

# INVITATION TO THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH PACIFIC STAR PARTY

14 – 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2010 AT “WIRUNA” ILFORD



Photo courtesy of Mike Salway

We have pleasure in inviting you to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> South Pacific Star Party and enclose a registration form. The Star Party is one of the highlights of the ASNSW calendar and a great opportunity to relax in the company of other amateurs from around Australia and overseas. If you haven't been to a Star Party before, why not come along and find out what you have been missing? The major presentations this year will be:

**David Deboer – Project Directory, Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder, CSIRO**

**Peter Tuthill – Research Astrophysicist, University of Sydney**

**Trevor Barry – Planetary Imager and NASA collaborator.**

Other events include the annual Telescope, Accessories and Software Competition and the Astrophotography Competition. Astronomy Workshops will also be held over the weekend as will nightly sky tours.

Entries for the Astrophotography Competition must have been taken since the start of the last SPSP and awards will be presented on the Saturday afternoon of the SPSP. For further details and full conditions of entry visit the ASNSW website at: [www.asnsw.com](http://www.asnsw.com)

The popular Saturday-night Roast will be on again, but numbers are limited, so please book early. Hot food will be available for purchase on site each day.

Great door prizes will be drawn following the Saturday keynote talk and you might just pick up a bargain at the swap-meet on Sunday morning,

Once again we will set aside the observing area adjacent to the house for astrophotographers with laptops where light restrictions are more relaxed. Generators are allowed at the house observing area but not on the lower observing fields.

There is plenty onsite camp-ground to accommodate your tent or caravan, or you may wish to stay in any of the surrounding motels or Bed and Breakfasts

Please fill-in and return the enclosed registration form or register via the web site (<http://www.asnsw.com/spsp/spsprego.asp>). Register early to receive a discount. For more information visit the Society's web page at [www.asnsw.com](http://www.asnsw.com) or e-mail to [treasurer@asnsw.com](mailto:treasurer@asnsw.com) or contact John O'Brien on 0428 965 249 or Paul Hatchman on 0413 047 782.

**Please Note.**

It is a condition of registration that pets are strictly prohibited.

Wiruna is a designated observing site and we observe a white light usage policy

**We hope to see you at *Wiruna* in May.**

**ASNSW Committee**