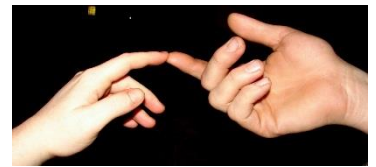




# THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH #42. Mon 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**PLEASE pass on to all your local astronomical society members**

Hi and welcome to 'Keeping in Touch' #42. This issue is mainly about forthcoming deadlines...

### **1. MURRAY GEDDES AND BRIGHT STAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS -**

The deadline for the **Murray Geddes Memorial Prize** and the **Dark Sky Projects Bright Star Award** is fast approaching. **The deadline is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021.** If you require a nomination form for either award, please email me, John Drummond ( [kiwiastronomer@gmail.com](mailto:kiwiastronomer@gmail.com) ). See below for descriptions.

**The Murray Geddes Memorial Prize** is awarded by the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand to a person or persons for contributions to astronomy in New Zealand. This award is named after the prolific New Zealand observer of aurorae, variable stars, meteors, sunspots, comet discoverer, and inaugural director of Carter Observatory, Murray Geddes, who passed away during WW2 when on active service. The award is usually made annually. The recipient of the prize must be a New Zealand resident but need not be a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand. Normally a person may only receive the award once.



**The Dark Sky Project Bright Star award** shall be awarded to a person or persons at intervals of not more than five years nor less than one year, for contributions in New Zealand in promoting astronomy to the public, or in astronomical education, or in promoting dark skies so as to allow astro-tourism to flourish.

### **2. THE 2021 RASNZ CONFERENCE IS IN WELLINGTON -**

The 2021 RASNZ conference is planned to be held in Wellington from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Come along for this special 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference! A Dark Skies workshop is also planned. Keep an eye on the RASNZ webpage for details as they evolve, <https://www.rasnz.org.nz/> .

### **3. A CALL FOR NOTICES OF MOTION -**

If anyone has notices of motion for either the 2021 Annual General Meeting or the 2021 Affiliated Societies' meeting, please send them to me, the Executive Secretary, **by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.** Rule 71 - Notice of all motions for any General Meeting of Members and Affiliated Society representatives other than motions emanating from the Council must be given in writing to the Executive Secretary at least six weeks before the date of that meeting. The AGM is planned for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021, at the Wellington conference.

### **4. THE KINGDON-TOMLINSON GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 1 MAY 2021 -**

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 states, '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.

**5. SOUTHERN STARS -** Got an interesting astronomical story, area of astronomical research or article to share? *Southern Stars* editor Bob Evans would love to hear from you! He's always keen to see more articles in *Southern Stars*. *Southern Stars* is the journal of the RASNZ and an excellent forum to publish within. Write to [bevans@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bevans@xtra.co.nz)

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



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