



President's Report
Australasian Society for General Relativity and Gravitation
December 2023 - July 2026

The purpose of the ASGRG is to provide a regional forum for members to discuss general relativity and to foster links between ASGRG and related societies.

Committee (29 November 2023 - 6 July 2026)

President: Krzysztof Bolejko (University of Tasmania)
Secretary: Malcolm Anderson (University of Brunei Darussalam)
Treasurer: Karl Wette (Australian National University)
Members: Carl Blair (University of Western Australia), Jörg Frauendiener (University of Otago), Susan Scott (Australian National University), Chris Stevens (University of Canterbury)

I would like to thank all the Committee Members for their time and efforts in the past two year in support of the Society.

Australasian Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation

The ASGRG held its 12th Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation in Hobart from 27 November to 1 December 2023. The Kerr prize for the best student talk was split and awarded to two students: Inês Rainho (University of Valencia) and Ioannis Soranidis (Macquarie University). The 13th ACGRG was scheduled for 5-9 July 2026 and organised by the University of Canterbury in Christchurch.

30th anniversary of the Society

In 2024 we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Society's founding. The ASGRG was founded in September 1994 by a group of mathematicians and physicists at a meeting in Canberra. The conference celebrating 30th anniversary took place between 2 and 3 of September on the campus of the Australian National University.

Bank Account with Bank Australia.

ASGRG has now a new bank account for the Society with Bank Australia. The authorised signatories to the account with Bank Australia are: Krzysztof Bolejko (President), Malcolm Anderson (Secretary); Karl Wette (Treasurer).

AIP Congress

Following discussion at the 12th ASGRG BGM regarding nomination of an ASGRG plenary speaker, the ASGRG managed to promote David Wiltshire to deliver a plenary presentation at the 2024 AIP Congress.

In 2026 AIP Congress will take place between 7 and 11 December at the University of Sydney. As usual there will be a session dedicated to ASGRG.

PhD Thesis Prizes

Following discussion at the 12th ASGRG BGM regarding, the Society established the David Blair Experimental PhD Thesis Prize and has been developing a corresponding Theory PhD Thesis Prize.

Membership and Financial Sustainability

The Committee reviewed the long-term sustainability of the life-membership model and examined a transition toward annual memberships.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure serving as the President of the ASGRG over the last two terms. I wish all the best for new President.



Krzysztof Bolejko
ASGRG President (2023-2026)