



# 25<sup>th</sup> National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomers

Brisbane, Australia  
April 6-9, 2012

## **AN INVITATION**

The 25<sup>th</sup> NACAA will be held over Easter 2012, Friday April 6 to Monday April 9, hosted by the Astronomical Association of Queensland supported by the other astronomy clubs in South East Queensland. The venue is the University of Queensland campus in Brisbane. The NACAA XXV committees invite everyone interested in the "cutting-edge" of amateur astronomy to attend.

We are working to ensure that the programme will include an exciting mix of invited speakers, technical sessions, group discussions, hands-on workshops, and social functions. The 2012 Berenice Page medal is expected to be presented at the convention dinner.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Trans-Tasman Symposium on Occultations and the inaugural Variable Stars South Symposium will be held as part of the NACAA programme.

Registrations for NACAA XXV will commence in late 2011. A number of registration packages will be available, ranging from attendance at just one or two sessions, the workshops or symposia, through to a full convention, dinner and BBQ package.

## **PROGRAMME**

The programme committee, chaired by Jonathan Bradshaw, is happy to receive submissions on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to

- astroimaging and processing
- photometry, variable stars, and supernovae
- solar system studies, including comets, eclipses, and occultations
- telescope making and instrumentation
- education, local activities and events, and outreach
- astronomical history, and
- activity planning including pro-am collaboration.

To assist with scheduling, the committee is particularly interested at this stage in proposals for activities such as symposia or workshops to be held in conjunction with the convention. A general call for other submissions will be distributed around July 2011.

If you are interested in contributing to NACAA XXV, you can contact the programme committee by email at [Programme2012@nacao.org.au](mailto:Programme2012@nacao.org.au).

## **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

We are planning a range of social activities including a welcome function on the Friday night, the convention dinner on the Saturday night, and a BBQ on the Sunday night.

## **VENUE**

The venue for NACAA XXV is the Parnell lecture theatre complex on the campus of the University of Queensland. Situated at St Lucia on the Brisbane River, the university is about 7 km from the centre of Brisbane. Facilities at the complex are well suited to the convention. There are two lecture theatres available, each with a capacity to comfortably seat 200 people and equipped with a wide range of audio visual equipment.

## **TRANSPORT**

Queensland University is well serviced by public transport with regular bus and fast City Cat ferry services. There is a train service from Brisbane airport with easy change to bus services. Full details of services will be made available on the NACAA web site.

## ACCOMMODATION

There is a wide variety of accommodation available in the university area. A list of suggested places for NACAA XXV attendees will be placed on the NACAA website. Discounted accommodation is expected to be available at one or two selected locations. Attendees could consider joining together to share apartments. Please contact us if you need assistance in locating suitable accommodation.

## CONTACT US

You will be able to find up-to-the-minute details about NACAA XXV at the NACAA web site, <http://www.nacaa.org.au>. Our postal address is PO Box 188, Plumpton NSW 2761. Email enquiries should be sent to [Convenor2012@nacaa.org.au](mailto:Convenor2012@nacaa.org.au).

## I'M INTERESTED

If you can't use the NACAA web site to pre-register, please provide the following information and send it to NACAA Inc, PO Box 188, Plumpton, NSW 2761.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will attend? \_\_\_\_\_

### I plan to attend

- The whole convention
- The Friday night welcome party
- The Saturday night dinner
- The Sunday night BBQ
- Just one or two sessions
- The workshops or symposia

### I need

- Special accommodation
- Special diet meals
- Public transport details
- To share a room

## NACAA Inc



Since it commenced in 1967, the National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomers has encouraged people from around Australia to share their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, the diverse aspects of amateur astronomy.

NACAA Inc was formed in December 2006 to ensure that this tradition will continue on into the future. Visit our website for more information.

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