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SETI Education for the Public

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This paper gives a brief description of the design, development and construction of the \$200,000 optical observatory in the grounds of the University of Western Sydney Macarthur through private and other donations. It will discuss and evaluate the public programs and how it is used to popularise SETI to the general public and schools.