

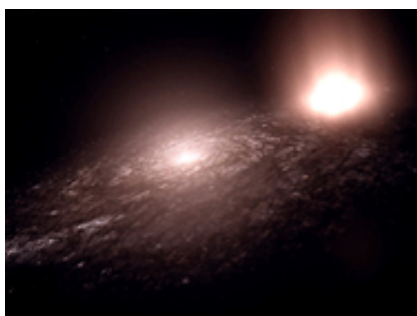
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AstroTour *Swinburne University* Thursday 24th July 2008

AstroTours are 50-minute, guided journeys through the Universe in 3D.



This **AstroTour** for AFAS members and guests has been organised especially by our Vice-President, François Malherbe, and staff of the *Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing* to cover some recent discoveries in the realm of space. The tour will be pitched at a level appropriate for members and their teenage children.

Each AstroTour is hosted by a professional astronomer who adapts the content to the requirements and interests of the specific audience.

Using innovative Virtual Reality technologies

developed by the Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing at *Swinburne University*, **AstroTours** are designed to educate and entertain audiences about astronomy in stereoscopic 3D. Special lightweight glasses fitted with polaroid lenses provide the simulated 3-dimensional effect, and the movies, animations and simulations that make up the tour are all produced by SpaceWorks – a team of in-house astronomers, visualisation researchers, animators, artists and programmers.

The venue for the **AstroTour** is the *Virtual Reality Theatre* located on the ground floor of the *Arts Building* (Building AR) in Room AR104. The building is accessible from the central courtyard running off John Street.

Please gather in the foyer outside Room AR104 at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time – enter by way of the door to the left of *Haddons Cafe*. Please note that, since entrance to the theatre may not be available for periods after the commencement of screening, it is important to arrive in time.

A contribution, to cover the tour cost and light refreshments, will be collected on the night. This will be \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students and children.

WHEN: Thursday 24th July 2008

TIME: 6:45 for 7:00pm

WHERE: Virtual Reality Theatre,
Arts Building (AR104),
Swinburne University
Burwood Rd, Hawthorn

Contribution: \$15/adult (\$10 students or children)

RSVP before Friday 18th July 2008 to

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