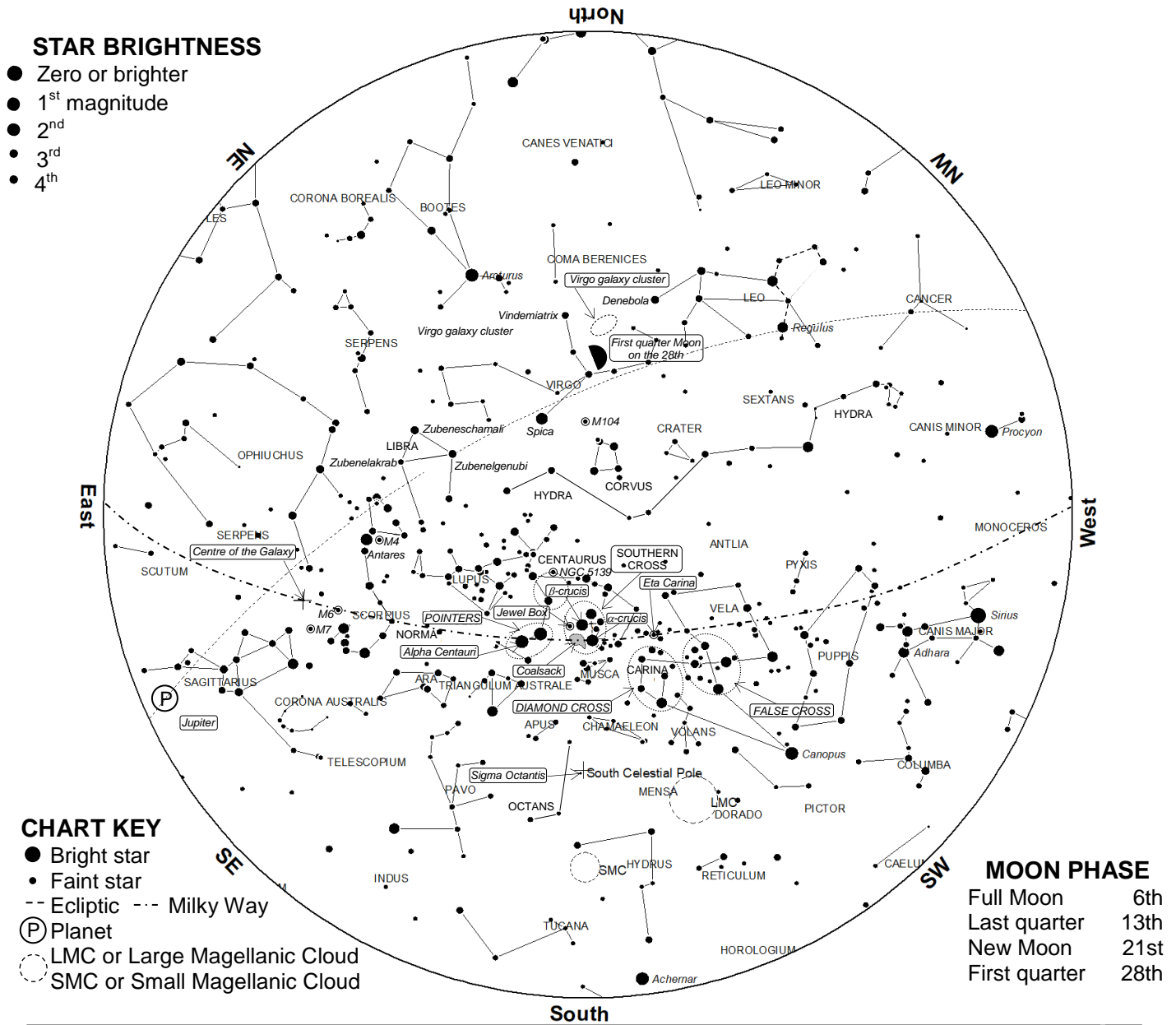


Night sky map

June 2020



THE CHART

The star chart shows the stars and constellations visible in the night sky for Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth for June at about 7.30pm (local standard time). For Darwin and similar northerly locations, the chart will still apply, but some stars will be lost off the southern edge while extra stars will be visible to the north. Stars down to a brightness or magnitude limit of 4.5 are shown on the star chart. To use this star chart, rotate it so that the direction you are facing (north, south, east or west) is shown at the bottom. The centre of the chart represents the point directly above your head called zenith and the outer circular edge represents the horizon.

HIGHLIGHTS IN JUNE 2020

This month marks the beginning of winter with the solstice, the shortest day of the year in the Southern Hemisphere, on the 21st. Mercury is low in the north-west after sunset in Gemini. Jupiter can be found low in the east, in Sagittarius while Saturn rises shortly after Jupiter in the next constellation of Capricornus.

Prominent in the sky this month are the constellations of Leo (the lion), Virgo (the maiden), Libra (the scales), Scorpius (the scorpion) and Centaurus (the centaur). Crux (Southern Cross), can be found high in the sky in the same upright-orientation that we see on the Australian flag. Crux can be identified by the adjacent bright 'pointers' of alpha and beta Centauri.