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**Francesca Gissi** is a PhD student in her final year at the University of Wollongong. Francesca is studying the effects of metals on scleractinian corals which are keystone species forming vital structural habitats that support other biota. The paper “Alterations in the coral microbiome following exposure to metals”, which she will present at the AMSA 2018 Conference describes a study that investigated the effects of dissolved nickel and copper on the coral *Acropora muricate*.