



23rd National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomers

Penrith, NSW
March 21-24, 2008

BULLETIN 1

AN INVITATION

The 23rd NACAA will be held over Easter 2008, Friday March 21 to Monday March 24. The venue is in Penrith, western Sydney. The NACAA XXIII committee invites 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 2008 Berenice Page medal is expected to be presented at the convention dinner. The Sunday night BBQ will be held at the UWS Nepean Observatory.

Registrations for NACAA XXIII will commence in late 2007. A number of registration packages will be available, ranging from attendance at just one or two sessions or workshops, through to the full convention, dinner and BBQ package.

To assist us with our planning, please visit our web site to pre-register your interest in attending, particularly if you would like to use the on-site accommodation, or an airport shuttle service.

In the meantime, please feel free to join the NACAA web site (<http://nacao.org.au>), and contribute to the groups and forums.

PROGRAMME

The programme committee, chaired by Dr Tom Richards, 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
- history, and
- activity planning including pro-am collaboration.

If you are interested in contributing to NACAA XXIII, you can contact the programme committee by email at Programme@nacao.org.au.

VENUE

The venue for NACAA XXIII is the Penrith Panthers Convention Centre in western Sydney. Situated on the Nepean River and at the foothills of the Blue Mountains, Penrith is about an hour by car or train west from the centre of Sydney. It is easily accessed by road via the M7 and M4 motorways, and by regular rail services from Central to Penrith.

TRANSPORT

Penrith is well serviced by rail and road transport. Full details can be found at the NACAA web site. We expect to provide a shuttle service from Sydney airport. Please contact us if you are interested in this service.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for NACAA XXIII is available next to the convention venue, at the Chifley Penrith Panthers Hotel, corner of Mulgoa and Jamison Roads, Penrith. The hotel facilities include 24 hour reception, swimming pool, five restaurants, free car parking, and on-site guest laundry. Irons, hair dryers, mini bars, tea and coffee making facilities, and televisions are available in all rooms.

There are a number of other hotels and accommodation options in the Penrith area. Please contact us if you need assistance in finding suitable accommodation.

CONTACT US

You can find up-to-the-minute details about NACAA XXIII 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 Convenor@nacaa.org.au.

I'M INTERESTED

If you can't use our web site to pre-register, please complete 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 cocktail party
- The Saturday night dinner
- The Sunday night BBQ
- Just one or two sessions
- Just one or two workshops

I need

- Accommodation at the venue
- Alternative accommodation
- Special diet meals
- Transport from the airport
- 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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