



# THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

## RASNZ AFFILIATED SOCIETIES INFORMATION 2010

As an Affiliated Society of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand you have numerous entitlements. This letter highlights them. If you require a Members Information CD or a copy of the RASNZ Rules please let us know and we will ensure one is posted to you.

It would help us if you let us know as soon as possible if you have any changes regarding appropriate contacts for your society – e.g email and postal addresses. This will ensure that all correspondence is forwarded to the correct person and you don't miss out on anything important.

Affiliated Society Rep Email Contact: [aff.soc.reps@rasnz.org.nz](mailto:aff.soc.reps@rasnz.org.nz)

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The object of the Society is the promotion and extension of knowledge of astronomy and related branches of science. It encourages interest in Astronomy and is an association of observers and others for mutual help and advancement of science. The RASNZ was founded in 1920 as the New Zealand Astronomical Society and assumed its present title on receiving the Royal Charter in 1946. In 1967 it became a Member Body of the Royal Society of New Zealand. The address for contacting RASNZ is:

**The Royal Astronomical Society**

**P.O.Box 3181,**

**Wellington, 6140**

**Email:** [secretary@rasnz.org.nz](mailto:secretary@rasnz.org.nz)

**Website:** [www.rasnz.org.nz](http://www.rasnz.org.nz)

The council members for 2010 to 2012 are as follows:

<b>President</b>	Glen Rowe	<b>Councillor</b>	Dr Orlon Petterson
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<b>Editor Southern Stars</b>	Bob Evans	<b>Affiliated Societies Rep</b>	Jennie McCormick <i>MNZM</i>
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<b>Information Officer</b>	Deborah Hambly		
<b>Dark Sky Rep</b>	Steve Butler		

## ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND AWARDS

### The Murray Geddes Memorial Prize

The Murray Geddes Memorial Prize is awarded by the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand to a person or persons for contributions to New Zealand astronomy. The award is usually made annually and announced at the Annual RASNZ Conference. The recipient 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.

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## RASNZ Fellows

Fellowship of the RASNZ shall be a distinction conferred upon members who have made notable contributions to either amateur or professional astronomy, or who have performed special services to the science or to the Society. Any Affiliated Society may propose the name of a nominee for the Fellowship to the RASNZ Council. The proposal shall be in writing, and shall include a full supporting statement of no more than 500 words, not including references to publications, establishing the suitability of the candidate

Recommendations for either award can be made to the Secretary of RASNZ – [secretary@rasnz.org.nz](mailto:secretary@rasnz.org.nz)

## AFFILIATED SOCIETY ENTITLEMENTS

### Monthly Email or Postal Newsletter

RASNZ produces a monthly Email Newsletter. This is forward to your members by email and to all Societies affiliated to RASNZ. Members without Email can be posted a printed copy.

If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to, please email the Editor [enews@rasnz.org.nz](mailto:enews@rasnz.org.nz) or write to RASNZ. The newsletter is published monthly from February to December and is timed to appear around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. It contains current news regarding the RASNZ council, Affiliated Societies and RASNZ Sections as well as current and interesting news in astronomy.

Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. 'Copy' to the Editor by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Southern Stars Publication

Southern Stars is the official Journal of the RASNZ and is distributed free to all Affiliated Societies and financial members.

Individuals, recognised scientific societies, institutions and libraries may subscribe to Southern Stars at an annual rate of NZ\$60.00 including postage. Individual subscriptions will only be accepted from outside New Zealand. However, single copies of Southern Stars are available at NZ\$15.00 including postage.

For further information regarding this publication, or to submit a paper please contact RASNZ at [sstars@rasnz.org.nz](mailto:sstars@rasnz.org.nz) or write to The RASNZ Secretary.

### New Zealand Astronomical Yearbook

This handbook of stars and planets in the southern skies is published by the the Auckland Observatory and Planetarium Trust on a yearly basis and is optionally distributed by RASNZ to its members at a discount rate. The Astronomical Yearbook contains articles and information on a wide range of topics aimed to provide a useful resource for everyone interested in astronomy in New Zealand.

### Affiliated Society Grants and Funds

(1) *The Gifford-Eiby fund* is used to cover the travel costs of speakers to meetings of Affiliated Societies (or RASNZ meetings). Grants from the fund may be used only for travel within New Zealand and the host Society is expected to provide appropriate accommodation for the speaker.

(2) *The Kingdon-Tomlinson fund* is not administered by RASNZ. Instead the RASNZ Council makes recommendation to the Kingdon-Tomlinson Trustees for grants to further astronomy in New Zealand. This fund is open to all RASNZ members and astronomical societies to apply for.

**Applications for these funds should be made on the official application form as early as possible, preferably at least three months prior to the intended date of the lecture. Applications forms can be obtained from the Executive Secretary, RASNZ from whom further information is available. Email enquiries to [secretary@rasnz.org.nz](mailto:secretary@rasnz.org.nz) or write to the RASNZ Secretary.**

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