



## Southern Astronomical Society Inc.

The SAS was formed in 1986 to promote Amateur Astronomy. The Society actively encourages Observational Astronomy, Astrophotography, Telescope and Observatory Construction. Many of our members specialise in one or more forms of observing and have indeed become very proficient. Our members have contributed data for lunar & planetary observations, comet observations, variable star observations and supernova searching. Some members enjoy building telescopes, including the optics, observatories and ALL our members have at some time or other enjoyed a good astrocamp!

### Society Activities

*Monthly Meetings* - The Society meets once a month at Oxenford Pony Club, Charlies Crossing Park, Charlies Crossing Rd, Upper Coomera. Anyone interested is invited to attend a meeting to see what we do, or to join. Contact us for instructions on how to get to the meeting room, etc. All members and visitors are invited to contribute items of interest at these meetings.

*Field Nights* - These observing nights are held after each monthly meeting on the field, giving members and visitors the opportunity to view the night sky through telescopes.

*Astro-Camps* - These monthly observing weekends are held at a dark sky site away from city lights.

### Newsletter

Our newsletter, 'Event Horizon', is emailed out to members each month. It provides a venue for members to share their astrophotography, travel blogs, items for sale, etc. The newsletter also provides information about upcoming meetings and events, astro-camps as well as the latest news in astronomy.

### Library

SAS has a good selection of contemporary astronomy books covering topics from general astronomy to hands-on guides. These books are available for members to borrow for a period of 2 months.

### Website <http://www.sas.org.au>

The SAS Website is a great way to access information about the upcoming meetings, SAS newsletters -Event Horizon' (past and current), SAS outreach, SAS Library information & book lists, Links & Resources, membership information (fees etc.) and contacts as well as much more.

### Membership

Membership to our society is open to anyone who has an interest in the night sky and the science of Astronomy. Financial members may borrow books from the library for free. Club telescopes are available for hire for members at a small fee (\$20/ month and a refundable deposit \$20.)

The membership fee is \$35 annually, \$45 for families. Membership cards are valid for 12 months and are emailed out to members along with a 'Welcome Letter'.

To join, fill out the membership form attached and return the completed form to the Secretary (see below).

Payment options are as follows:

- Cash or cheque (All cheques should be made payable to The Southern Astronomical Society, Inc.)
- Via SAS website - PayPal or EFT (electronic funds transfer) <http://www.sas.org.au>

For further information contact:

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or

Secretary – Bronwyn Smith  
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Or write to:

**The Secretary**  
**Southern Astronomical Society, Inc.**  
**PO Box 867 Beenleigh QLD 4207**  
**Australia**



## Membership Form for the Southern Astronomical Society, Inc.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr  
(Please Circle)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Last Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (First Name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Other Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

What inspired you to join our society? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership:** (please tick appropriate boxes)

Membership year is 12 months from the date of payment of fees.

Adult \$35 per year.

Family \$45 per year.

*Please contact the committee about student member discounts.*

(Must be under 18 years of age, the signature of a parent/guardian is required)

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18 years)

**I wish to apply for membership of The Southern Astronomical Society, Inc.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_