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Astronomy
& Astrophysics

AstroCon19

PROPOSED OUTLINE OF EVENTS

Monday 17th June

p.m.

- Flights to Brisbane.
 - Transport into Brisbane City for hire mini-bus
 - Brisbane students join group

5:00 pm

Check-in at Brisbane City YHA

392 Upper Roma St Brisbane City (Ph: 3236 1004)

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

6:30 to 9:30 pm

- Dinner served at YHA
- Conference welcome & Introductions
- Zoom Conference Past TSAA Students (Chris Dilger & Grace Lawrence Swinburne University)

Tuesday 18th June

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

7:00 to 8:00 am

Breakfast

Venue – QUT Gardens Point

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

- Astrophysics at QUT (Astrophysics lecturer and undergrad students)
- Tour of QUT Campus (Incl. Roof-top Observatory)

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

3:00 to 3:15 pm

Afternoon Tea

3:15 to 4:30 pm

• Lecture – History of Astronomy in Australia (John Tebbutt) – Prof Graeme White

Venue – BC-YHA Dorms

4:30 to 6:30 pm

• Free time

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

6:30 to 7:30 pm

• Dinner

7:45 to 9:30 pm

• Lecture – Double Stars (Prof Graeme White)

Wednesday 19th June

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

7:00 to 8:00 am

Breakfast

Venue – University of Queensland (UQ) – St Lucia

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

- Physics museum (Incl. famous "Pitch Drop Experiment" & "Online Labs")
- Asteroid search
- Q&A with Astrophysicists
- Campus & College tour (Science/Engineering student Billy Fogg)
- Lunch

Venue – Brisbane Planetarium

2:00 to 4:30 pm

- Planetarium display and show
- Observatory (unique Zeiss 15 cm refractor)

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

5:30 to 6:30 pm

Dinner

Venue – Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre

7:30 to 9:30 pm

An evening with Prof Brian Cox – Universal World Tour 2019

Thursday 20th June

Venue – Rainforest Conference Room (BC-YHA)

7:00 to 8:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am

Check-out BC-YHA

9:15 am

• Dept. YHA Brisbane for USQ Springfield Campus (Minibus)

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Venue - USQ Springfield Campus

10:00 to 12:30 pm

- Tour of USQ Springfield campus
- Lunch & travel to USQ Toowoomba (Minibus)

Venue – USQ Toowoomba Campus

2:30 pm

Arrive Toowoomba & afternoon tea (USQ Refectory)

3:00 to 400:pm

- Tour of USQ Campus
- Meet USQ astronomers

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Travel to Mt Kent Observatory

Venue – USQ Mt Kent Observatory

5:00 to 6:00 pm

- WH&S awareness and site tour
- Dinner

6:00 pm to late



Before each session there will be a ½ hour background context set in the EDG building

- Discovering the Night Sky (all students) Prof Graeme White
 - Using a Dobsonian telescope, star map & red torch, students star-hop to find objects themselves and record results.

Suggested objects: Southern Cross, Constellations, Milky Way, Coal Sack, LMC, SMC, Alpha Cen, Kappa Cru, Omega Cen, NGC4945, Cen A, Jupiter & Moons, Saturn, M8, M7, Moon and selected features

- Project Images of Nova Aquilae for photometry (Group 1) Prof Graeme White
 - Introductory talk on project and photometry then imaging using a Shared Skies research telescope
- Imaging on Shared Skies telescope (Group 2) USQ Astronomer & Ralph Smith
 - Using a Shared Skies research telescope, students image objects of interest:

Alpha Cen, Kappa Cru, Omega Cen, NGC 4945, Cen A, Jupiter & moons, Saturn, M8, M7, Moon & selected features

Retire to swags in EDG Building

Friday 21st June

Venue – USQ Mt Kent Observatory

9:00 to 10:00 am

Breakfast

10:00 to 11:00 am

Tour of MINERVA South facility

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Solar viewing and recording

12:30 to 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 to 4:00 pm

• Solar imaging - EDG Building

4:00 to 5:30 pm

• Free time

5:30 to 6:00 pm

• BBQ dinner at Mt Kent Observatories.

6:00 pm to late



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- Astrophotography with Tripod Mounted Cameras (all students) Prof Graeme White
 & Ralph Smith
 - DSLR on fixed tripod Milky Way
 - DSLR on side of classic C8 Milky Way
 - DSLR/Phone imaging of bright objects through tripod mounted telescope
 - CMOS imaging through tripod mounted telescope
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Saturday 22nd June

5:30 to 6:30 am

Breakfast and pack-up

6:30 am

Depart Mt Kent Observatory for BC-YHA

9:00 am

Parents pick up students at BC- HA who joined Brisbane

9:15 am

Depart BC-YHA for Brisbane AP

10:00 am onwards

• Drop off minibus and flights home