

**NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC**  
**MINUTES**  
**30 June 2006**

**MEETING OPENED:** 7.37 pm with 38 members and guests present.

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Ghul Hussain

**MINUTES:** The minutes from May 2006 were read and accepted. (Mark Edwards, Brian Burns, carried).

**APOLOGIES:** Patrick Barry.

**GENERAL:**

- Elections will be held at the August Meeting. All positions will be open for nominations. Ghul asked that all nomination forms be completed at this or at the next meeting so that the August AGM meeting runs smoothly.
- Ghul reminded us that Biraban Public School in Toronto has requested a viewing night on Sat 23 September.
- Ghul discussed the NAS astronomy awareness display at Charlestown Square. The date is set for 17 July 2006 (the last day of the school holidays).
- Ken Hargreaves showed a simulation of an asteroid orbit in the solar system, which will approach Earth relatively closely.
- Scott gave the meeting a presentation of his astrophotography.
- Ghul asked 10 trivia questions and chockies were handed out as prizes.
- Ken Hargreaves gave us a presentation entitled "Walk Around Siding Springs Mountain". He gave us an overview of the thirteen telescopes populating the top of Siding Springs Mountain, including the history and purpose of some of the telescopes and their associated instrumentation.
- Ghul Mentioned NAACA 2008, which may be held closer to home than the 2006 event.
- The next meeting will be on 28 July 2006 starting at 7.30 pm.
- The meeting closed at 9.30 pm and a light supper was served.