

**NEWCASTLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INC**  
**MINUTES**  
**24 NOVEMBER 2006**

**MEETING OPENED:** 7.30 pm with 40 members and guests present.

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr Ghul Hussain

**MINUTES:** The minutes from October were read and accepted. (Peter Crawley, Bill Abrahams)

**APOLOGIES:** Scott Alder, David Hough, Colin Keay, Warren Hogbin.

**GENERAL:**

- Some membership fees have still not been paid. Please see the treasurer ASAP.
- The list of library books will be posted on the website. Members can request books from the librarian instead of Alan bringing all of the books to every meeting.
- Starting 2007, there will be two viewing nights per month. The second will follow the usual viewing by two weeks.
- For her hard work and dedication to the NAS website, Tammy Dennis will be acknowledged with a free copy of Astronomy 2007.
- Patrick Barry announced an upcoming event at Sydney Observatory.
- Our guest speaker for the month was Dr Geoff Anderson. He was promoting his new book "Eye on the Sky". He gave a short history of the development of the telescope and then went on to the more technical aspects of modern telescopes. He outlined some of his research projects in the United States. He spoke at some length on guide star lasers used to calibrate the adaptive optics of large telescopes. He closed with the future prospects and wish list of the optical astronomical community including proposed 30 to 100 meter telescopes!
- The next meeting will be on Australia Day, 26 January 2007 starting 7.30 pm.
- The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and a light supper was served.