



The 2018 New Zealand Astrophotography Competition

CATEGORIES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



The Auckland Astronomical Society invites entries for the 2018 New Zealand Astrophotography Competition and Harry Williams Trophy. This competition is officially endorsed by the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand and is open to all New Zealand residents.

2018 Categories

1. **Solar System** - Solar images, Planetary images, Comets and Asteroids, images with a terrestrial foreground will not be accepted into this category.
2. **Deep Sky** - Nebulae, Galaxies, Globular and Open Star Clusters, Deep Space Objects etc, images with a terrestrial foreground will not be accepted into this category.
3. **Nightscape / Artistic** - Artistic and interesting subjects with an Astronomical theme, including wide field images, Milky Way Panoramas, Artificial Satellites, Star Trails, Star Parties, Aurora images etc, images with a terrestrial foreground are acceptable in this category.

Each category winner, including highly commended entrants, will receive a certificate. Prizes to be announced for each category winner. The first-placed entry from each of the above categories will be judged separately and an "overall" winner will receive the Harry Williams Astrophotography Trophy for Astrophotography Excellence. (*The trophy to be returned prior to the 2019 competition.*)

The awards and prizes will be presented at the Auckland Astronomical Society's Burbidge Dinner, venue and date to be confirmed.

Entry forms in MS Word can be downloaded from:

Auckland Astronomical Society website: www.astronomy.org.nz

Conditions of Entry

1. The entrant must have taken and own the copyright of all images submitted. Entries from any previous New Zealand Astrophotography competition/s are ineligible.
2. There is no restriction on when the image was taken.
3. Each entrant is limited to a maximum of 3 images per category. There are three entry categories. (a total maximum of 9 images per entrant)
4. The entrant must provide signed and dated entry forms to accompany each entry submitted.
5. Entries must be received by the 25th of August, 2018. No late entries will be accepted
6. Entries must be submitted in electronic format (JPG, TIF, GIF, BMP). Images can be submitted on CDROM or USB memory stick, posted, or emailed. It will not be possible to return the CDROM or USB memory stick unless accompanied by a self-addressed, postage paid envelope.
7. No printed entries will be accepted.
8. The decisions of the judge will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. Copyright will remain with the entrant. Unless notified in writing, The Auckland Astronomical Society (AAS) reserves the right to use any images submitted in AAS or RASNZ publications, websites and/or exhibitions to promote astronomy in New Zealand— including, but not limited to AAS and RASNZ journals, the New Zealand Astronomical Yearbook, AAS or RASNZ website and Facebook page, the use of entry images will be of charitable nature and not for profit, sponsors of the competition may also require to use submitted images in a non commercial capacity.

Competition Closing Date: Saturday the 25th of August, 2018

Send entries by email or copied onto CDROM/USB memory stick with accompanying Entry Form to:

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Postal Address: 374 Sunnyside Road, RD2 Albany, Auckland 0793

Email: competition@astronomy.org.nz Subject Header: The 2018 New Zealand Astrophotography Competition