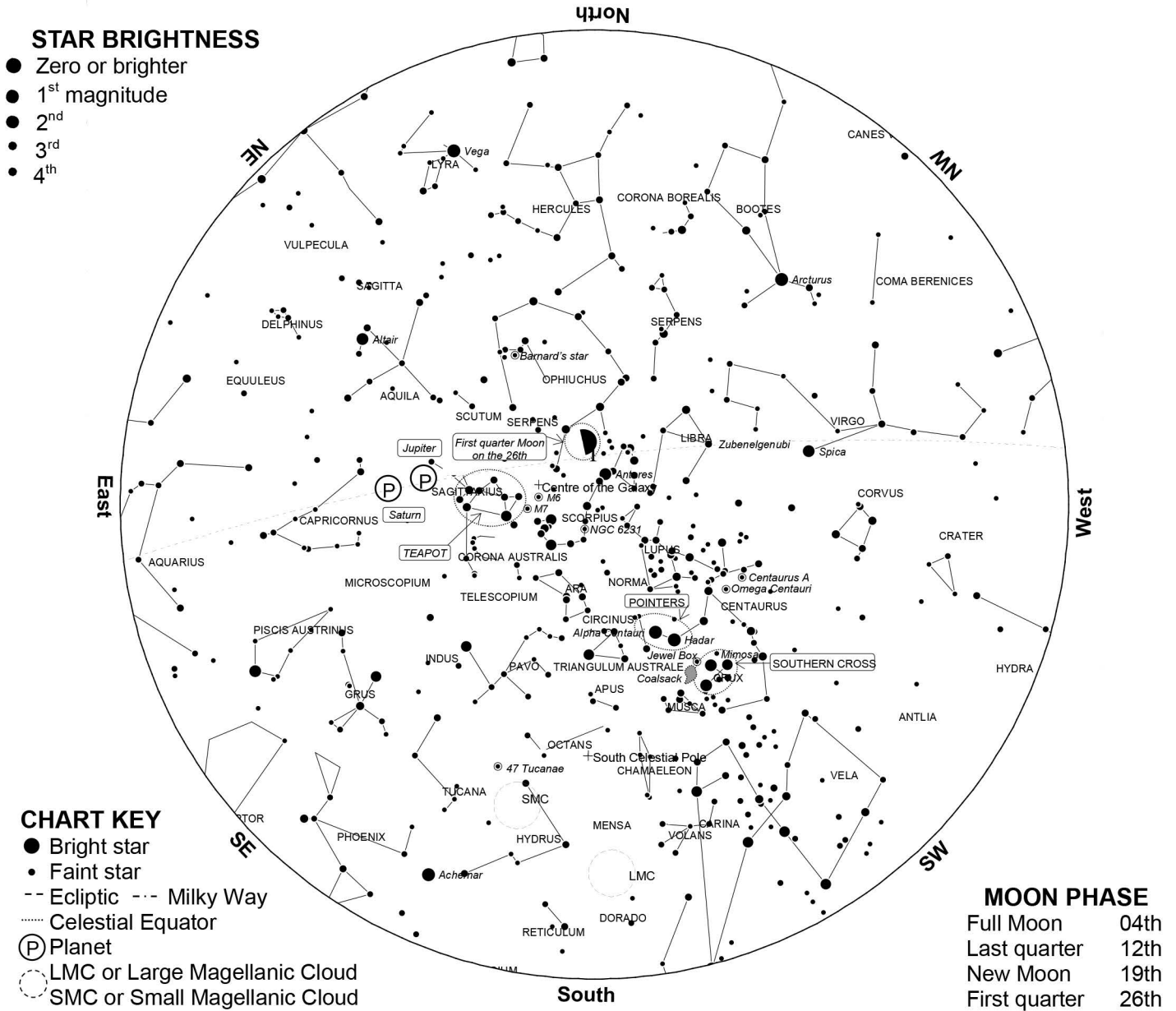


## Night sky map

## August 2020



### THE CHART

The star chart shows the stars and constellations visible in the night sky for Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Hobart and Adelaide for August at about 7:30 pm (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 the chart 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 the zenith point, and the outer circular edge represents the horizon.

### HIGHLIGHTS IN AUGUST 2020

The best time to look at the Moon with a small telescope or binoculars is a few days either side of its first quarter phase, which occurs on the 26th. This month there are two bright planets in the evening sky, Jupiter and Saturn, both high in the eastern sky in the constellation of Sagittarius. Directly overhead is the constellation Scorpius (the Scorpion), and high in the southern sky are the constellations Centaurus (the Centaur) and Crux (the Southern Cross). When viewing the night sky from a dark location, it may be possible to see the white glow of our own galaxy, the Milky Way.