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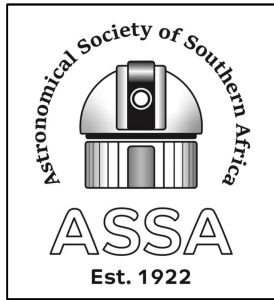
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Due to the changeover in editorship and some other issues we have not been able to prepare a full issue of *MNASSA* for December 2024. We intend to publish the February 2025 issue at the same time.

This issue is intended as a placeholder to complete Volume 83 (2024).



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