



Australian Academy of Science

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Astronomy

2007 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN, including TIMELINES AND PROPOSED BUDGETS

1. Aims of this NC

To act as a peak body for astronomy in Australia ...

- promoting the national value and benefits of the astronomical sciences
- facilitating community-wide strategic planning initiatives
- managing relations between Australian astronomers and the International Astronomical Union (IAU)

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved

- Liaise with the IAU through its President, Executive and Commissions, and promote active Australian involvement in the IAU at all levels
- Propose and encourage activities in Australia that will enhance the status of the astronomy discipline in collaboration with the Astronomical Society of Australia and other professional and regional societies
- Promote and encourage Australian participation in a range of relevant international forums, such as OECD Global Science Forums
- Undertake decadal reviews of astronomy, and mid-term reviews as required
- Support the planning for Australian involvement in current and future large-scale astronomical facilities
- Liaise with the Academy's Executive Committee on astronomy-related matters

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget) in 2007 to achieve the aims

a. National (Funding from Academy: Up to \$2,500 upon presentation of receipts/invoices, to support NC meetings/teleconferences).

- Guide the implementation of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy for radio and optical astronomy, and the formation of Astronomy Australia, in the spirit of the Astronomy Decadal Plan 2006-2015.
- Encourage and facilitate development of implementation plans for other aspects of the Decadal Plan.
- Oversee the transfer of advisory structures for the future large facilities funded by NCRIS to Astronomy Australia.
- Liaise with the Academy to identify appropriate astronomy resources as part of the Academy's science education activities.

b. International Scientific Union (Funding from Academy: Up to \$2,000 each for up to three approved voting delegates, upon presentation of a report and receipts/invoices, for attendance at the triennial/quadrennial General Assembly meetings of the corresponding International Union).

- Support Australian implementation of resolutions and initiatives emerging from the IAU General Assembly held in Prague during 2006.
- Plan Australian participation in the International Year of Astronomy in 2009.



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BUDGET

The budget for the two NCA meetings proposed for 2007 is given below (no funding is required for IAU attendance in 2007).

NCA MEETING, JULY 2007, AAO, SYDNEY

<i>Member</i>	<i>Travelling from</i>	<i>Airfares</i>	<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Car hire/fuel/taxis/parking</i>
Sadler	Sydney				
Colless	Sydney				
Boyle	Sydney				
Staveley-Smith	Perth	\$1,350	\$130		\$200
Da Costa	Canberra	\$470			\$100
Sackett	Canberra	\$470			\$100
Couch	Melbourne	\$566			\$150
Melatos	Melbourne	\$566			\$150
Subtotal		\$3,422	\$130	\$120	\$700
TOTAL		\$4,372			

NCA MEETING, DECEMBER 2007, AAS, CANBERRA

<i>Member</i>	<i>Travelling from</i>	<i>Airfares</i>	<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Car hire/fuel/taxis/parking</i>
Sadler	Sydney				\$100
Colless	Sydney				\$100
Boyle	Sydney				\$100
Staveley-Smith	Perth	\$1,580	\$130		\$200
Da Costa	Canberra				
Sackett	Canberra				
Couch	Melbourne	\$546			\$100
Melatos	Melbourne	\$546			\$100
Subtotal		\$2,672	\$130	\$120	\$700
TOTAL		\$3,622			

GRAND TOTAL	\$7,994
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