

National Australian Convention of Amateur Astronomy

Hosted by the Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society

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Amateur Astronomical Science – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

NACAA 22

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The Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society is pleased to announce that preparations to host the 22nd National Convention of Amateur Astronomy are well underway.

NACAA conventions have been held across Australia since their inception in 1967 and continue to be one of Australia's premier amateur astronomical events. NACAA provides an opportunity to meet both amateur and professional astronomers to share experiences, ideas and explore research within the current amateur astronomical scene.

Astronomy is a fast changing science with new ideas, new instrumentation and new opportunities for exploring the universe whilst having fun. The NACAA brings together astronomically interested persons of all ages and all skills helping to stimulate new ideas and make new friends.

NACAA Website.

A website showing all the NACAA details has been established at <http://www.nacao.org.au/Index.html>

This website will be updated regularly to keep participants informed of the latest NACAA information.

Participants and all interested persons can register for the email service to receive bulletins by sending an email to convenor@nacao.org.au

Venue.

The 22nd NACAA will be convened over the Easter weekend (April 14-17) at The Ambassador Hotel located in Frankston, some 35km southeast of Melbourne. Known as The GateWay to the Peninsula, Frankston city is a major tourist and business centre on the Mornington Peninsula. The Mornington Peninsula is renowned for its beaches, wineries and holiday resorts.

Details for the venue can be found on the NACAA website. Bookings can be made directly with the venue.

Details of alternative accommodation is being sought and will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

Program.

A full program of activities is being prepared covering the entire Easter weekend. The program will consist of formal paper presentations, workshop and shorter Take-10 presentations, Poster Papers including multi-media posters plus a selection of commercial displays.

It is not necessary to attend the NACAA to present a Poster. For a nominal fee, stand alone Posters or Multimedia Posters can be displayed in the Poster Display Area.

Future Communications.

To stay up-to-date with NACAA preparations we encourage you to subscribe at the NACAA website. Subscription ensures you are on the NACAA email listings and will receive all the bulletins and notices as the NACAA preparations develop. You can unsubscribe from this listing at anytime.

It is expected that a call for speakers, papers and posters will be made shortly.

At this stage only approximate costs have been established and it is expected that final costs will be announced toward the end of the year.