



NAME: Anglo Australian Telescope (AAT)
BUILT: Early 1970's
YOUR TOUR GUIDES: AAT Staff
FACTS: Mirror is 3.9m diameter and weights 16tonne!
Diameter is 37m & height to base of dome 26m
COME TOUR INSIDE ME!



NAME: ANU 2.3m Telescope
BUILT: Early 1980's
YOUR TOUR GUIDE: Ian Adams & ANU Staff
FACTS: Rather than a rotating telescope mount, the whole building rotates!
And with a light mirror weight this allows for more rapid movement during observations.
COME TOUR INSIDE ME!



NAME: Huntsman Telescope
BUILT: 2020
YOUR TOUR GUIDE: Huntsman Team
FACTS: Looks like a Huntsman??? Go and have a look!
COME TOUR ME! 



NAME: iTelescope
BUILT: 2013
YOUR TOUR GUIDE: Blake Estes
FACTS: -Telescopes are located all around the world
Anyone can book time on these telescopes
There are 24 telescopes in the building!
COME TOUR INSIDE ME!



NAME: Korea Microlensing Telescope Network (KMTNet)
BUILT: 2014
FACTS: KMTNet has telescopes all around the world
Mirror is 1.6m in diameter
Targeting—the discovery of extra solar plants
NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC



NAME: Las Cumbres Observatory (LCO)
BUILT: 2002-2003
FACTS: 1x2m Telescope
2x 1m Telescopes
LCO has telescopes all around the world
NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC



NAME: Skymapper
BUILT: Late 2000's
FACTS: Dome is 11.5m high, and 6.25m in diameter
Its mapping the entire southern sky, by the time its finished it will have imaged more than BILLION stars and galaxies!!
NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC



NAME: United Kingdom Schmidt Telescope (UKST)
BUILT: Early 1970's
FACTS: Currently being refurbished and equipped with new instruments to carry out the planned TAIPAN galaxy survey.
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TALKS PROGRAM in the SSO LODGE SEMINAR ROOM

1100am - Tanmay Tanmay—Echos in the Dark: The Universe Written in Light.

1130am - Fotini Kouloukis- Machine Learning for DRAGNs

12:00pm—Vanessa Moss -Looking Up: Why We Explore the Universe

LUNCH BREAK 1230—1330

1330pm - Donna Burton

14:00pm - Chris Lidman

14:30pm - Rowina Nathan—Gravity as a Scale:

Weighing Black Holes from Stellar to Supermassive

15:00pm - Matt Dodds—Smart Telescopes - The New Era of Amateur Astrophotography

KIDS TALKS in the Old Admin

1100am - Donna Burton

11:30am - Matt Dodds

1200pm - Mike Ireland

1230—1330pm LUNCH BREAK

1330pm - Rowina Nathan—Space's Biggest Burp:

What Happens When a Black Hole Eats a Black Hole?

14:00 - Alan Chan—Cosmic Detectives: Solving the Mysteries of the Universe

14:30 - Vanessa Moss-Journey Through The Universe

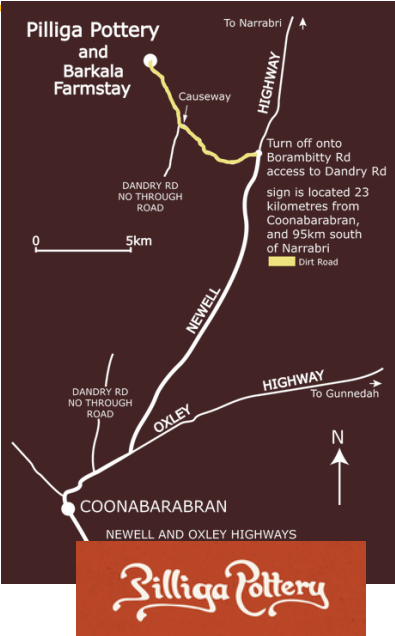
15:00 - Andrew Kefala—Are We Alone? The Hunt for Alien Life



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- ✓ Sculptures in the Scrub - Breathtaking artworks in the bush (Approx. 2 hrs walking)
- ✓ Salt Caves - Hidden gems with panoramic views (Approx. 1hr visit)
- ✓ Pilliga Pottery - Unique local art and crafts (Approx. 1hr visit)
- ✓ Baradine Discovery Centre - Gateway to the Pilliga with cultural insights (Approx. 30 min visit)
- ✓ Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre - Discover the history, geology, and wildlife of the park
- ✓ White Gum Lookout - Easy Walk with spectacular views of the Warrumbungle's

Pricing:

- \$70 Single
- \$120 Couple
- \$160 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Special School Holiday Tours:

1 October - 12 October 2025

Tour Details:

- Departs: Coonabarabran
- Duration: Full day (approx. 8am - 5pm)
- Small group tours | Comfortable transport
- Morning tea - Lunch - Afternoon tea included
- Places we visit will vary from tour to tour due to time.
- We will inform you of the place we will be visiting when enquiring & booking.

Bookings & Enquiries:

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THINGS TO DO @ SSO OPEN DAY

Behind the scenes of the AAT, 2.3m, Huntsman, iTelescope and talk with technicians

*Coffee Van

*Grab a sausage sizzle from Coona Rotary Club

*Pilliga Pottery gelato and food

*bus to the summit of the mountain for guided tours of the 2.3m Telescope and Huntsman

*Free buses circling around the site all day

*Planetarium on the Ground Floor of AAT

*Tamworth Astronomy Club Solar viewing

*MQ Association for Astronomy Solar viewing

*VR experience—6th Floor AAT – Glen Rees and Vanessa Moss

*Khoot Trivia with Clinton Li - RSAA- AAT 4th Floor

*Astrophotography - Mark Iscaro—AstroPuNk—AAT 4th Floor

*AAT Catwalk for thrill seekers and a great photo—6th Floor AAT

*talks in the Lodge seminar room

*talks in the Old Admin Building

*David Allen walking Track—NOTE steep walking in some areas.

(The track starts below the ANU lodge—look for the signs)



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