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## KEEPING IN TOUCH #41. Tue 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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

Hi and welcome to 'Keeping in Touch' #41. This issue is mainly about forthcoming events...

### 1. FORTHCOMING STAR PARTIES -

**CENTRAL STAR PARTY. Thu 14<sup>th</sup> – Mon 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.** Four days/nights of tenting/bunk rooms, excellent astronomy talks and telescope viewing! Tuki Tuki Camp site, 70 Moore Rd, Haumoana, Hawkes Bay. [www.censtar.party](http://www.censtar.party) . See photo...



**STARDATE – SOUTH ISLAND. Waitangi weekend, Fri 5<sup>th</sup> -Mon 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Staveley.** Keep an eye on <https://cas.org.nz/>

**STARDATE. Fri 12 and Sat 13 February 2021, at Stonehenge.** Phoenix Astronomical Society. Contact [secretary@astronomynz.org.nz](mailto:secretary@astronomynz.org.nz)

### 2. 2021 RASNZ CONFERENCE 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. RASNZ 2021 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE –

The 2021 RASNZ subscriptions are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021. See - <https://www.rasnz.org.nz/rasnz/payments-and-donations> . BTW, the 2021 RASNZ calendars have all sold out – like hot cakes! Thanks Jennie McCormick and team!!!

### 4. RASNZ SECTION AND GROUP REPORTS FOR 2020 ARE DUE BY EARLY MARCH 2021 –

Could the RASNZ Section and Group leaders please send their 2020 report to the Executive Secretary ([kiwiasronomer@gmail.com](mailto:kiwiasronomer@gmail.com)) at least two months before the AGM, thus, by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Note, thanks to COVID-19, the 2021 AGM date is yet to be determined. It may be a Zoom AGM in May (to meet the Charities Commission requirements) or it may be physically held at the actual July 2021 conference in Wellington. We will know more soon, however, it is best to set the deadline for the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021. These reports will be published in *Southern Stars*. RASNZ By-Law F14 states, 'Each year, not less than eight weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting, each Section shall provide Council with a report of its activities during the previous calendar year and where the section holds a bank account in the Society's name, a financial statement.'

**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)

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