



Gill Medal

Awarded to

Chris Stewart



For his significant services and contributions towards Astronomy in Southern Africa covering a substantial and wide range of activities

Chris is one of the longest-serving members of the ASSA Johannesburg Centre and ASSA Council. His leadership, management skills and innovative thinking when serving on the Centre Committee and ASSA Council, as vice-President and President, have been of unquestionable benefit to the ASSA and Astronomy, both locally and internationally.

As the creator and founder of a most successful Amateur Telescope Making (ATM) group, of which he can be justifiably proud, as it has significantly contributed to the standard of telescope making skills, but also to the formation of the annual ScopeX event. This has led to substantial contributions to, and raising the awareness of, both Astronomy in South Africa and the ASSA.

ScopeX attracted the attention of Stellafane, leading to Chris being invited to talk at their annual Stellafane Convention. He presented on telescope making in South Africa demonstrating examples of innovative items from the local group. He is moderator / adjudicator / subject expert for Stellafane Amateur Telescope Making FB page in addition to the local Telescope Making SA FB group.

He has also been an effective, and popular presenter at ASSA Centres, Astronomy and Youth clubs, and Public meetings.