



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Incorporated in the ACT

ABN 37 660 297 848

59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15.00 pm (AEST), 14.30 pm (ACST), 13.00 pm (AWST)

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Scott Theatre, University of Adelaide

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 58th AGM – *Accepted by Council so for noting only*
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. President's Report on behalf of the Council – *motion to accept*
5. Treasurer's Report and audited accounts – *motion to accept*
6. Election of Auditor – *motion to accept*
7. Editorial Board Report – *motion to accept*
8. Any other business
9. Council for 2025-2027
10. Close the Meeting

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the 58th AGM



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- Available on the ASA webpage
- For noting only

Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting

**held at 14.00 pm (AEST) / 13.30 pm (ACST) / 12.00 pm (AWST) on Tuesday 25 June
2024**

**Entirely online meeting via Zoom, Spatial and YouTube
AGM Slack channel supporting live comment and discussion.**

The Meeting was opened at 1:57 pm (AEST) with the President in the Chair and over 100 members online – approximately 62 on Zoom, 19 on Spatial and 26 on YouTube.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- See following reports

4. President's Report on Behalf of the Council



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Council 2024-2025

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Yeshe Fenner
Christoph Federrath
Bernhard Mueller
Sarah Pearce
Ivy Wong
Richard McDermid (in 2024-25)
Claudia Lagos (in 2025)
Pradosh Barun Das
Ivo Seitzzahl (in 2024)
Minh Huynh (in 2025)
Tanya Hill (Co-opted)
Vanessa Moss

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Vice President
Vice President
Immediate Past President
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Prizes and Awards Co-ordinator
Media and Outreach Co-ordinator

Available on the ASA webpage

4. President's Report

1. Council 2024-2025

- Sincere thanks to all for their time and effort.
- Special thanks to those who are finishing their terms today.
- Gary Da Costa continues to act as our Public Officer in the ACT
- Thanks to Chairs of Chapters and Groups:
 - ANITA: Fiona Panther
 - ECR: Amit Seta
 - EPOC: Jackie Bondell (and Fred Watson)
 - GAP: Mark Krumholz
 - IDEA: Devika Kamath
 - TDA: Ben Montet
 - SWG: Themiya Nanayakkara and Clancy James
 - CWG: Vanessa Moss
 - EWG: John Lattanzio and Terry Cuttle

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4. President's Report

Details in my report - read it please !

2. *The year in review*

- Community contributions to the new Decadal Plan.
- ASA's continued advocacy for the importance of fundamental research.
- Outstanding work by all our Chapters. Both continuing and new initiatives, including:
 - Pleiades Awards (IDEA)
 - ECR Software Prize, upcoming "History and Mystery" series (ECR)
 - Theory workshop and summer school (ANITA)
 - Synergies between astrophysical and particle physics probes of Dark Matter (GAP)
 - Unconference (TDA)
 - Careers brochure (EPOC, with ASTRO3D and OzGrav)
- Establishment of:
 - a new Joint Group (with Geological Society of Australia) in Stellar and Planetary Astronomy;
 - a new History of Astronomy Chapter
 - the Eclipse Working Group
- Recognition of many ASA members by various bodies.
- First ever online-first ASM in 2024
- PASA continues to perform strongly, supported by membership.
- Survey of ASA membership.

4. President's Report

4. Awards and Honours

Professor Tamara Davis (University of Queensland)

Elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Science

“Professor Tamara Davis is Australia's pre-eminent theoretical cosmologist, specialising in bridging the gap between cosmology theory and observations with a focus on dark energy. Throughout her career she has fortified the foundations on which modern cosmology is built. She has led efforts to make robust measurements of the homogeneity-scale of the Universe, invent a new way of measuring galactic distances, put upper-limits on the mass of the neutrino, and measure time-dilation in distant supernovae. Professor Davis has also led the cosmological analyses of several major astronomical surveys, resulting in deeper understanding of the properties of dark energy and constraining potential advanced theories of



4. President's Report

4. Awards and Honours

Professor Matthew Bailes (Swinburne)

Awarded the 2024 Prime Minister's Prize for Science

“Along with his collaborators, he discovered the first fast radio burst (FRB) in 2007. His discovery has significantly advanced scientific understanding of the universe, including how much normal matter exists there. Scientists now use his techniques to study some of the most powerful explosions in the Universe.”



4. President's Report

5. ASA Meetings



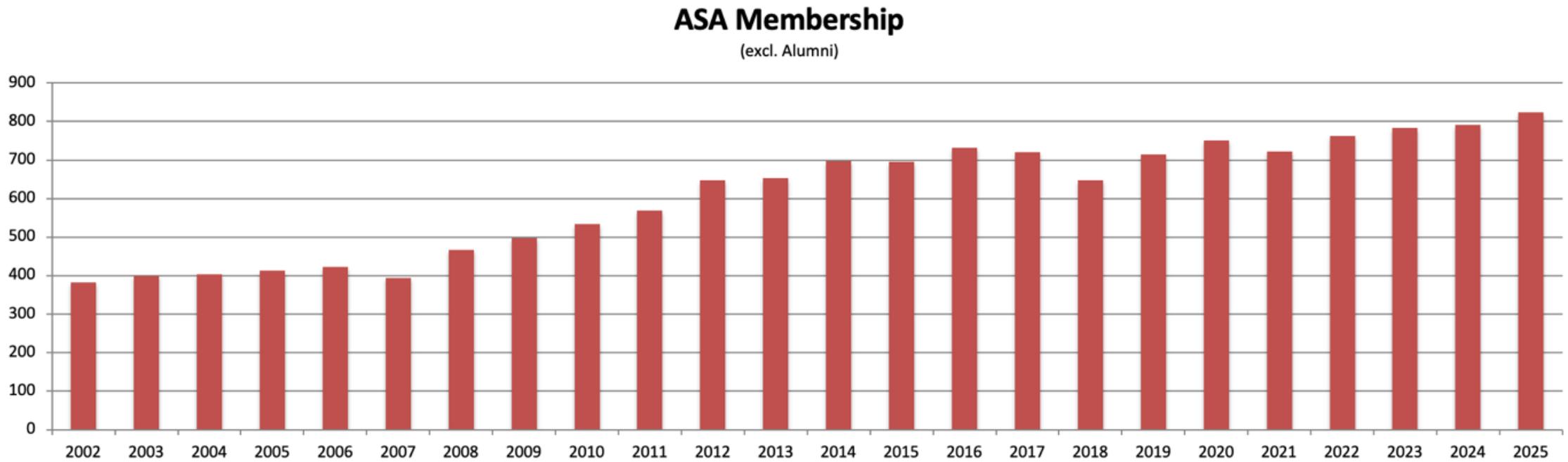
- 2024 ASM was held in online-first mode – for the first time ever.
- Zoom, Slack, YouTube, Spatial. Technology access grants.
- Hub Day on Wednesday.
- NOC: Co-chaired by Clancy James and Vanessa Moss.
- Student prizes for best talk and poster are in my report.
- Harley Wood School of Astronomy on “*Bigger than Big: Across all Scales in Science and Technology*”, held at Long Point Conference Centre (NSW) with remote attendance option; 38 participants (35 in-person, 3 online).

- 273 registered
- 10 review talks, 44 contributed talks, 6 prize talks
- 87 posters
- Plenary Sessions, Town Halls, training sessions

4. President's Report

6. ASA Membership

- Now 824 members (compared to 791 last year).
- Stabilised with some mild growth in recent years.



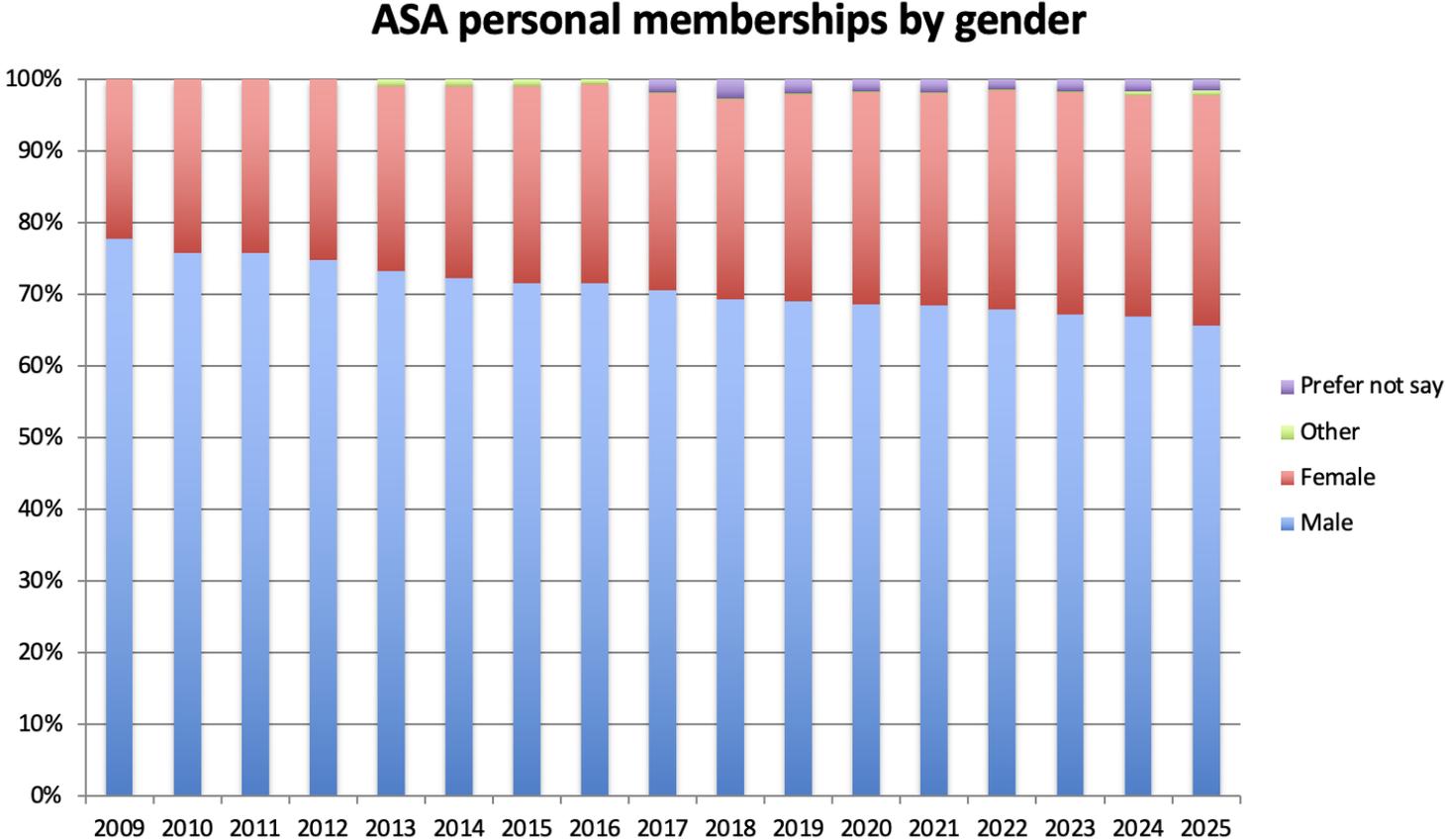
Passing of three long-standing members: David Crawford, Denis Coates, Don Mathewson.

4. President's Report

6. ASA Membership

- 259 Female
- 530 Male
- 4 Other
- 14 Prefer Not To Say (includes Corporates)

- 32% female (was 31% last year)



4. President's Report

7. Finances

- A \$30k surplus.
 - Significant income from PASA, plus income from a past ASM.
 - Membership fees frozen for the next year (as for the last few years).
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- See Treasurer's Report (Item 5 on Agenda).

4. President's Report

8. *Publications of the ASA (PASA)*

- Maintained a high number of submissions this year
- IF similar to last year, on par with MNRAS, ApJ, AJ, A&A
- New things: Overleaf Template, PASA Letters
- Success driven by **high-quality submissions from Australian astronomers**
- Send your big survey release paper to PASA !
- See Editorial Board Report (Item 7 on Agenda).

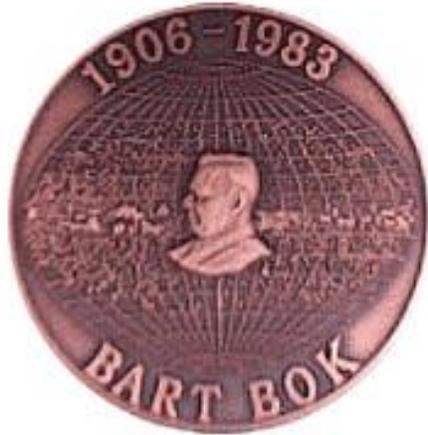


4. President's Report

9. ASA Prizes and Awards

Bok Prize

“outstanding research in astronomy or a closely related field, by an Honours student or eligible Masters student at an Australian university.”



Li Yusen – ANU

Honours thesis title:

Orbital dynamics in barred Milky Way: the dynamical and chemical origin of the Hercules stream



Prize talk on Thursday

4. President's Report

9. ASA Prizes and Awards

Charlene Heisler Prize

“most outstanding PhD thesis in astronomy or a closely related field, accepted by an Australian university ”



Matthew Miles – Swinburne

Doctoral thesis title:

Millisecond pulsar timing and gravitational wave searches with the MeerKAT radio telescope



Prize talk on Friday

4. President's Report

9. ASA Prizes and Awards

Louise Webster Prize

“outstanding research by a scientist early in their postdoctoral career”



Rebecca Davies – Swinburne

“JWST reveals widespread AGN-driven neutral gas outflows in massive $z \sim 2$ galaxies”

MNRAS (2024), 528, 4976



also a Superstar of STEM !

4. President's Report

9. ASA Prizes and Awards

Anne Green Prize

“significant advance or accomplishment by a mid-career scientist”



Claudia Lagos – ICRAR-UWA

For her work on modelling the formation of galaxies, specifically the open source SHARK semi-analytic model which has led to breakthroughs in our understanding of the complex physics that governs galaxy formation and evolution.



Prize talk on Friday

4. President's Report

9. ASA Prizes and Awards

Emerging Leaders in Astronomy Software Development Prize

“outstanding contribution to the development of open-source astronomical software that is vital to the Australian astronomical community.”

Joshua Preston Pritchard – CSIRO

For DStools, a processing pipeline package specifically designed for radio interferometric data.



Prize will be presented tomorrow

4. President's Report

9. ASA Prizes and Awards

Robert Ellery Lectureship

“Outstanding contributions in astronomy or a related field. The Lectureship is normally awarded every two years.”

Naomi McClure-Griffiths – ANU

For seminal work based on high-fidelity observational surveys undertaken with Australia's radio telescope facilities, including the discovery of a new spiral arm within the Milky Way, the first detection of neutral gas outflowing from the nucleus of the galaxy, and the pioneering demonstration of the importance of magnetic fields in the flow of matter into the Galactic disc.



Lecture will be delivered at the 2026 ASM

2025 Prize Winners



Astronomical Society of Australia

4. President's Report

27. Student travel grants

There will be changes for the next student travel grant round.

- Funding for up to one conference *or* workshop.
 - This reverts back to pre-COVID rules
 - Current scheme: can apply for one of each, up to \$1500 per scheme and \$2500 total. Only two students have done this in the history of the scheme.
- The scheme will be competitive
 - Or not, depending on the number of applications. But we have a fixed budget.
 - Prioritise students with work to present, who have not previously had opportunity.
- Value increased to up to \$2,000 (from \$1,500).

Sustainable funding: $\$25,000 / \$2,000 = 12.5$

Changes start after current round closes on Sep 30.

4. President's Report

22. Science and Technology Australia

- Peak body for Science and Technology in Australia. ASA is a member.
- Strong lobby for science with government. Often amplifies ASA messages.
- Organise Science meets Parliament each year. ASA delegates attended in 2025:
 - Richard McDermid (Macquarie)
 - Simon Ellingsen (ICRAR)
 - Jane Kaczmarek (CSIRO)
 - Amit Seta (ANU)
 - Benjamin Pope (Macquarie)

23. National Committee for Astronomy

24. European Southern Observatory

25. Astronomy Australia Limited

ASA President is ex-Officio member of all these. Details are in my report.

4. President's Report

26. Priorities and Planned Activities for 2025-26

The Council has identified the following priorities for 2025-26:

- Use the survey results of the ASA [membership survey to inform ASA activities and priorities](#).
- Manage [PASA](#) so that it remains an excellent option for ASA members in a rapidly changing publishing landscape.
- Enable [web submissions for ASA prizes and student grants](#).
- Establish a working group to [monitor and encourage diversity in ASA prize applications](#).

4. President's Report

29. ASM/AGM and HWSA for 2026

2026 ASM/AGM

Australian National University

- Chair: Melanie Kaasinen
- In-person first, hybrid format
- First two weeks of July

4. President's Report

30. Membership survey – *Preliminary results*

Thanks to John Lattanzio for driving this !

Details in **appendix** to President's report

264 responses

- 25% fixed term positions
- 55% continuing positions

Caveats

- This is the first pass at results
- No demographic analysis has been done – yet!

Q16

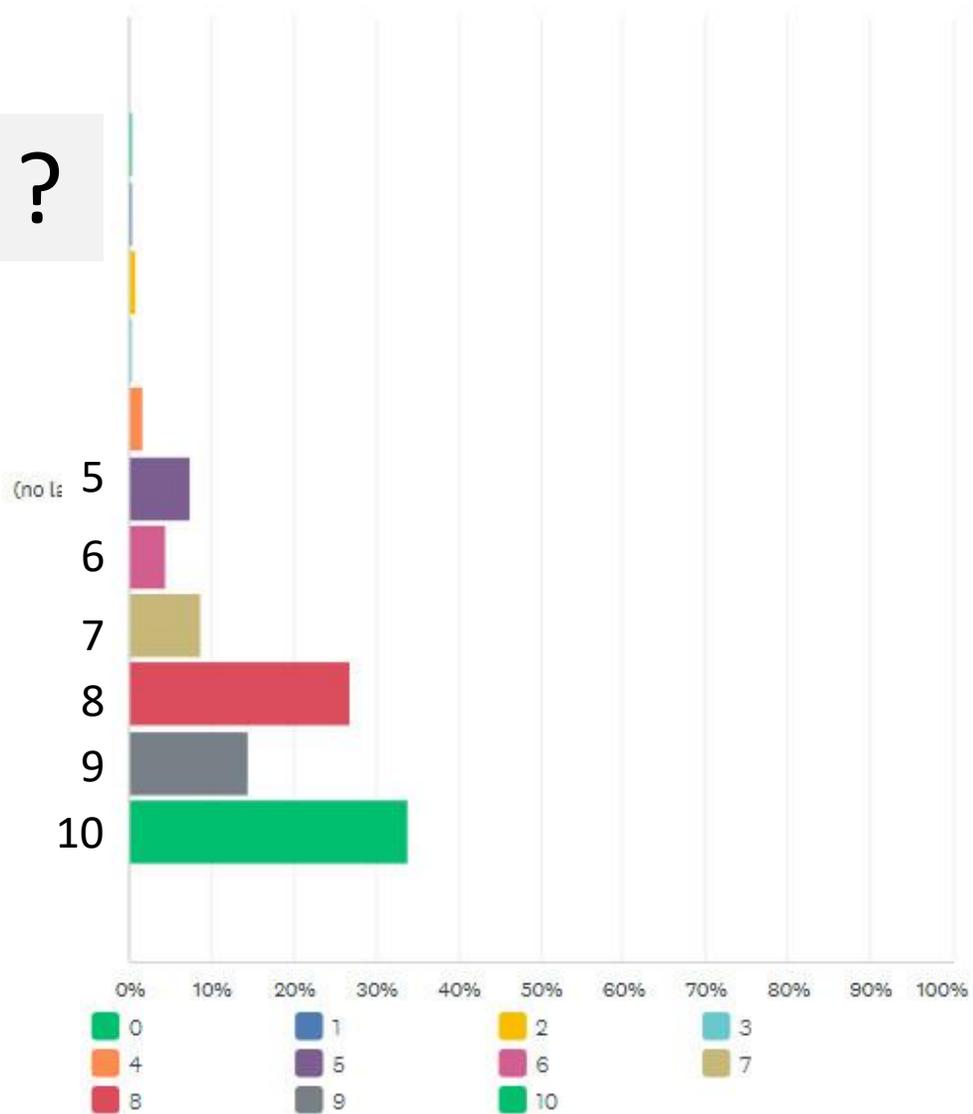


How likely are you to recommend ASA membership to a colleague? (0= Not at all Likely, 10 = Extremely Likely)

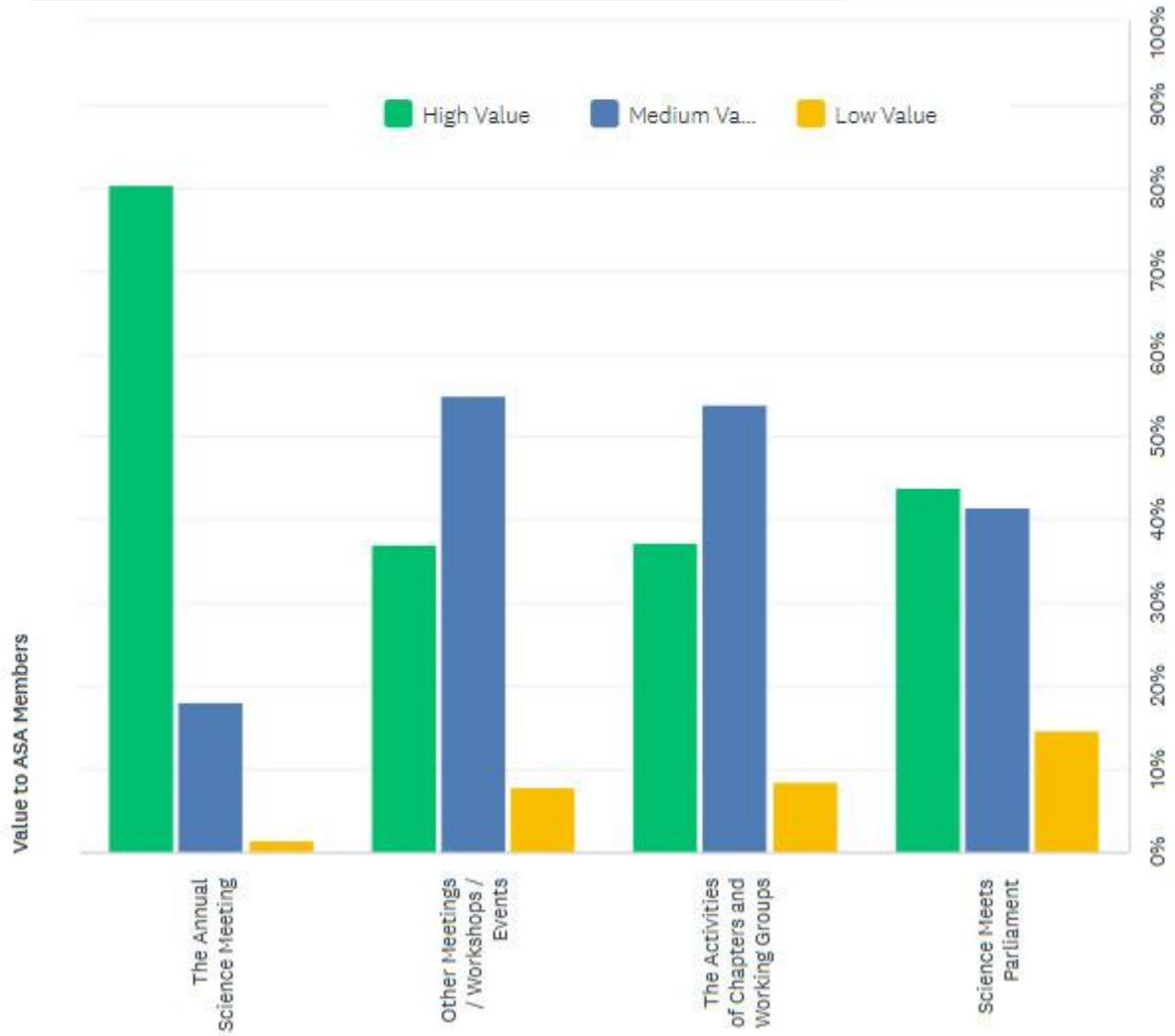
Answered: 227 Skipped: 37

Is the ASA rubbish ?

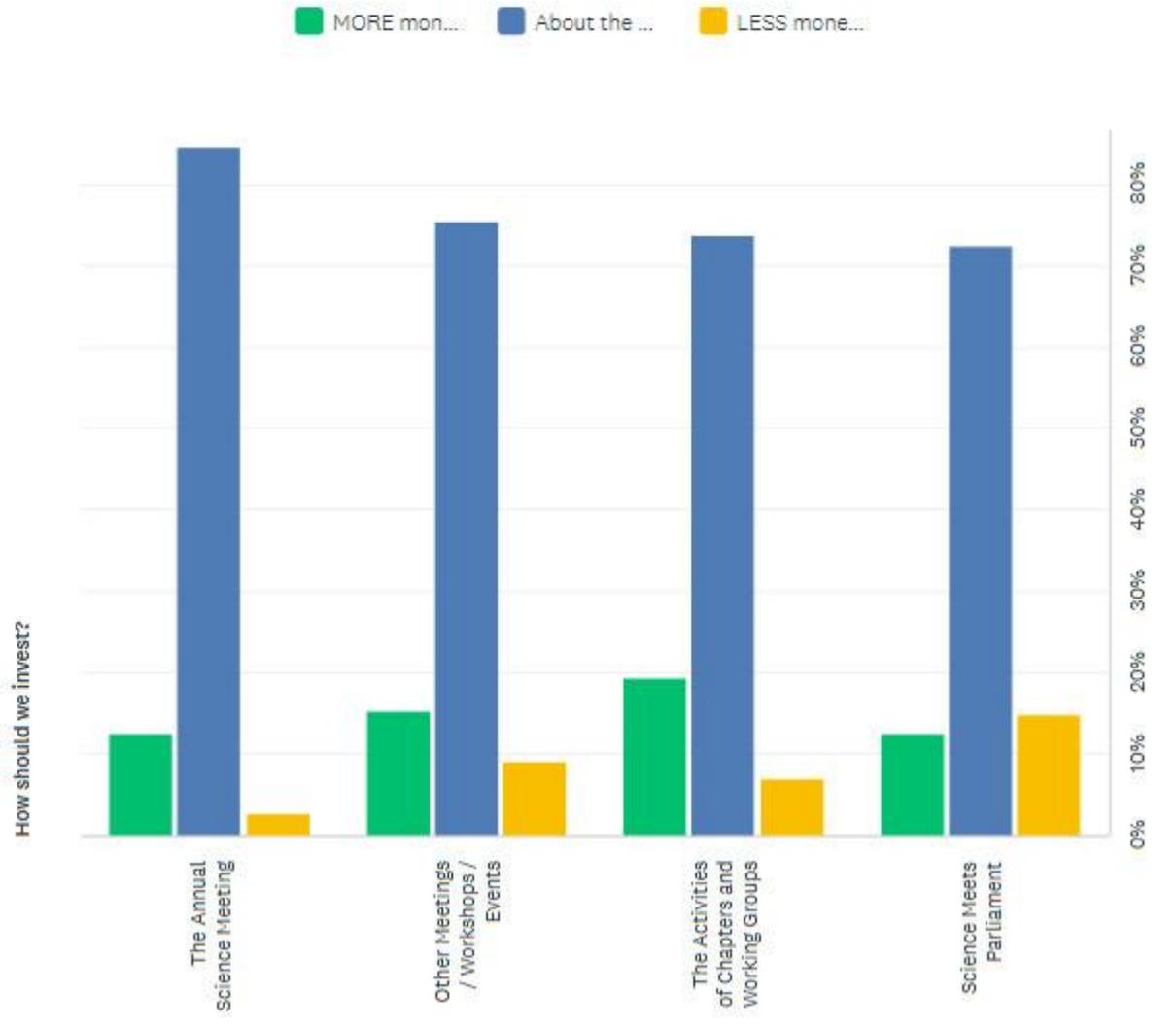
You seem mostly happy



What is of value ?



ASM is the most valued thing we do

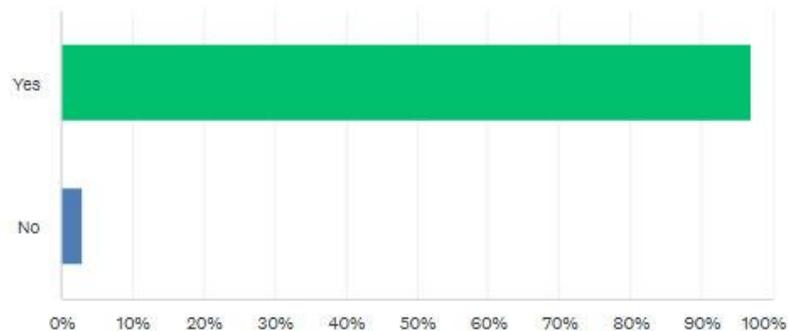


Spending "about right" for all these activities

Q33

Should the ASA continue publishing PASA?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 57

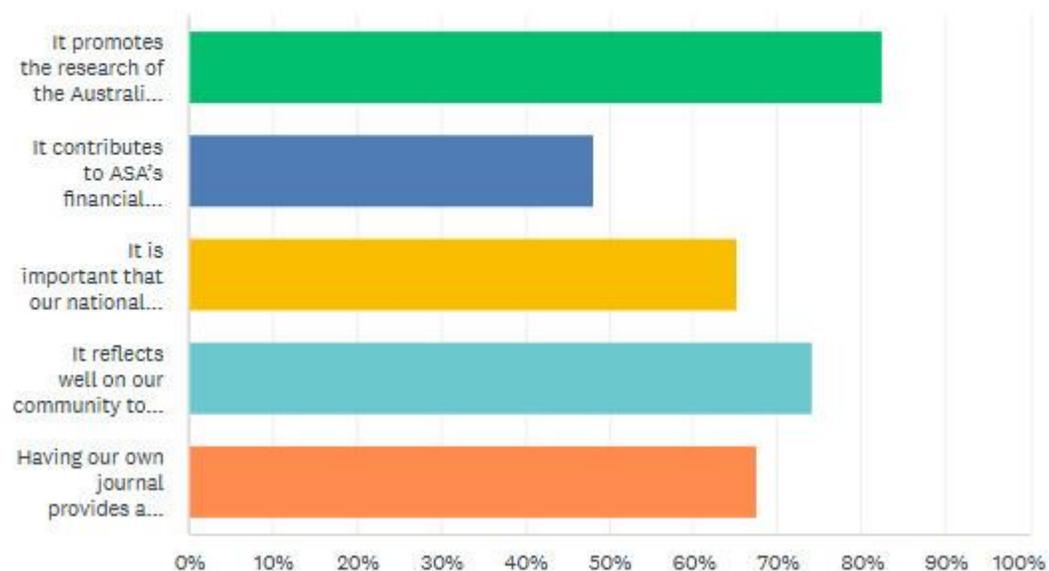


PASA

Q34

What are the reasons for your answers?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 63



- Fact: PASA brings \$ to the ASA
- Survey result: communication about transition to Open Access was done well

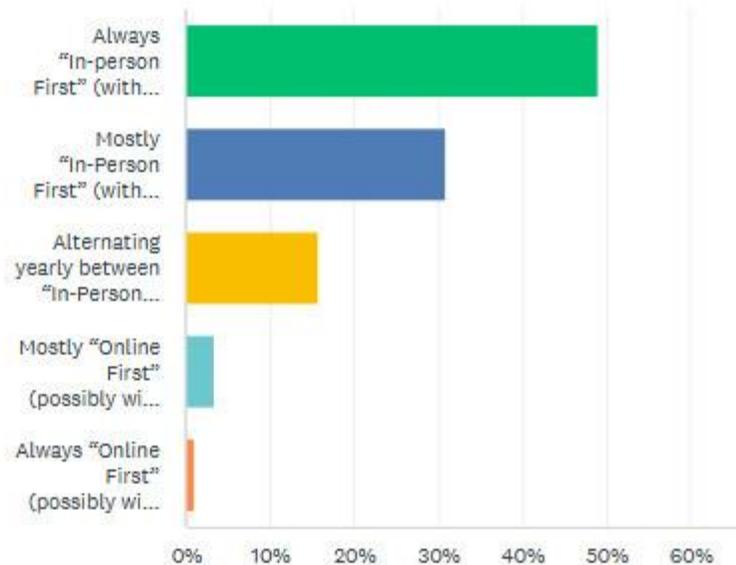


Annual Scientific Meeting

Q39

Should the Annual Science Meeting be:

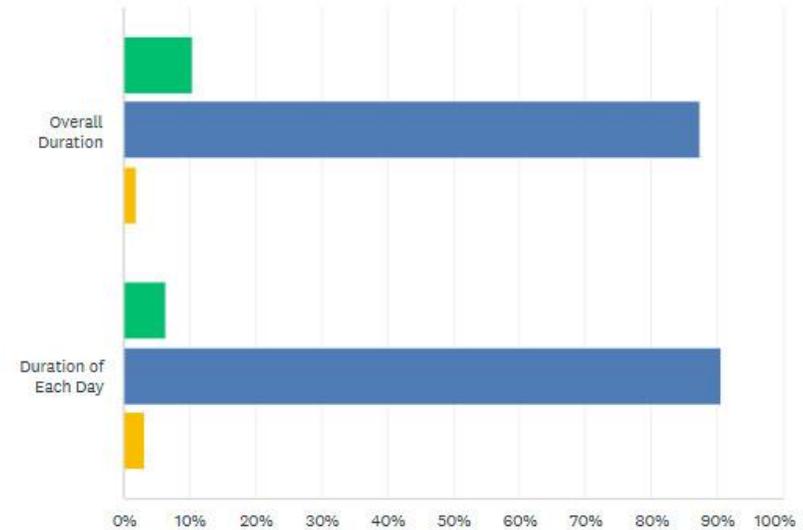
Answered: 204 Skipped: 60



Q40

What is the best duration for the Annual Science Meeting? (Currently 5 days duration).

Answered: 199 Skipped: 65



Shorter Stay the Sa... Longer

- Strong preference for **in-person first**
- Duration / format approximately right
- Preference for **June/July**

HWSA

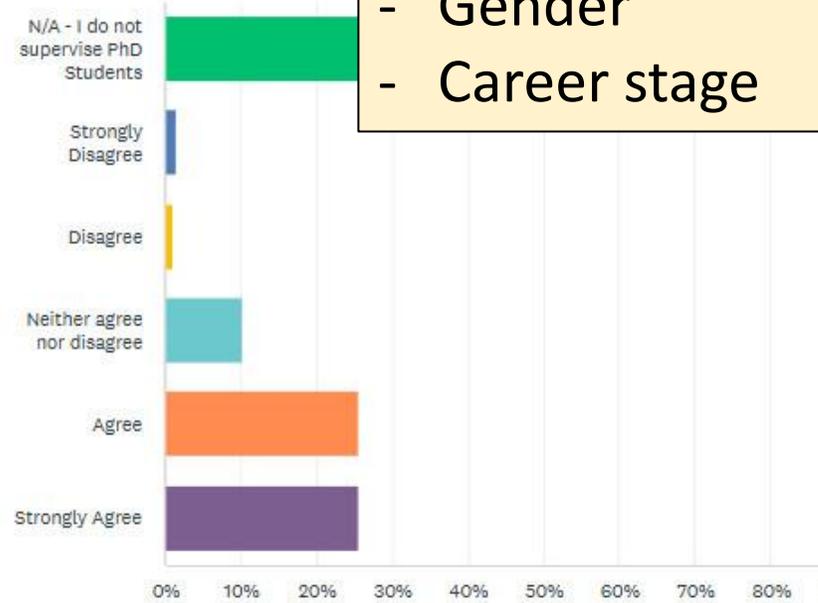
Survey analysis is ongoing. Next step is to compare responses between demographic groups:

- Gender
- Career stage

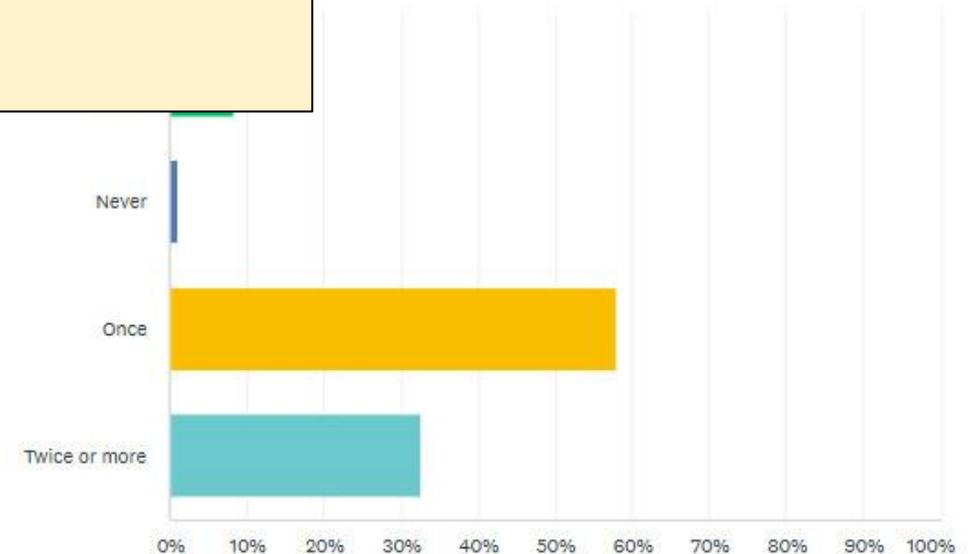
Q50

I encourage my PhD Students to

Answered: 196 Skipped: 68



students should attend the HWSA during their



Most encourage students and expect them to go **once**

4. President's Report

32. Closing Remarks

- Your Society is in a strong position.
 - Financial
 - Membership
 - Engagement
- Chapters, Groups and PASA are doing fabulous work
- Special thanks to the hard-working Exec, and Council
- Membership survey will inform ASA activities

Questions ?

[Motion to accept my report please...](#)



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Treasurer's Report

2025 ASA AGM

Yeshe Fenner

Reports: <https://asa.astronomy.org.au/about-2/council-reports/>

Slack channel: [#agm](#)

Overview

- 824 active members with 138 overdue renewals
- Our business/operating accounts grew by ~\$30K
- Our Foundation accounts had a deficit of ~\$13K
- Our healthy financial position was used to fund initiatives incl: publicity for ASA prizes, travel support for students, Chapters and PASA editorial board & to support the implementation of the strategic plan
- Financial reports have been finalised and accepted by the auditor and ASA.

ASA & Foundation Equity

ASA accounts (for operational costs)

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and term deposits
Other assets

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payables

TOTAL EQUITY

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	555,324	566,948
	38,893	350
	<u>594,218</u>	<u>567,298</u>
	<u>12,758</u>	<u>16,003</u>
	<u>581,459</u>	<u>551,295</u>

ASA equity equivalent to 4+ years of operating expenses

Foundation accounts (for donations and prizes)

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash Assets
Receivables

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

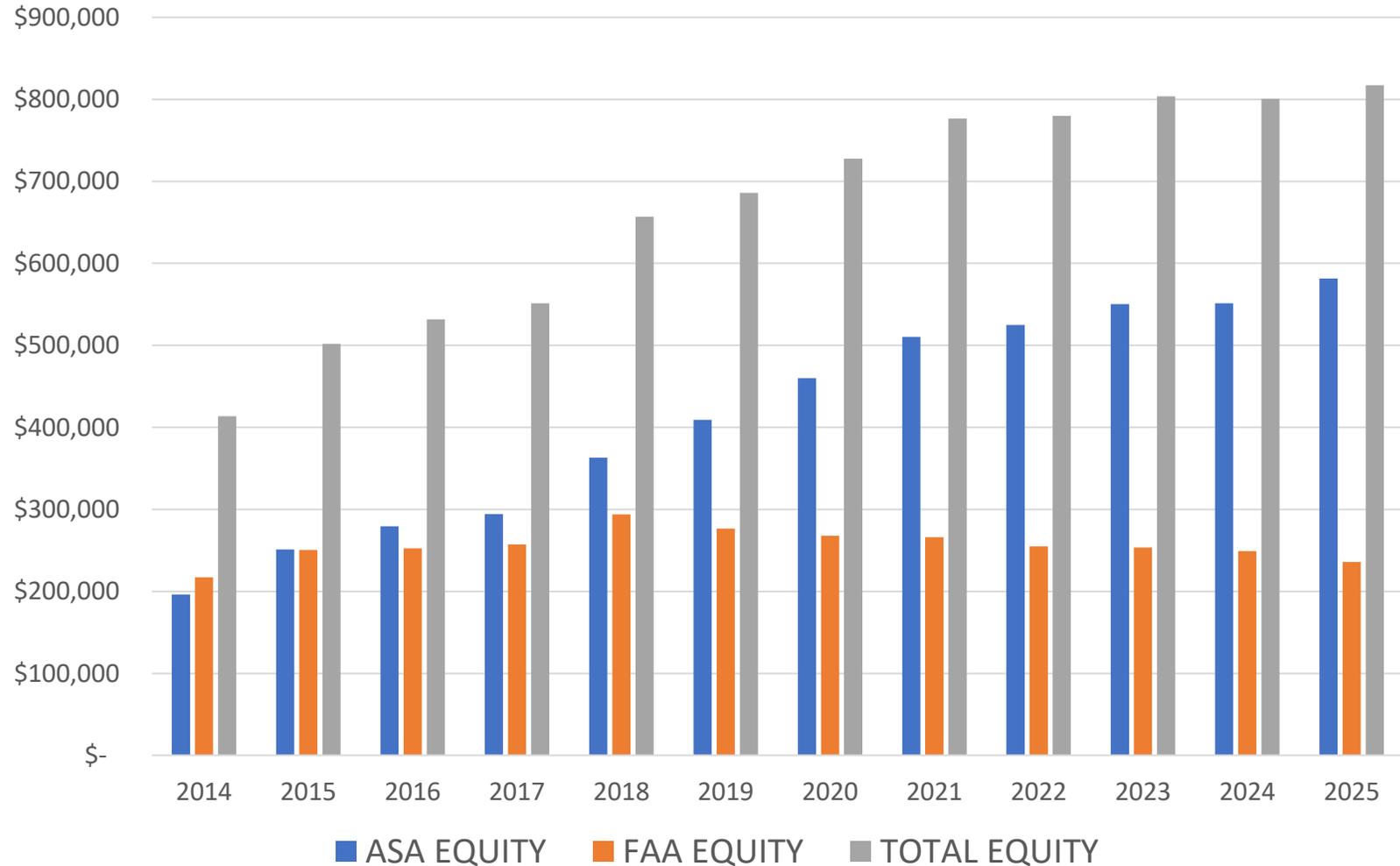
CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts payable

TOTAL EQUITY

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	\$	\$
	234,841	235,029
	8,800	14,165
	<u>243,641</u>	<u>249,194</u>
	<u>7,911</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>235,730</u>	<u>249,194</u>

ASA & Foundation Equity



ASA Income

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<i>24/25 Forecast</i>
	\$	\$	
INCOME			
Annual scientific meeting	14,393	-	0
Membership fees	62,356	63,259	64,000
Donations for ASA Prize (was for FAA previously)	-	5,000	0
Bank interest	12,208	11,659	8,000
Other Income	494	-	0
Publications	<u>59,153</u>	<u>55,036</u>	55,500
	148,605	134,954	127,500

- Interest earnings higher than in recent years due to higher interest rates on Term Deposits
- Revenue from PASA a little higher than forecast
- Income included recouped surplus from a past ASA ASM

ASA Expenditure

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	
Administration Expenses	476	5,322	24/25 Forecast (see contractors below) 0
Advertising	8,500	6,136	8,500
COVID/IDEA Community Grants	-	-	1,000
Chapter Expenses	1,500	1,500	11,000
Grants & Prizes	1,350	39,417	3,700
Publication costs	26,367	35,686	35,000
Audit and accountancy fees	8,805	8,725	9,250
ASA meetings and lectures	2,672	5,823	3,000
Student Travel Fund	27,971	-	20,000
Consulting and Contractors	10,481	7,354	(incl admin)10,000
Science meets Parliament	15,029	9,532	5,000
Bank charges	283	192	950
Systems & Applications	9,984	10,872	(incl website) 11,000
Website and Domain	1,443	1,283	(see systems above) 0
Insurance	2,245	2,445	2,500
Other Expenses	1,334	-	8,500 (member survey & supplies)
Total Expenses	<u>118,440</u>	<u>134,289</u>	129,400
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>30,164</u>	<u>665</u>	-1,900

- Student travel awards dropped from ~\$39K in 2024 to \$28K, but still >budget (\$20K).
- Publication costs = PASA Editorial fees. Not everyone invoiced us. ~\$9000 in fees are owing.
- Advertising = promotion of ASA Prizes through Science in Public.
- Science meets Parliament higher than budget (costs are for six delegates).
- Chapter costs lower than budget

Foundation Financials

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Donations	500	545
Interest	4,656	4,842
Total Income	<u>5,156</u>	<u>5,387</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Prizes awarded	18,500	11,000
Bank charges	120	120
Total Expenses	<u>18,620</u>	<u>11,120</u>
Net Deficit for the year	<u>(13,464)</u>	<u>(5,733)</u>

- Prizes: Heisler \$1000; Green \$2500 x 2; Webster \$2500; Bok \$1000; ECR software \$1500, David Allen \$5000; Ellery Lecture \$2500
- FAA perpetuity model assumed interest rate of 3% and annual donations of \$3500
- If you would like to donate, to help recognise our members' achievements and make the Foundation more sustainable, please visit <https://asa.wildapricot.org/Donate>

2025/2026 budget forecast

- This conservative budget predicts a deficit next year of ~\$21K.
- PASA estimated costs include the editor fees unpaid from 2024/25.
- Increased the forecast costs for SmP and student travel grants.
- PASA revenue is a little uncertain since moving to the new model.

Expenses	\$	Note
Accounting	\$5,000.00	Accounting
Audit	\$6,000.00	Audit
Administration Expenses	\$12,000.00	
Advertising	\$0.00	
Council Meetings	\$0.00	
ASM/HWSA	\$3,700.00	Student prizes + \$2K HWSA subsidy
Marketing & PR - SiP	\$7,000.00	SiP PR for ASA Prizes
ASA Members Survey	\$2,000.00	
Bank/Stripe Fees	\$500.00	
Systems & Applications	\$11,000.00	Wa/STA/Domains/Eclipse
Chapter Funding	\$9,000.00	6 chapters incl TDA
Insurance	\$2,800.00	
Legal Fees	\$0.00	
Office Expenses	\$1,000.00	
Postage	\$0.00	
PASA	\$46,279.00	inc. unpaid 24/25 fees
Science Meets Parliament	\$10,000.00	
Student Travel Grants	\$26,000.00	13 x \$2K
Council meeting travel and dinner	\$3,000.00	
IDEA/community grants	\$1,000.00	
Total	\$146,279.00	
Income		
ASM	\$13,781.00	From CSIRO-run ASM
Subscriptions	\$64,000.00	
PASA	\$50,000.00	~2026 forecast + 4 full APCs @1AUD=0.66USD
Donations	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Interest	\$11,000.00	Incl TD interest
Total	\$125,000.00	
Projected Deficit	-\$21,279.00	

ASA Membership Rates 2026

	Current Rate	2026 Rate	Discount	Rate if paid by 28/2/2026
Fellow	213	213	33	180
Member	178	178	33	145
Student, Retired, Overseas	85	85	22	63
Associate	85	85	22	63
Associate Society	119	119		119
Corporate Member	0	0		

We would usually raise fees by CPI (which was 2.4% for the year ending March 2025). However, we propose to once again freeze the fees (the 5th year in a row), in recognition of our healthy financial position, and financial pressures some of our members may be facing.

Election of auditor

- We propose to re-engage the services of Jeff Ryan C.A. B Bus from Thomas Davis & Co, who handled this year's audit, to undertake next year's audit.

Questions

Reports: <https://asa.astronomy.org.au/about-2/council-reports/>

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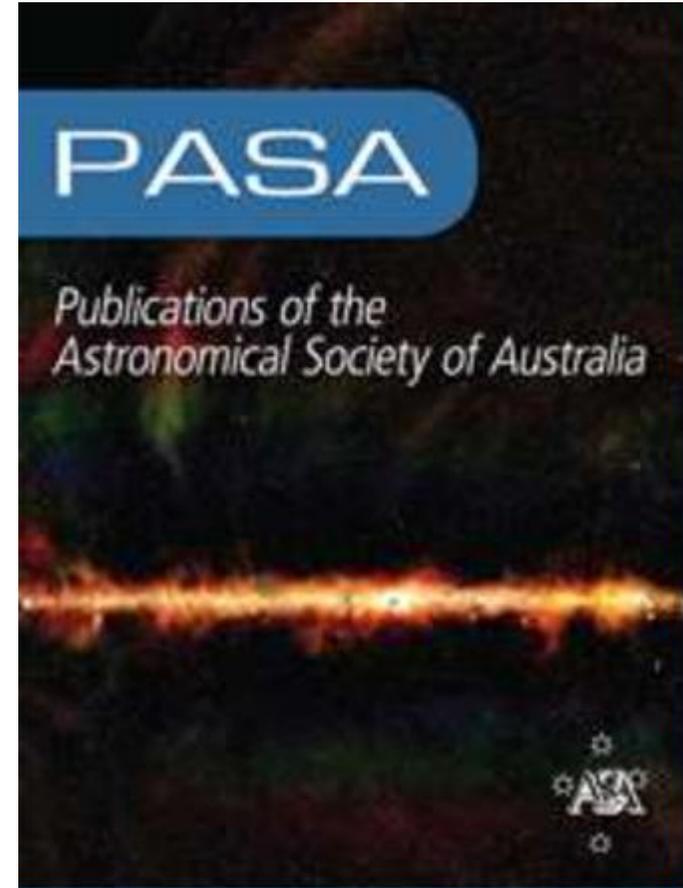


7. PASA Editorial Board Report

Minh Huynh (CSIRO), PASA Editor in Chief

Written report:

Written report will be circulated via email and be available for download.



7. PASA Editorial Board Report: Editorial Board Update

- Minh Huynh (CSIRO), Editor in Chief (from 1 Jan 2025)
- Andrew Hopkins (Macq Uni), Deputy Editor in Chief (from 1 Jan 2025)
- Nithya Thyagarajan (CSIRO), Associate Editor (from 1 Jan 2025)
- Luca Casagrande (ANU), Associate Editor (from 1 Jan 2025)
- Evanthia Hatziminaoglou (ESO, Germany), Associate Editor
- Pablo Saz-Parkinson (Uni. of Santa Cruz, USA)), Associate Editor (until 31 Oct)
- Anna Kapinska (NRAO, USA)), Associate Editor (until 31 Aug)

Searching for two new Associate Editors

- **Please consider applying! Deadline 15th July**
- **<https://aas.org/jobregister/ad/8d736527>**



7. PASA Editorial Board Report: Main PASA News

Successfully transitioned to Open Access on 1 Jan 2025

- author flip Nov 2024
- publishing in PASA currently free for majority of Aus community (transf. agreement)
- APCs discounted by 20% for ASA members
- APC waivers offered by CUP

PASA Letters now open for submission!

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Abstract
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1. INTRODUCTION
1.1. A subsection
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The focus of this paper is as follows. XXX. Throughout we assume cosmological parameters of $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$ and $D_H = 0$.

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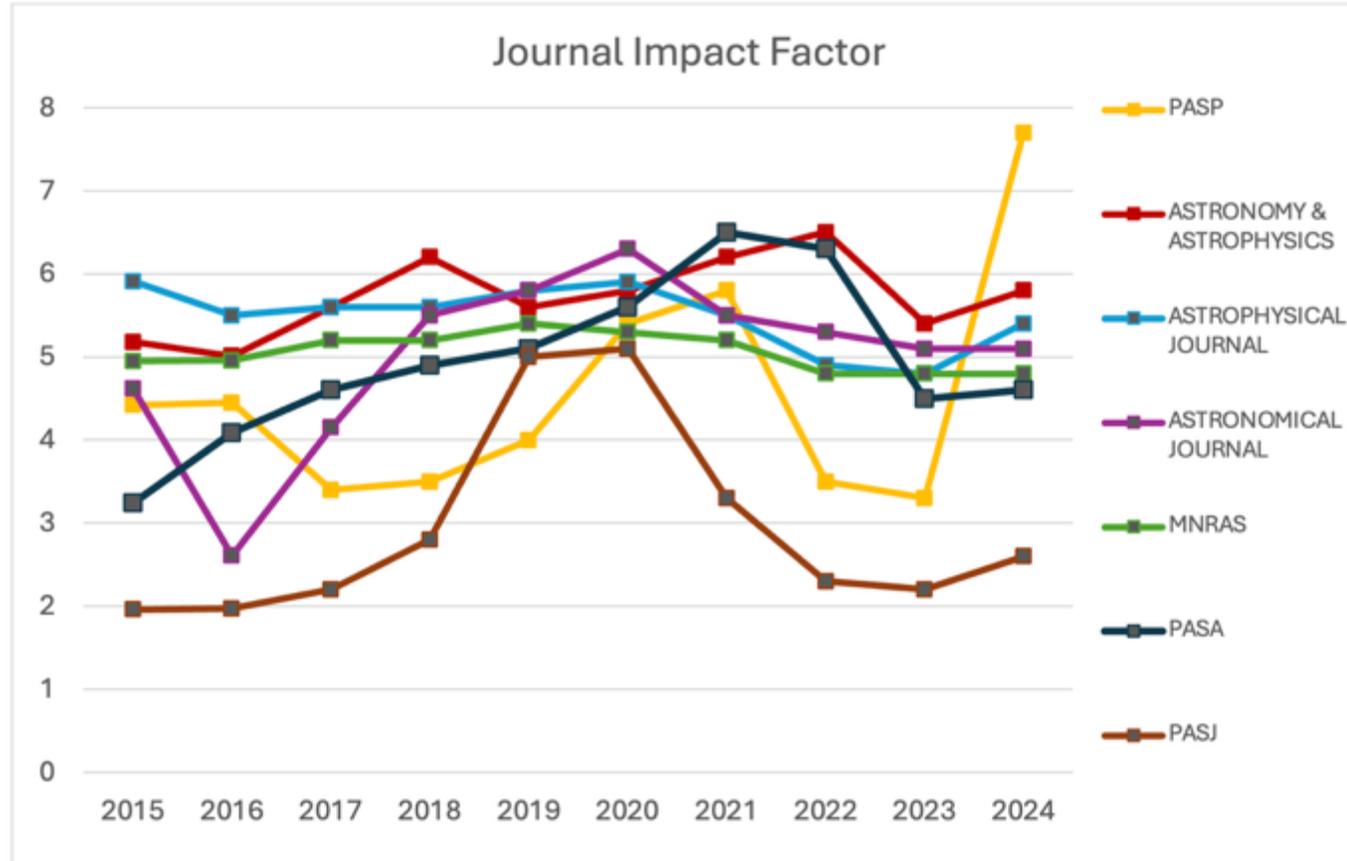
3. DISCUSSION
Discussion

4. SUMMARY
Summary

Acknowledgement
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References

7. PASA Editorial Board Report: Impact Factor



The 2024 journal IF is 4.6, and increase of 0.1 from 2023.

- Steady increase since 2015 (and earlier), small drop in last two years.
- Now slightly below our peer journals (ApJ, AJ, A&A, MNRAS), but we are a small journal with year on year variation.
- We remain a Q1 journal.

7. PASA Editorial Board Report: PASA Performance

Submissions:

- Large increase (~x2) in original submissions in 2024, sustained into 2025
- No page volume budget, so increase is not an issue
- Top countries for submissions YTD in 2025: Australia (67, 52%), India (9), Turkey (9), China (8), USA (7)
 - USA is new in top 5 since 2023

Turnaround times:

- Median times have remained steady in last few years, creep up from 2020?
- Thank you to diligent work from associate editors

Stats in May 2025

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
#Submissions	131	175	144	137	265	71
#Accepted papers	52	64	55	65	127	44
% Acceptance	49%	43%	49%	55%	64%	70%

Days to First Decision (Median)						
Decision Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Major Revision	37	38	38	41	42	42
Minor Revision	33	38	40	38	42	42
Reject	30	29	33	32	28	11
Reject – inappropriate	3	2	4	3	3	0
Reject & Resubmit	35	33	37	36	29	24

7. PASA Editorial Board Report

PASA is healthy, receiving high-quality submissions.

We need your support: publish in PASA, review for PASA, advocate for PASA.

“PASA is a society journal and the editorial board is working hard to create a product that satisfies the needs of the community. Thanks to the outstanding work of all the EiCs before me, PASA is now one of the leading journals in astronomy. We need your active support to remain so. PASA is your (our) journal! Thank you!”

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21 years of service

Councillor 1997-99

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? What do John's colleagues really think of him ?

“Versatile leader”

“Wonderful human being”

“A wise and good-natured colleague”

“Fairness, fairness, fairness”

“Generous and honest, with a great sense of humour”



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40 years of service

2 years as Councillor 1997-99

38 years as Secretary

also AIP President (2011-13) and Treasurer



? What do Marc's 20 ASA presidents really think of him ?

“Dedicated, supportive. His knowledge of ASA happenings over a period of decades is second to none.”

“Without doubt an ASA legend”

“Wise counsel for managing difficult situations”

“A trusted friend and an outstanding contributor to our community”

“Mr Precedent”

“Great sense of bureaucratic humour, doing what was needed super efficiently and making onerous tasks almost seem pleasant”

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9. ASA Council for 2025-27

- New President and Vice-President.
- New Secretary.
- Four new Councillors.

Thank you to outgoing Councillors:

- Christoph Federrath
- Sarah Pearce
- Bernhard Muller

Welcome to our new President

Richard McDermid	President
Claudia Lagos	Vice President
Stas Shabala	Immediate Past President
John O’Byrne	Secretary
Katrina Sealey	Secretary
Yeshe Fenner	Treasurer
Nichole Barry	Councillor
Manisha Caleb	Councillor
Nick Seymour	Councillor
Ivy Wong	Councillor
Daniel Zucker	Councillor
Pradosh Barun Das	Student Representative
Minh Huynh	Chair, PASA Editorial Board
Tanya Hill	Prizes and Awards Co-ordinator
Vanessa Moss	Media and Outreach Co-ordinator



Meeting Closed