

Webmaster's Focus

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Four Years, for Four Minutes of Your Life

The Eclipse is Almost On Us!

At least that's the way it seems to me, after ten years of <u>counting down</u> here on the MAS website. So, with a mere four years to go until the *Great Sydney Solar Eclipse* on 22nd July 2028, it will soon be time to begin thinking about preparations, because for many of us this may be the only chance of a lifetime.

I have learnt two things from eclipse veterans after the recent total eclipse in North America:

Tip 1: Plan well ahead. Get tips from experts. Purchase any new photographic equipment or eclipse spectacles you need well before the rush starts. Know where you are going to observe from. Find a spot where your view of the Sun will not be blocked at 2pm on a winters day. It's never too early to practice your solar photography or video techniques.

Tip 2: If it will be your first total solar eclipse, don't over complicate the plan, because you need to enjoy those four very special minutes.

Four years may seem too soon to begin planning but remember how precious those four minutes will be!

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