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Description

FEATURES:

- **Photo finish** — All the best shots from the Auckland Astronomical Society's annual astrophotography competition, capturing the essence of our marvellous southern skies.
- **The Martian underground** — Discoveries of life deep beneath Earth's surface are making scientists wonder what might hide in the subsurface zones of Mars.
- **Dwarf carbon stars** — Stars that shouldn't even exist may soon offer new clues to both the ancient universe and our galaxy's birth.
- **Spitzer's legacy** — NASA's premier eye on the infrared sky is shutting down after operating more than three times longer than designed.
- **Hobby killers** — Here are our tips for how to avoid an expensive mistake when buying your first telescope.

OBSERVING & EXPLORING:

- **Binocular highlight** — Spot the 'fertile crescent' in Monoceros.
- **Under the stars** — It's the season for seeing open star clusters.
- **The planets** — Venus shines in the night, but all the action is in the morning sky.
- **Meteor showers** — The conditions are right to see the Gamma Normids.
- **Comets** — The incredible tale of comets that change their tails.
- **Variable stars** — Catch a binary star in outburst.
- **Deep sky** — What's the farthest star you can see?
- **The Solar System** — Searching for the Kordylewski Clouds.
- **Observing challenge** — Don't miss asteroid 37 Fides' encounter with M22.

REGULAR FEATURES:

- **Observing logbook** — Explore the Orion-Eridanus Superbubble region, sketch pad at the ready.
- **Telescope tips** — An easy-to-assemble imaging aid can take the guesswork out of focusing.
- **Test report** — Meade's LX85 ACF package offers performance and portability.
- **Astronomer's workbench** — How to revive an old telescope by building a new mount
- **Night life** — Events and activities for astronomy enthusiasts

Additional Information

Specifications

No