



## **National Space Society of Australia Statement on Arthur C. Clarke's Legacy**

The members and board of the National Space Society of Australia are saddened by the passing of Sir Arthur Clarke, a longtime member of the society's international arm, The National Space Society (NSS) Board of Governors.

Clarke's legacy will live on in the decades to come, as humanity continues the great adventure of space travel and exploration.

"Sir Arthur's positive vision of the future excited generations about space exploration, and inspired millions to pursue scientific careers," said Buzz Aldrin, Apollo astronaut and fellow member of the NSS Board of Governors.

George Whitesides, NSS Executive Director, stated: "Arthur C. Clarke invented the concept of geostationary satellites in 1945, and the orbit of such satellites is named in his honour. It is highly fitting that future space explorers setting out for distant moons and planets will forever pass Clarke's Orbit on their way."

Fred Ordway, a member of the original board of the National Space Institute, worked closely with Clarke on the film, '2001 - A Space Odyssey': "I met Clarke in 1950 at the first International Congress on Astronautics in Paris. His passing represents the loss of a distinguished friend and one of the most important figures in space history."

The members and board of NSS express their appreciation to Clarke's staff in Sri Lanka, where he has lived since 1956, and recognize the efforts of the Arthur C. Clarke Foundation, founded to promote the work, life, and legacy of Sir Arthur.