

Citizen Science Principles

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1. Citizen Science projects need to be aligned with the Board's investment priorities ([Business Plan](#))
2. Projects that involve community in Citizen Science should value their input and recognise that community members can be subject matter experts, and ensure it's meaningful for participants
3. Only use Citizen Science if it is the best monitoring or engagement tool available and if citizens are interested
4. Citizen Science projects should have a genuine science outcome aligned with knowledge gaps that are not answered through normal staff operations or programs
5. Board staff can provide a support role (encourage project to be driven from bottom up) or be a lead in a project, depending on the project and outcomes required
6. Citizen Science projects need appropriate monitoring design, including a strategy for data collection, analysis and processes for appropriate feedback and communication to participants, the Board and wider community
7. Citizen Science projects must ensure investment in monitoring and resultant data collected is useful and outputs influence decision-making for landscape management in the region
8. Citizen Science projects require a timeframe, budget and resources from the start to ensure appropriate investment and a successful citizen experience



Shorebird banding – Friends of Shorebirds South East and Newbery Primary School. Photo by Maureen Christie

