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## Welcome to Endpoint!

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### From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the second edition of Endpoint for 2022 - just in time for the holiday season! I think its safe to say that this year has flown past all of us.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue. It is as important as ever for us as a society to keep up to date with each other's research and collectively celebrate our achievements!

This issue is packed with updates from our regional representatives, recent award winner profiles, and upcoming events to look forward to in 2023!

As per usual, the newsletter will be available for you to download at anytime from the SETAC AU website. Please get in touch if you have anything of interest to share with the wider SETAC AU community!

Enjoy reading Endpoint and see you in the New Year!

Cheers,  
Sarah McDonald

Communications Officer



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## Regional Reports

What have the members of SETAC AU been up to?

Click [here](#) to read reports from our regional representatives around Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand.



## President's Report

Read the latest report from the SETAC AU President **Dr Kathryn Hassell** [here](#)!

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# Call for papers

All SETAC AU members are invited to submit new manuscripts

For more information visit the SETAC AU website or contact Editor Reinier Mann  
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## Events

**7 - 9 & 22 March 2023:** Keep up to date with key dates for SmP [here](#)

**7 - 10 August 2023:** SETAC AU 2023 Conference, website with key dates coming soon!

**6 - 10 September 2023:** First Joint International Conference of Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements (ICOBTE) & International Conference of Heavy Metals (ICHMET) in Wuppertal, Germany. Keep up to date [here](#)

## Opportunities

**TropWATER** has 2 x vacancies for freshwater, estuarine or marine ecologists – Level A or B. Check out the job description [here](#)

**PhD Scholarship** with [Federation University](#) looking at nutrient recovery and emerging contaminant removal using advanced bio-remediation. Read more about it [here](#)

## Member shout-outs

Congratulations to Jenny Stauber who was able to celebrate her induction as a fellow into the Australian Academy of Science at an official in-person ceremony at the Shine Dome in Canberra after receiving confirmation of her acceptance in 2020.



Congratulations to Amanda Reichelt-Brushett (Eds) for publishing



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## Student submissions and graduations

**David Buckles** (RMIT University)

**Hannah Faraone** (RMIT University)

**Lucinda Aulsebrook** (Monash University)

**Jack Brand** (Monash University)

**Ayushi Priyam** (Deakin University)

**Shweta Gehlout** (Deakin University)

🎉 Please send through your achievements (big or small) so we can celebrate with you! 🎉



## SETAC AU 2023 Conference

The exchange of information, ideas and solutions for the sustainable management of environmental quality lies at the core of SETAC Australasia (AU).

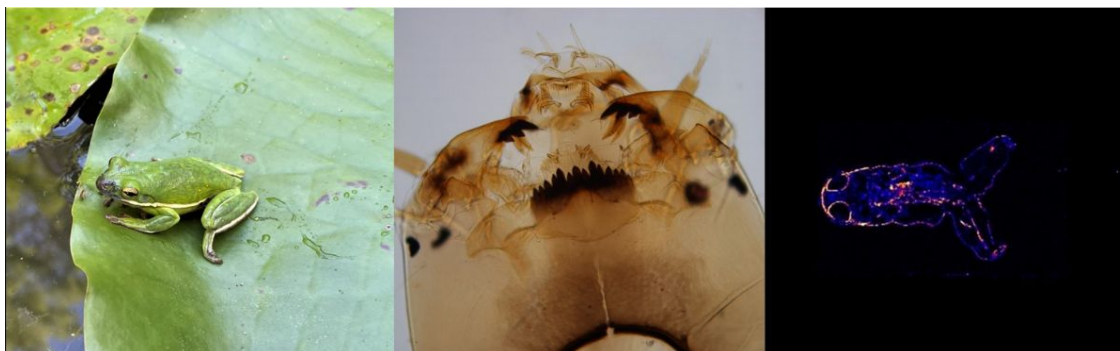
Building on previous SETAC-AU meetings, the overarching theme of the SETAC-AU 2023 conference is “Source to sink: Engaging with stakeholders to protect our environment”. The



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If you would like to be involved in the conference please contact co-chairs [Shelley Templeman](#) or [Sarah McDonald](#)

[Website coming soon! Watch this space!](#)



## Inaugural SETAC AU Photo Competition

Are you a researcher, student or technician working on an exciting project in the field or laboratory or do you work in policy, industry or education and are more office based and have an interesting project or program you have been working on? We want to learn about it through a photo!

We are looking for photo entries for three themes that showcase SETAC members work:

1. **Field** you or your research out in the field
2. **Lab** you or your research in the lab or under the microscope
3. **Office** at work in the office or aesthetic data and diagrams

Submissions will open **16<sup>th</sup> January 2023** with a **student and standard member winner** for each category. Finalists will be determined by a panel of judges from SETAC AU Council with the top entries for each category going to a public vote.

Winners will receive a **\$300 cash prize**, have the opportunity to present about their photo and their work or research in a SETAC seminar series and have their photo featured in Endpoint and the SETAC AU website.

## Current SETAC Award Winners

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SETAC AU and ACEDD are pleased to announce **Sharmin Akter** (Australian National University) as the **2022 Peter Teasdale Memorial Award** winner.

Sharmin's application included a clear description of how the funds would be used to help achieve project success and clearly justified the use of the funds for analytical support. Congratulations Sharmin and all other award nominees; the assessment panels were very impressed with the standard of the applications.

Read about it [here](#)



**Drew Szabo** wins the 2022 SETAC AU Postgraduate Research Publication Award

Read about it [here](#)



**Subharthe Samandra** wins the 2022 Thesis Prize

Read [Subharthe's](#) recent research [here](#)

## Upcoming SETAC AU awards

**Science Meets Parliament Ambassador Award**

[EOI open now!](#)

SETAC AU **Early-Career, Mid-Career** and **Technical Staff** Award

Open Jan 2023

SETAC AU **Student Travel Award** (x8)

Open early 2023

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## SmP 2023

Science meets Parliament (SmP) is the major event hosted by Science and Technology Australia (STA). SmP brings together about 200 of Australia's top scientists and puts them face to face with the decision makers in Canberra. Participants include parliamentarians, staffers, lobbyists and journalists plus scientists from all disciplines.

Next year, SmP will be held across two parts including online professional development, speakers and training from the **7 - 9 March** and an in-person event at Parliament House on **22 March**.

As a member society of STA, SETAC-AU can nominate (up to) two delegates to attend. Typically, one delegate will be a senior member and one will be early career, within 5 years of graduating the last degree. The nominated delegates will be awarded with complementary event registration for SmP. Applications for **SmP ambassador awards** are **NOW OPEN** and will **close on 20th January**.

**Submit your EOI for the ambassador award here!**



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## Global Certification Program for Environmental Risk Assessors

International Board of Environmental Risk Assessors (IBERA) promote scientific progress in environmental risk assessment, encourage education and training, and establish an international certification program that will allow professionals to become a certified specialist in environmental risk assessment.

You can find out more about this program at the IBERA website [here](#).

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## SETAC AU Membership

PSA SETAC AU **full membership fees are increasing** from \$140 USD to \$160 USD (~230 AUD) early next year so if you need to renew your membership within the next couple of months, **now is the best time to renew!** Please note that these fee increases do not apply to student memberships.

SETAC AU offers **discounted membership rates to all recent graduates**. The rate is AU \$65 for your the first year after graduation, AU \$95 for the second year and AU \$130 for your third year.

For more information on how to join SETAC AU, keeping your details up to date and renewing your membership use the link below 📌

**More membership information here**

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