



THE BERENICE PAGE MEDAL Conditions and Guidelines

1. The **Berenice Page Medal** was inaugurated by the Astronomical Society of Australia in 1972, in memory of Mrs. Berenice Page, an exceptional amateur astronomer and a foundation member of the Society. The bronze medal is awarded **for excellence in amateur astronomy in Australia and its Territories**.
2. The award of the medal is to be made by the Council of the Society upon the recommendation of an assessment committee, and the first award was made in May 1973. It is proposed that the current award (sixteenth) be made in March 2008.
3. The award will be made for original work by an Amateur Astronomer. The assessment committee will need a detailed description of the candidate's achievements, outlining as succinctly as possible the scientific results that the candidate has produced and the impact this has had on astronomy. Supporting material such as copies of papers, articles or books written by the candidate that substantiate the nomination should also be submitted. Submissions that are well presented will greatly assist the assessment committee.

It is stressed that the committee will be looking for **scientific** contributions which have served to advance astronomy. In particular, the award will not be made in recognition of organisational services, for the popularisation of astronomy, or solely for proficiency in established astronomical techniques.

4. In cases where two or more people have made a joint contribution to astronomy, or have been simultaneous but independent authors of the same contribution, a joint award of the Medal may be made. In such cases an impression of the Medal shall be given to each of the joint recipients. Team nominations will be accepted and a winning team shall be awarded a single medal with certificates awarded to each team member.
5. Nomination of candidates for the award is invited through the many amateur societies in Australia, or from individuals; it is permissible for candidates to nominate themselves. The person or body making the nomination is requested to forward to the Society the written account of the candidate's contribution upon which the award will be judged, together with a covering statement giving the candidate's full name, address and a brief summary of the candidate's association with astronomy and particular research interests.
6. The **closing date** for nominations for the current award of the Medal is **18 January 2008**. Nominations should be sent to:

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