



# CWAS AstroFest

## Astrophotography Competition and Exhibition

### The 2014 CWAS “David Malin Awards”

The Central West Astronomical Society is proud to announce the 2014 CWAS Astrophotography Awards judged by Dr David Malin – the “*David Malin Awards*”.

The competition this year will have three sections of entry – General Section, Themed Open Section and a Junior Section (18 or younger). The general section is divided into four categories; Wide-field (camera shots), Deep Sky (telescope shots), Solar System and Animated Sequences. The Solar System category has two subsections - Hi-Resolution (FOV < 30') and Wide-Field (FOV > 30'). New to this year, the Animated Sequences category has two subsections - Scientific and Aesthetic. The Junior Section will have one open category and entries can be of any subject.

The Open Themed Section is open to all astrophotographers. They are encouraged to see who can be the most inventive and creative in evoking the theme, which this year will be “*The Moon*”. We are seeking innovative and imaginative images of the Moon itself, in any of its phases and guises. The images can be either wide-field or high-resolution. We are not seeking images that are only of the Moon in the landscape, which was the theme of the 2010 competition. The images must be single exposures, not a composite, except for High Dynamic Range (HDR), panoramic or mosaiced images. The intention is to encourage people with vision, imagination and creativity to capture the wonder and awe that our nearest celestial neighbour inspires in the minds and hearts of people the world over.

“The David Malin Innovation Prize”, may be awarded, at Dr Malin's discretion, for a striking astronomical image that shows exceptional imagination, innovation or an unusual approach in any of the categories.

The photographs will be judged by world-renowned astrophotographer, Dr David Malin. During the course of the judging process, Dr Malin may invite, at his discretion, the views of other distinguished international astronomers to aid him in his deliberations. Dr Malin's decisions will be final.

An additional prize, “*The Photo Editor's Choice*”, will also be awarded. This will be judged by a major news organisation's photo editor or editors.

All entries will be judged without the judges being aware of the identity of the photographer. The winners will be notified and presented with the “*David Malin Awards*” during a special ceremony held at Parkes in the presence of invited dignitaries on Saturday, 19 July 2014.

The judged photographs will be exhibited for the entire year at the CSIRO Parkes Observatory's Visitors Centre. In addition, a selection of the finest astrophotographs received will tour the country in a travelling exhibition, organised by the Powerhouse Museum, beginning with Sydney Observatory in August.

There is a limit of five (5) entries per category per photographer, but all photographs must have been taken no more than 2 years before the closing date of entry, and no re-entries from previous exhibitions will be accepted. All entries must be submitted in electronic form via a dedicated submissions web site. **The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday, 1 June 2014 (AEST).**

It is not just technical skill that Dr Malin will be looking for, but a memorable picture that reflects and captures the beauty, inspiration and interest of astronomy. All images will be judged by these criteria.

Canon Australia is supporting the competition with significant prizes for both the category winners and honorable mentions.

So, start preparing your astrophotographs for the prestigious “*David Malin Awards*” and share with the wider public the grandeur and beauty of astronomy.

To submit your entries and to get more information on the conditions of entry, see the following web site: [http://www.parkes.atnf.csiro.au/news\\_events/astrofest/DMA/](http://www.parkes.atnf.csiro.au/news_events/astrofest/DMA/)