APS 2014 MEETING

16 - 18 February 2014

(Version - 18 December 2013)

Melbourne Planetarium
Scienceworks, Museum Victoria
2 Booker St, Spotswood (5km from CBD)

APS 2014 will take place on 16-18 February 2014 at the Melbourne Planetarium located in Museum Victoria's Scienceworks. It will be an excellent opportunity to network with operators of both fixed and mobile planetariums.

This year the APS conference will include two preconference events on Sunday the 16th. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Museum Victoria collections store to see the restoration work on the Great Melbourne Telescope, and in the evening a special presentation of Natural Satellites with a live performance by guitar virtuosos, the Gregoryan Brothers.



The AGM will take place on Monday the 17th of February. Please note that only financial APS members will be entitled to vote at the AGM. All members will receive renewal notices before the end of 2010. *Non-members may attend and speak to the meeting only at the discretion of the APS executive.*

The planetarium demonstrations are open to members and non-members. The sessions are free for all members. Non-members may attend at the rate of A\$30 (half-day), A\$50 (full day) or A\$70 (all weekend). Morning teas and lunches will be provided for all attendees. The APS Dinner on Monday night is free to non-commercial members thanks to sponsorship by Sky-Skan. Breakfasts and Sunday night dinner are at your own expense.

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Best regards
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The call is open for all institutions and vendors to submit presentations they would like to deliver during the meeting. Presentations can be either normal "powerpoint-like" talks or material, including shows, can be screened on the planetarium dome. Please put forward your presentations to Warik Lawrance. For information on the Melbourne Planetarium dome set-up and slicing of material, please contact Warik Lawrance.

Any institution or vendor that would like to sponsor an event at APS 2014 please contact Warik Lawrance.

APS 2014 - PROGRAM (as at 12/12/13)

Sunday 16th February

14.00 - 16.00	Great Melbourne Telescope Tour
	Moreland Collection Store
	Presentation by Dr. Richard Gillespie
16.00 – 18.00	Free time – Travel to Spotswood
18.00 – 19.30	Dinner at the Spotiswoode Hotel (at your own expense)
19.30 – 20.00	Walk down to Scienceworks
20.00 – 21.30	Natural Satellites – performed by the Gregoryan Brothers live in the dome

Monday 17th February

8.30 - 9.00	Coffee on arrival
9.00 – 9.30	Fulldome Show - Stories in the Stars (with Museum Victoria staff from Bunjilaka Gallery)
9.30 – 10.30	3 x Presentations
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea (Plano Foyer)
11.00 – 12.00	2 x Fulldome Shows
12.00 – 13.00	3 x Presentations
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch (provided in the Planetarium Foyer)
14.00 – 15.30	AGM – Scienceworks Conference Room
15.30 – 17.00	Travel to IMAX Cinema
17.00 – 18.00	Hidden Universe – screening at IMAX
18.00 – 19.30	Free Time
19.30 onwards	APS Dinner

Tuesday 18th February

8.30 – 9.00	Coffee on arrival
9.00 – 10.30	Sky- Skan session (Martin Radcliffe)
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea (Plano Foyer)
11.00 – 13.00	Fulldome Show - <i>Life of Trees</i> (screening with Preps 1,2 from Spotswood Primary)
	Fulldome Show – <i>Dinosaurs at Dusk</i> (screening with Yr 3 -4 from Spotswood Primary)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch (provided in the Planetarium Foyer)
14.00 – 15.00	3 x presentations (SW conference Room)
15.00 – 15.30	1 x Fulldome Shows
15.30 - 16.00	Afternoon Tea (Plano Foyer)
16.00 – 16.40	Fulldome Show - Chaos & Order (screening with Melbourne University Maths Dept)
16.40 - 16.50	APS Finish

MELBOURNE PLANETARIUM

GETTING THERE

The Melbourne Planetarium is located at Museum Victoria's Scienceworks - 2 Booker Street, Spotswood, which is about 5km from Melbourne's CBD.



By car

Parking is available on-site at Scienceworks for \$2 all day.

By taxi

We recommend: Silver Top Taxis ph: 131 008 and West Suburban Taxis ph: 9689 1144

By train

The nearest station is Spotswood on the Werribee and Williamstown Lines. Allow for an easy 10 minute walk.

PLANETARIUM THEATRE

The theatre is unidirectional with 160 seats. The dome is 16 metres in diameter and the planetarium uses a Sky-Skan supplied full-dome system. The fulldome system was upgraded in June 2013, with 2 x 4k JVC-ILA projectors and 7.1 surround sound.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Scienceworks contains an extensive selection of hands-on science exhibits.

MELBOURNE VISITING INFORMATION

Information on accommodation will be provided in the next edition of this backgrounder.