

NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC
MINUTES
25 AUGUST 2006

MEETING OPENED: 7.35 pm with 28 members and guests present.

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ghul Hussain

MINUTES: The minutes from July were read and accepted. (Graeme Johnson/Patrick Barry).

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APOLOGIES:

GENERAL:

- Patrick Barry acted as returning officer for the election of the executive and committee:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Ghul Hussain	Committee	Les Hope
Vice President	George Barnes	Committee	Scott Alder
Vice President	David Hough	Committee	Richard Crisp
Treasurer	Bill Abrahams	Committee	George Livanos
Secretary	David Roberts	Committee	Eddy Roca
Publicity Officer	Lydia Macokatic	Committee	Graeme Auld
Public Officer	Dennis Zambelis		
Librarian	Alan Meehan		

- Ghul resumed the chair, and the meeting continued as normal.
- The Treasurer's report was tabled by Bill Abrahams.
- It was agreed that the NAS newsletter be published bi-monthly. David Hough needs contributions from members.
- There is a transit of Mercury on the morning of 9 November. All members and the public are invited to attend Nobby's car park at sunrise. Members with solar filters for their telescopes are particularly urged to attend.
- There will be a viewing night tomorrow, and a gas BBQ will be available for BYO dinner.
- The success of the Astronomy Awareness Display at Charlestown Square was mentioned, and a proposal was put that the next session be held on a Friday or Saturday to maximise public attendance. Glendale was proposed as a future venue.
- Geoff Drewer spoke about the upcoming 50th anniversary open day at Biraban Public School and he discussed the arrangements for the day. The agenda will include presentations and solar viewing from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.
- Lydia presented certificates of appreciation to members who had gone beyond their call for the good of the Society and the public. This courtesy was much appreciated by all recipients.
- Members were reminded that fees are due.
- A DVD entitled "The Starmakers", documenting the proposed development of a fusion reactor, was screened.
- Ghul presented 10 Trivia questions, and chockies were handed out as prizes.
- The next meeting will be 29 September 2005 starting 7.30 pm.
- The meeting closed at 9.24pm and a light supper was served.