



## **NACAA XXVI**

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## **BULLETIN 2 Call for Presentations**

NACAA aims to bring together amateur (and not-so-amateur) astronomers from Australia, New Zealand, and beyond to share in learning, disseminating and planning cutting-edge astronomical work in the region. We always plan to have a full weekend, Friday to Monday, of various streams of presentations covering a great width of astronomical work including observing, instrumentation, education, research, history and local activities.

### **Topics**

The core of the convention is of course its presentations, and we are asking you to consider making a contribution, by yourself or in a group. There are no restrictions on topics or themes, so long as the contribution is significant and interesting. Here are a few suggestions:

- **An address or poster:**
  - on an observational (or desk-bound) research programme you are involved in;
  - on a significant development in instrumentation and tools: optical, computational, imaging, electronic, whatever ...
  - on your progress with a significant project or programme, national or worldwide;
  - an entertaining address aimed at promoting the enjoyment of astronomy;
  - on a significant club or local activity;
  - to share your imaging successes with an appreciative audience;
  - or on an interesting piece of astronomical history.
  
- **A workshop, symposium, colloquium, or round-table meeting:**
  - on an observing or research technique you use;
  - helping amateurs move to a more advanced level of astronomical activity: research, imaging, observing, etc;
  - with likeminded specialists to discuss or plan your field;
  - on an educational or outreach activity;

There is truly a vast amount of important astronomical activity amongst Australia's amateurs, and your presentation is needed to tell the rest of us about your contribution to it – and to encourage others. So please consider contributing to NACAA XXVI.

## **Submitting a proposal**

You can submit a proposal for consideration by the PC by completing the form on the NACAA website <http://www.nacaa.org.au/2014/submission>. The full submissions guidelines can be obtained from <http://www.nacaa.org.au/2014/cfp>. You may make multiple submissions.

## **Deadlines**

Submissions should be made before

- 2013 October 1 for workshops, colloquia, or symposia,
- 2013 November 1 for oral presentations or round-tables,
- 2014 March 1 for posters.

Late submissions may be accepted, depending on venue restrictions, scheduling, etc. However, we'd prefer you to submit your proposal well before the deadline. This will assist the PC, who are all volunteers with limited time available. It will also help us with planning our room and equipment requirements for the venue, etc.

## **Bonus for 2014 presenters**

NACAA appreciates the effort that our speakers and presenters make to ensure the quality of our technical programme. NACAA INC has decided to reward this effort by offering a \$20 discount on your registration.

## **Any Questions?**

If you are considering making a presentation, but are not sure of what's expected, how to prepare, whether the topic is suitable, or any other issue, please contact the Programme Committee or the General Secretary via the NACAA web site (<http://www.nacaa.org.au/contact>). A member of the Programme Committee will get back to you to assist.

Thanks!

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Programme Chair  
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