

**NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC**  
**MINUTES**  
**28 July 2006**

**MEETING OPENED:** 7.31 pm with 28 members and guests present.

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr George Barnes

**MINUTES:** The minutes from June 2006 were read and accepted. (Alan Meehan, David Hough, carried).

**APOLOGIES:** Ghul Hussain.

**GENERAL:**

- Elections will be held at the August Meeting. All positions will be open for nominations. George asked that all nomination forms be completed at this meeting so that the August AGM meeting runs smoothly.
- George reminded us that Biraban Public School in Toronto has requested a daytime club visit to their school on Sat 23 September. David Roberts will take names of members interested in attending.
- David Hough gave a slide presentation of his and Alan Meehan's visit to Camp Duckadang west of Brisbane. He showed a range of photos of the site, the attendees, and equipment at the Queensland Astrofest.
- Lydia presented awards to the helpers at the Charlestown NAS awareness stall. Lydia deserves the biggest vote of appreciation from the members for her efforts in organising the event.
- George, possibly for the first time in years, presented the traditional star chart of the night. Members welcomed the revival of this important part of our Astronomical Society.
- George asked 10 or more trivia questions and chockies were handed out as prizes.
- A DVD entitles "The Sun" was screened for the remainder of the meeting.
- The next meeting will be on 25 August 2006 starting at 7.30 pm.
- The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and a light supper was served.