

ASTRONOMY IS FULL OF WONDER

Historically science started with astronomy intriguing mankind ever since people first looked to the skies. As a hobby astronomy is both fascinating and fun. The Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society maintains activities and facilities where members can explore their personal astronomical curiosity within a hands-on learning and social environment. Astronomically we are living in history's most dynamic period of renaissance during which advances in new technology, computing and communication are revealing the universe around us in exquisite detail.

Briars Astronomy Centre

The society maintains observing facilities for members' use at The Briars Astronomy Centre on The Briars Historic Park property, near Mt Martha. The facility provides a powered observing site & Observatory with a large range of telescopes within a reasonable commuting distance of the Melbourne CBD. Both planned and special events are held throughout the year to take advantage of significant current astronomical phenomena.

Society Meetings

Society meetings are held monthly at the Don Leggett Astronomy Centre. Visitors are always welcome. The meetings are comfortable get-togethers to review the latest developments in astronomy and scientific discoveries as well as discussing topics of interest. Occasionally guest speakers give presentations, Sky for the month and videos of special interest.

Social Events

Astronomy is best enjoyed in a social environment where members can exchange ideas and share experiences. At least one monthly members-only social viewing night is held. In addition individual members arrange various ad-hoc get-togethers for specific activities or to attend the many star parties and gatherings held around the country.

Society Library & Journals

Internet communication channels keep members up to date on planned events, astronomical discoveries and society activities. Members are invited to join the society Yahoo and Face book chat groups used for general communication between members. Scorpius, a society online magazine is regularly published via the society website. Additionally there is a library of astronomy books, science books and videos.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TYPE (tick desired box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner Member	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pensioner Membership	\$60

Annual Membership Payment is Enclosed
How did you find out about society? _____

Simply Post to: **Mornington Peninsula
Astronomical Society Inc.**
P.O. Box 596, Frankston,
Victoria, Australia. 3199.

or hand in at M.P.A.S. event.

Please Note: Cheques are to be made out to:
Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society Inc.
(Abbreviations cannot be accepted)

Frequent Questions

* Membership requires no previous astronomical experience. Members have a range of skills and willingly pass these along to new members. You do not have to be an expert. New members gain expertise to suit their own interests and needs. Various training and workshop events are held covering basic setups through to advanced astrophotography, solar viewing and software.

* Membership is open to all. [Note: Persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a supervising adult]

* While the society has members across Victoria, its principal membership is drawn from a wide regional area centred on the Mornington Peninsula including the South Eastern suburbs. If transport is a concern, we may be able to assist, with members living in many areas.

* To join you do not need to own a telescope, as there are numerous members' and society telescopes available at The Briars site. If you do own a telescope or binoculars, we are happy to answer any questions you may have concerning instruments to help guide you in their optimal use.

* Annual subscriptions are due January 1st each year. There are no other fees. Mid-year memberships are charged on a Pro-Rata basis.

* The number of members is approaching 200, making us one of the larger astronomical societies in the Southern hemisphere. Nearly a third of these attend the regular monthly meetings.

* The society conducts educational sky viewing nights and presentations upon request from local schools, community groups and from regional areas such as Westernport and Port Phillip. Demand is very strong throughout the year so early bookings are advised.

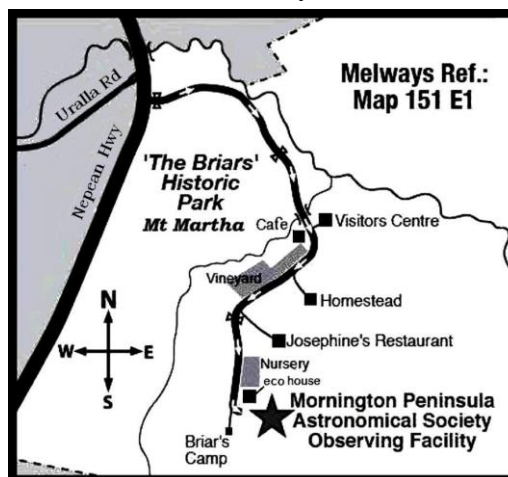
MEETING VENUE

The society meets at 8pm on the third Wednesday of each month (except December)

The Don Leggett Astronomy Centre

The Briars, Nepean Hwy, Mt Martha
(Melways ref. 151/E1)

Visitors are always welcome



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ASTRONOMY ON THE MOVE

* The Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society (formerly the Astronomical Society of Frankston) was founded in 1969 with the aim of fostering the study and understanding of Astronomy and Science, and promoting these to the general community at all levels.

* The Society holds a focused Society meeting each month for the exchange of ideas and information. Regular public and private observing nights are arranged to observe currently available celestial objects and phenomena. In addition, the society encourages the services of its members for educational presentations and observing nights for schools and community groups.

*** Star Gazing ***

Public viewing and presentation nights

8 pm on the 1st Friday each month at the Briars dark-sky site (small fee payable.)

Bookings essential -

online, email or phone 0419 253 252

View the wonders of the night sky through our large range of telescopes.

Enquiries: www.mpas.asn.au