

NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC
MINUTES
27 November 2005

MEETING OPENED: 7.35 pm with 29 members and guests present.

CHAIRMAN: Mr Ghul Hussain

MINUTES: The minutes from October were read and accepted. (Patrick Barry/Bill Abrahams).

APOLOGIES: Tammy Dennis, Alan Meehan, George Barnes, Keith Hannan, Jeannie Parker.

GENERAL:

Several items of business were discussed:

- Brochure offering solar eclipse tour.
- Ghul summarised the meeting events of 2005.
- A website advertising to purchase astrophotography.
- Newcastle City Council calendar of events.
- Possible 16" telescope for club priced at \$2499
- Reminder: Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society to host NCAA.
- Warwick and Monica Burgess send Christmas wishes.
- Warwick made comment on proposed Munibung Hill observing site in email.
- David Hough reminded us of the Ice In Space Astro Camp at Lostock.
- David Hough proposed a motion "That the Observatory Project be put on indefinite hold with the proviso that the club continue to explore more modest options". Seconded David Roberts, 18 for, 0 against, carried.
The consensus of the discussion was to make the acquisition of land for the observatory a priority.
- A trivia session of ten questions with an astronomical theme was conducted, and chockies were handed out as prizes.
- A DVD by National Geographic entitled Asteroids: Deadly Impact, featuring Gene Schumaker was screened.
- The next meeting will be on 27 January 2006 starting at 7.30 pm.
- The meeting closed at 9.30pm and a light supper was served.