



THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

KEEPING IN TOUCH, No 2 – Please pass on to all your members Week Ending 14 November, 2009

1. Carter Observatory Recruiting Now

The new Carter Observatory is looking to recruit two people for the following positions;

- **Education and Public Programmes Manager:** Starting early January 2010. Full time, permanent position.
- **Planetarium Manager:** Starting early January 2010. Full time, permanent position.

If you are interested or know anyone who maybe, please check the following link for further information and an application form <http://www.carterobservatory.org/careers.php>

You might like to contact Sara Hope on 04 803 8643 or email her at jobs@carterobservatory.org



2. Do you require your mirror aluminized?

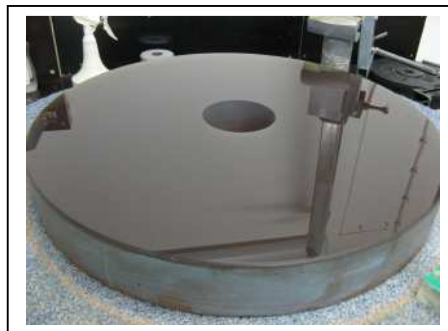
If you require your telescope mirror or secondary aluminized and it is no larger than 13.1", then Peter Wilde from Palmerston North has a chamber and is offering his services.

He charges \$10.00 per inch and an extra \$15.00 if the mirror has previously been SiO₂ over-coated. This price includes the diagonal as well. He prefers drop off and collection of the mirror if possible, but is happy to courier it back at the owners cost and risk.

To contact Peter send an email to p.wilde@clear.net.nz

Peter is currently looking at increasing the size of the chamber to take a 14" mirror but that will not be until sometime later next year.

We would like to thank Peter for offering this service, I am sure many of us will take advantage of it.



3. Amateur Astronomy and Public Outreach In New Zealand

Searching the internet can sometimes land some rather interesting items – this one in particular was sent onto me and I thought it would be great to share with you all.

This is an anthropology thesis by Brian Howe submitted recently (2009) at Victoria University. It deals with amateur astronomy and public outreach in New Zealand. It is a pdf document - 1.99MB download

<http://researcharchive.vuw.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10063/1062/thesis.pdf?sequence=1>