



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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The Benefits of ASA Membership

Membership of the ASA confers some benefits to the individual but is also important to the Australian astronomical community.

Benefits to the Profession

- You join with other members of your professional society and help the ASA represent our collective interests. The ASA represents you on the:
 - [National Committee for Astronomy \(NCA\)](#) of the [Australian Academy of Science \(AAS\)](#). The AAS is Australia's link with the International Council for Science (ICSU) and its constituent bodies and committees, in particular the [International Astronomical Union \(IAU\)](#). The NCA is the standing committee of the AAS which advises on astronomical matters including international relationships.
 - [Standards Australia](#) committees LG2 (Road Lighting) and LG10 (Obtrusive Lighting)
 - [Donovan Astronomical Trust](#)
 - [Science & Technology Australia](#) which aims to represent the interests of scientists and technologists throughout Australia.
 - [International Dark-Sky Association \(IDA\)](#) which aims to preserve and protect the nighttime environment.
- [Science meets Parliament](#) is an annual event organised by Science & Technology Australia where several ASA members are given the opportunity to talk to Federal parliamentarians.
- The [Annual Scientific Meeting](#), building the community by bringing together Australian astronomers from all branches of astronomy, and allowing host institutions to exhibit themselves to colleagues and prospective students.
- Mentoring of young astronomers through the [Early Career Researchers \(ECR\) Chapter](#) of the Society
- Publication of a refereed scientific journal [Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia \(PASA\)](#)
- Recognition of outstanding long-term contributions to the astronomy community
 - [Ellery Lectureship](#)
- Public outreach activities via the:
 - [Education and Public Outreach Chapter \(EPOC\)](#)
 - [Australian Astronomy](#) web site
 - [Harley Wood public lecture](#)
 - [Astronomy Factsheets](#) on items of public interest
 - [David Allen Prize](#) for outreach publications
- Interaction with the amateur community via the
 - [Page Medal](#) for excellence in amateur astronomy
 - Email exploder to the amateur community
- Collective response to community challenges e.g. NCRIS funding, Stromlo bushfires

Benefits to the Member

- Membership is an important addition to the CV, with recognised 'Member' (MASA) and 'Fellow' (FASA) status.
- Communication via the ASA exploder and archive, giving news, notices of meetings, job etc.
- Access to membership of special interest 'chapters' - [ANITA](#), [Early Career Researchers \(ECR\)](#), [EPOC](#) and [Inclusion, Diversity, Equity in Astronomy \(IDEA\)](#) (formerly 'Women in Astronomy').
- Discounted registration at the [Annual Scientific Meeting](#).
- Discounted (10%) ASA membership for [AIP](#) members.
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- Personal access to [PASA](#).
- Prizes:
 - [Louise Webster Prize](#) for outstanding research by a scientist early in their post-doctoral career.
 - [Anne Green Prize](#) for a significant advance or accomplishment by a mid-career scientist.
 - [The Peter McGregor Prize](#) in recognition of exceptional achievement or innovation in astronomical instrumentation.
- [Factsheets](#) on items of public interest
- Opportunities to 'sample' the political process as an ASA representative at [Science meets Parliament](#).

Extra benefits to Student members

- [Harley Wood School of Astronomy](#), bringing together postgraduate students from across Australia.
- [ANITA summer school](#) for theoretical astrophysics.
- [Astroinformatics School](#) - Computational skills and techniques for modern astronomy.
- Awards:
 - [Bok Prize](#) for fourth year (honours) students.
 - [Charlene Heisler Prize](#) for PhD graduates.
- Access to travel grants (Student members only):
 - One [international travel grant](#) of up to \$1000
 - Support of attendance at the [attendance at the Harley Wood School of Astronomy](#)