy across a broad spectrum of individuals and organisations to explore the possibilities of this developing field of scientific activity. We are on the cusp of a new era of science engagement and ACSA intends to demonstrate just what can be achieved by promoting inspiring ideas backed up by networks and partnerships with new technologies and tools.

We already have good exemplars of citizen science projects to learn from, both here and internationally across a wide range of scientific subjects, which have already delivered important results, both scientific, educational and social and which have informed government policy. It is a good time for Australia to take a leading role in how science can develop in partnership with the communities it serves.

If you can see the potential and importance of a nation of scientifically aware individuals and communities that are engaged in exploring ourselves and our world, we invite you to help us support and encourage the ideas, networks and technology that will help create this new culture through the development of national scale citizen science research projects.

ACSA is seeking expression of interest from people who can contribute at a strategic and practical level to making big stuff happen. We are seeking energetic, creative, resourceful and forward thinking individuals with diverse expertise and networks, with vision and understanding of the possibilities and challenges involved in establishing large-scale projects successfully.

If you are interested in being part of this initiative we are seeking expressions of interest to fill 4-6 volunteer positions for the ACSA National Project Working Group. Expressions of interest for membership of the Working Group can be submitted via the online application available on the [ACSA website](#) by 6 May 2016.

There is a background Discussion Paper on the Working Groups - National Project page. Details of the ACSA Working Group Protocols and ACSA Strategic Plan are also on the website.

For more information or to contribute in a less formal way – please contact Libby Hepburn, National Projects Working Group co-ordinator - libbyhepburn@btinternet.com April 10th 2016