

NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC
MINUTES
27 May 2006

MEETING OPENED: 7.34 pm with 24 members and guests present.

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ghul Hussain

MINUTES: The minutes from April 2006 were read and accepted. (Ken Hargreaves, George Livanos, carried).

APOLOGIES: Eddie Rocca.

GENERAL:

- Ghul announced that Biraban Public School in Toronto has requested a viewing night on Sat 23 September. David Roberts agreed to take names of members wishing to assist.
- 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). David Roberts agreed to take names of members wishing to man the display.
- Ghul plans to attend a conference in Canberra with Paul Davies as a speaker. The conference is over two days on 20/21 June 2006. Paul Davies' speech is entitled "Search for life in the universe". Another prominent speaker is George Ellis with his speech entitled "The emerging nature of the mind: emotions, intellect, values".
- Ghul asked 10 trivia questions and chockies were handed out as prizes.
- We then watched a DVD by Lockheed Martin entitled "Mission to MIR" which covered the US/Russia collaboration in manning and resupplying the MIR space station.
- Bill Abrahams received an email from a friend in Brisbane who wishes to sell a 6-inch reflector telescope and some accessories. Please contact Bill if you are interested.
- The next meeting will be on 30 June 2006 starting at 7.30 pm.
- The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and a light supper was served.