



# TRAC Membership Benefits

**Membership of the Tamworth Regional Astronomy Club Inc (TRAC) is open to people of all ages and occupations - the only prerequisite is an interest in astronomy and related sciences. It doesn't matter how much you know about astronomy or any other science; TRAC has something for you!**

Not interested in Astronomy? Then how about a range of sciences such as Electronics, Geology, Space Flight, and Radio Astronomy, to name just a few. Biology is on the drawing board.

As a member, you will have the opportunity to contribute in a variety of ways:

- To serve on a committee to help guide the development of the club and its exhibits
- Project development – e.g. create interactive educational material for school children
- Public-facing tour guides – conduct tours for Local and International visitors, including local school groups.

We currently have over 200 members from all walks of life. What we all share is the enjoyment of not just Astronomy, but all avenues of science, with a particular focus on young people to pique their interest in science.



Our members include:

- Social astronomers who enjoy the company of other like-minded people and sharing their interests.
- 'Armchair astronomers' who follow the subject online, and read books, magazines and journals etc.
- People of all ages and abilities working in a range of professions, trades and businesses including scientists, technicians, engineers, teachers, retailers, builders, accountants, public servants, medical professionals, administrative professionals, computer technicians, small businesspeople, students and retirees to name just a few, who are willing to impart their vast range of knowledge, experience and skills.
- People with interests in research, innovation, design and discovery.
- Families and others who just like to look at amazing objects through telescopes and on live screens.

From as little as \$30 per year for full membership, you can receive all the membership benefits:

## Free Entry to Viewing Nights

Members can attend the Club's astronomy meetings and telescope viewing nights free of charge. These include our Astronomy and Science Centre 'Open for Inspection' days held each Saturday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, our weekly Thursday night Club working bees from 6.00 pm and our First Saturday of the month and Telescope Viewing Nights from 6.00 pm where we also have a guest speaker (apart from January).



## Free Use of the Club's Telescopes

Members can gain use of the Club's substantial viewing assets including the 36 inch Jos Roberts, the 16 inch Lowe Telescope and the 13-inch Barnett Telescope. We have restored and digitised a very rare 34" Hewitt Camera/Telescope (the only functioning one of just two in the world). A number of our members collaborate in international pro/am astronomical research and citizen science activities.

## Stay Informed with our Journal and e-newsletter

TRAC members receive an annual 40-50 page PDF Journal 'Astronomer' and a monthly e-newsletter 'Observer' to keep them informed on current Club and astronomical news and events.

## Online Forums, Mailing Lists, Members' Gallery and much more...

- TRAC members are welcome to join our Facebook Group.
- As a member you can have your own Gallery Page on our website to post your astro-images and Club photos.
- Receive discounts on astronomical equipment, join our special interest groups, access our extensive library, have your telescope adjusted at our telescope clinics, learn observing and imaging tips and techniques from our members and much more!