



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



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!

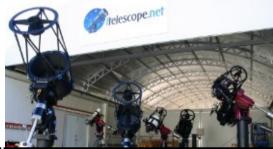
And with a light mirror weight this allows for more rapid movement during observations.

**COME TOUR INSIDE ME!** 



NAME: Huntsman Telescope BUILT:2020 <u>YOUR TOUR GUIDE:</u> Huntsman Team FACTS: Our Newest arrival to site - and opened in August 2022.





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

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NAME: Korea Micolensing Telescope Network (KMTNet)

BUILT: 2014

FACTS: KMTNet has telescopes all around the world

Mirror is 1.6m in diameter

NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC

Targeting—the discovery of extra solar plants

NAME: Las Cumbres Observatory (LCO)

BUILT:2002-2003

FACTS: 1x2m Telescope

2x 1mTelescopes

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

#### 1030am - Fred Watson:

More than a Big White Dome

# 1100am - Thomas Nordlander:

Anaemic stars and ancient supernovae

### 1130am - Hilay Shah:

Why and how to build galaxies

1200pm - Maya Jablonska:

Peering into the Abyss: How We Detect Black Holes

# LUNCH BREAK 1230-1330

### 1330pm - Matthew Colless:

Telescopes: 100 years of evolving technology and advancing discovery

# 14:00pm - Jenny Jiang:

Behind the Scenes: the instruments that enable astronomical observations

# <u>14:30pm</u> - Olivia Walters:

High Velocity Clouds: the giant magnets colliding with the milky way and radio wave astronomy

# KIDS TALKS in the Old Admin

1030am – Katie Grasha - Stars and their Stellar Stories

<u>1100am</u> - Alan Chan - The Expanding Universe: Unveiling the Mysteries of Dark Matter and Dark Energy

<u>1130am</u> - Olivia Walters - The giant magnets colliding with the Milky Way, and how we can see them

1200pm - LG Spriggs -A Stellar Resolution

### 1230—1330pm LUNCH BREAK

130pm - Donna Burton Exploring Mars: The Thrills and Challenges of Space Travel

<u>2pm - Matt Dodds—TBA</u> <u>230pm - Gayandhi De Silva—</u>Let's be detectives and fingerprint some stars!



Warrumbungle National Park

# 5 October 2024

NSW

# Join the celebrations

#### Saturday 5 October 2024 5.00-9pm

Join astrophysicist and Gomerol woman Krystal De Napoli for the Starfest Bok lecture. Explore the stars with us in the Warrumbungle National Park, Australia's first Dark Sky Park.

#### What's on

Krystal De Napoli - guest speaker Q & A session with the Dark Sky Committee Explore the night sky with Coonabarabran Stargazing Telescope viewing opportunity



Visitors are advised to dress warmly, including gloves and beanies. Please bring a chair and additional items for comfort such as a torch and blanket

#### To book your place call (02) 6842 1311 More info - nswparks.info/stars

Photo: Stargazing in the Warrumbungles @ Admir Triovac/DCCEEW



# THINGS TO DO @ SSO OPEN DAY

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

#### \*Lil Coffee Cart

\*Grab a sausage sizzle from Coona Rotary Club

\*Pilliga Pottery gelato and food

\*Coona High School P&C fundraiser—sandwich's, drinks and cakes

\*Bintel Onsite for your telescope needs

\*Town Choir in the Dome from 12pm

\*Catch the 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

\*Donna the Astronomer Solar Viewing

\*Mt Burnett Observatory Information Stall—4th Floor AAT

\*AAO and MQ UNI Info stall—4th Floor AAT

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







\*Dress up like astronauts in the AAT and have a photo—6th Floor AAT

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\*talks in the Lodge seminar room

\*talks in the Old Admin Building

\*Blast off! With OzGrav's amazing VR system—take a trip out into the solar system and beyond \*David Allen walking Track—NOTE steep walking in some areas.

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



