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Dear Mt John University Observatory Facility User,

For many years the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the University of Canterbury have been able to provide access to the telescopes and other facilities at the Mt John Observatory for very little direct cost to the users. We have welcomed these interactions and are very pleased to have been of service to the wider astronomical community.

However, in the absence of funding as a national observatory we are unable to continue the past low-cost access at Mt John and thus will be implementing charges to the operations of the telescopes at Mt John University Observatory (MJUO), effective from 1 February 2008 until 31 January 2009. A review will take place in 2008 for operations in 2009.

The changes are:

1. A scale of charges for access to each of the University of Canterbury telescopes:

1m:	International observers	\$800 per allocated night
	New Zealand domestic	\$400 per allocated night
	UC non-Dept observers	\$200 per allocated night
0.6m	International observers	\$400 per allocated night
	New Zealand domestic observers	\$200 per allocated night
	UC non-Dept observers	\$100 per allocated night

We will entertain lower rates for bulk access to the telescopes and for those using their own instrumentation. The above rates are GST inclusive. Additionally the above rates will be discounted to 20% of the above values when inclement weather prevents any observing.

2. The accommodation charge will increase to \$27 (Incl GST) per night per person for non-Department of Physics and Astronomy occupiers of the UC accommodation facility.
3. Additionally we are requesting that all authors include a by-line of acknowledgement in publications resulting from research using this facility. This acknowledgement must appear on the title page as a footnote to the author(s) and should read 'Visiting Astronomer, Mt John University Observatory, operated by the Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Canterbury'.

We would encourage all potential observers to factor these charges into any research grant application.

Yours sincerely



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