

## **ASNSW President's Report to the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

Trevor Oates (President 2019-2020)

- Our 2019 to 2020 year started well with good attendances at Friday meetings, Astroimaging group meetings, Crago Viewing and Wiruna Weekends.
- Our first challenge was the bushfires which got awfully close to Crago, which was saved by a firebreak, and worryingly close to Wiruna where safety precaution activities were carried out by our fine volunteers.
- Just as we thought about getting back to normal, the menace we now know as COVID-19 struck our shores and all our routine activities and the South Pacific Star Party were abruptly terminated.
- We have adapted as a Society. Holding online meetings, keeping our distance at Wiruna once we could safely reopen and travel to that site, and doing as much Society business via email as possible.
- Our Friday Lecture Meetings have not yet restarted but developing this is a work in progress and we are encouraged by the successful implementation of this by other Astronomical societies.
- The Astroimaging Group is the standout amongst our Society's activities as it has grown in attendance numbers since it went online. A system where online attendance will continue to be possible is being worked on for use even after we restart physical meetings.

Personally, it feels like it has been a very short year, and that I haven't had many "Presidential" activities to undertake, but I have enjoyed my time as President and look forward to continuing my service to the ASNSW.