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KEEPING IN TOUCH #52. Mon 18th April 2022

PLEASE pass on to all your local astronomical society members and astro friends

Hi and welcome to 'Keeping in Touch' #52. This issue is mainly about forthcoming RASNZ events...

1. THE 2022 RASNZ ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN WHANGAREI -

The RASNZ AGM and Conference is fast approaching! It will be hosted by the Northland Astronomical Society in Whangarei over **Queens Birthday weekend, Fri 3 – Sun 5 June 2022**. More information can be found at - <https://rasnzconference.org.nz/> . The RASNZ conference is the pinnacle of the Society's yearly activities. It's an excellent time to listen to entertaining talks and find out what New Zealand (and overseas) astronomers are doing, be it observational or theoretical. Conferences are a tremendous meeting place to make new acquaintances and catch up with old friends. The Saturday night banquet and after-dinner speaker is a highlight of the weekend. It's certainly worth coming!

Note: the 2021 AGM and Affiliated Societies' meeting minutes will be sent out in about a week.



The 2021 RASNZ conference in Wellington – marking the Society's 100th centenary. President Steve Butler opens the conference (right) and Dr Nick Rattenbury holds the audience's attention (below). Photos: John Drummond.



2. THE KINGDON-TOMLINSON GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 1 MAY 2022 –

By-law J2 states, 'Applications may be made by any person or persons, or organisations, requiring funding for any projects or ventures which promote the progress of astronomy in New Zealand.'

By-law J3, 'Council will invite applications in two rounds each year, with deadlines of 1 May and 1 November'.

If you require an application form, please email me, John Drummond (kiwiastronomer@gmail.com).

3. RASNZ SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2022 -

The **2022 RASNZ subscriptions were due** on the 1st of January 2022. See - <https://www.rasnz.org.nz/rasnz/payments-and-donations> . Many thanks for your continued support of RASNZ.

4. FORTHCOMING STAR PARTIES –

THE DARK SKIES RETREAT: Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th June 2022 (supported by ASTRONZ). A weekend getaway of astronomical proportions! Astronomy, astrophotography, night sky education, outreach, with a big focus on dark skies. Held over the first Matariki Public Holiday in June, under the dark skies of Camp Iona, Herbert Forrest, Herbert (20-minutes south of Oamaru). Contact Damien McNamara, solaur.science@gmail.com

CENTRAL STAR PARTY: Thursday 12 – Tuesday 17 (lunchtime) January 2023. Pencil this date into your calendars, for it is the great five nights of telescope viewing, talks and socialising in the sunny Hawkes Bay. More details to follow closer to the time.

Remember to visit our Affiliated Societies page – <http://rasnz.org.nz/rasnz/affiliated-societies-details> .

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