



**Annual Report April 2012**

## NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Macarthur Astronomical Society will be held as follows:

Date: Monday 16th April, 2012.

Time: 7.30 pm sharp.

Venue: Lecture Room 6, Building 21, University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening of Meeting, welcome and apologies.
2. Minutes of previous AGM, 18th April 2011.
3. Business arising out of the minutes.
4. Presentation of Annual Reports.
5. Presentation of Membership Awards.
6. Appointment of Returning Officer.
7. Election of Management Committee for 2012-2013.
8. Other Business.
9. Close of Meeting.

As advised previously, nominations for election to the committee will close on Monday 2nd April. Kindly note that to be eligible to vote or stand for election at the AGM you must be a paid up member for 2012-13.

Following the conclusion of the AGM, the meeting will continue as an Ordinary General Meeting (Macarthur Astronomy Forum).

Roger Powell

Secretary

20th March 2012

**Macarthur Astronomy Forum**  
**16<sup>th</sup> April 2012**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**President's Report**

It is always the job of the President to thank the rest of the committee. It is just right, but tonight I do so out of respect for time, effort and enthusiasm they put into the running of this society. For 12 months now I have relied on 6 good people to help me, as President. This report isn't just from me, but from them and about the dedication of your committee. I would like to single out your Secretary, Roger Powell, without whom I wouldn't have made it past the first month, thank you Roger.

Outside of the committee I have to thank Ned Pastor, who has given a lot of his time to picking up the keys to The Cabin, opening, cleaning and closing it up. Noel Sharpe, who liaises with Wollondilly Council. Without Noel, we wouldn't have our Open Nights. Stewart Grainger, who also takes on the role of Merchandise Officer. Chris Malikoff, as Webmaster and Prime Focus Editor. Carol McVeigh as Refreshments Engineer. These people deserve our appreciation for their hard work.

John Rombi who has given us all the pleasure of listening to a calibre of speakers which I doubt no other group can boast. Our Guest Speakers for 2011/12 were Daniel Ross, Prof. John Peacock, Dr. Lisa Harvey-Smith, Dr Mike Ireland, Prof. Geraint Lewis, Chris Malikoff, Gary Kopff, Prof. Bryan Gaensler, Dr. Lucyna Chudczer and Les Dalrymple.

Upcoming speakers are Prof. Fred Watson, Dr. Lisa Harvey-Smith, Anthony Wesley, Humayan Qureshi, Prof. Geraint Lewis, Dr. Simon O'Toole, Dr Emil Lenc and Nobel Laureate, Prof. Brian Schmidt. Thankyou John.

There have been 24 Forest Nights, 7 Stargard Nights, 11 Macarthur Astronomy Forums, 7 Public Outreach Events and 1 Bus Trip. Included were nights for Wollondilly Anglican College and St Pauls Primary School, Camden.

Upcoming there will be the usual Forest and Stargard Nights as well as 3 more Open Nights and so far, 4 Public Outreach Events.

There was a unanimous committee decision to pursue an MAS Observatory and begin fund-raising which is now well underway, but most definitely a long-term goal. This will NOT happen tomorrow.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of July we will be holding our second Magnitude Photographic Exhibition, appropriately named 'magnitude 2'. You will be hearing much more about this over the next three months.

Our financial situation has been strengthened over the last couple of years, which of course you will hear about shortly.

MAS Membership now stands at 93 and growing.

Knowing that I am leaving the society in safe hands, I will finish my monologue by thanking you, the members. You have supported the society through all it's events, fundraisers and forums. You're a good bunch. Keep it up.

Trevor Rhodes  
President MAS  
2011-2012

## **MAS Treasurer's Annual Report 29 February 2012**

I would like to thank all committee members for their assistance during the year, the members who assisted with our fund raising efforts and Graeme Bellamy for his speedy audit of the accounts. A copy of the audited accounts is attached to this report. This will be my last report as Treasurer as I have nominated for the Vice President's position next year.

Our 2011/12 year has been the busiest yet and has seen our total assets increase by almost \$4,700.00 to \$18,270.00. This was mainly due to our sausage sizzle at Bunnings, public donations at our meetings and open nights.

After much negotiation, thanks to Trevor & Roger, we still have our venue at UWS for free but we have had a large increase in costs for the Belanglo Forest Cabin, and have now signed a contract for \$120.00/month, however, this gives us the potential to run from Friday night to Monday morning. Fees were increased from \$7.00 to \$15.00/night for up to two nights, the third night would be free.

The committee agreed that Membership fees would be maintained at current levels with Membership numbers at 92 (prior to renewals). At the time of writing this report 10 are outstanding. An analysis of our Membership is attached.

Merchandise sales have fallen by 12% and rationalization of the range will take place during the next year. Our Feb 2012 position is shown on the attached stock report.

Our trip to Parkes was very successful and was a break even event. Planning for our major event to Hawaii is well advanced with 21 people currently indicating they will participate.

The audited accounts follow.

Tony Law  
Hon. Treasurer, Macarthur Astronomical Society Inc

**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**  
**Financial Statement**  
**Year ended 29th February, 2012**

**BALANCE SHEET**

	2012	2011
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Funds at beginning of year	\$ 13,570.14	\$ 7,004.48
Asset Replacement Reserve	\$ -	\$ 2,260.00
Profit/(Loss) for the year	\$ 4,699.91	\$ 4,305.66
	<u>\$ 18,270.05</u>	<u>\$ 13,570.14</u>
Represented by:		
Current Assets (Stock)	\$ 2,204.07	\$ 2,182.88
Cash at bank (trading account)	\$ 5,172.20	\$ 3,353.90
Fixed Term Deposit	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Pre Paid Insurance	\$ 745.88	\$ 745.88
Petty Cash Advances	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Pay Pal Account	\$ 7.90	\$ 147.48
Hawaii Deposit Account	\$ 682.36	\$ -
	<u>\$ 18,952.41</u>	<u>\$ 13,570.14</u>
Non - Current Assets		
Plant & Equipment (Cost)	\$ 3,799.23	\$ 3,799.23
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-\$ 3,799.23	-\$ 3,799.23
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Members deposit account Hawaii	-\$ 682.36	\$ -
Total Assets (net members equity)	<u>\$ 18,270.05</u>	<u>\$ 13,570.14</u>

**Independent Audit Report**

I have audited the financial statements, being the statement of financial position and statement of financial performance. The Astronomical Society Committee is responsible for the financial statements. The Audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures including examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Astronomical Society's financial position and the results of its operation. The Audit opinion expressed has been formed on the above basis.

**Note 1 - Accounting principles and methods adopted in accounts**

The accounts have been prepared on the cash basis, and in accordance with applicable statements of accounting concepts and accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). They have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

**Note 2 - Non-Current Assets**

Non-Current assets are included at cost or at independent valuation. All non-current assets are depreciated over their estimated useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

**Note 3 - Fund Raising**

Public Open Nights were held during the year and unsolicited donations of \$568.55 were received as well as a corporate donation from Bunnings of \$500.00

**Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statement of Macarthur Astronomical Society present fairly in accordance with applicable accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements to reflect the financial position of Macarthur Astronomical Society as at the 29th February, 2012 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

**Graeme David Bellamy**

138 Ashford Avenue, Milperra, 2214

Dated this 22nd March, 2012

**MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Financial Performance**  
**Year ended 29th February, 2012**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership Fees	\$ 3,345.00	\$ 4,135.59
Donations (public nights)	\$ 1,068.55	\$ 271.45
Interest	\$ 244.38	\$ 194.50
Sale of Merchandise	\$ 2,553.30	\$ 2,970.75
Dinners (Members contribution)	\$ 579.80	\$ 909.00
Grounds (Bellangalo Forest)	\$ 702.00	\$ 48.00
Tea & Coffee	\$ 235.00	\$ 200.00
AAO Trip Parkes	\$ 6,042.20	\$ 6,660.00
Bunnings Fund Raiser	\$ 2,097.00	\$ -
	<u>\$ 16,867.23</u>	<u>\$ 15,389.29</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 2.50
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 260.00
Filing Fees	\$ 89.00	\$ 47.00
Insurance	\$ 734.88	\$ 734.88
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 5.50	\$ 72.72
Postage & Printing	\$ 55.00	\$ 111.50
PO Box Rental	\$ 86.00	\$ 79.50
Purchase of Goods for Sale at cost	\$ 1,542.73	\$ 2,207.02
Domain Registration / Web	\$ -	\$ 83.00
Telephone expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Belangalo/Starguard	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 70.00
Room Hire	\$ 193.00	\$ -
Guest Speakers and Dinners	\$ 639.35	\$ 1,552.80
Badges - 10 year	\$ -	\$ -
Campbelltown Show Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
AAO Trip Parkes	\$ 6,058.30	\$ 5,862.71
Donation Schools	\$ 500.00	\$ -
First Aid Supplies	\$ 82.50	\$ -
Bunnings Expenses	\$ 921.06	\$ -
	<u>\$ 12,167.32</u>	<u>\$ 11,083.63</u>
Operating Profit/(Loss)	\$ 4,699.91	\$ 4,305.66
Unappropriated Profit/(Loss) for year	<u>\$ 4,699.91</u>	<u>\$ 4,305.66</u>

**Stock Control February 2012**

Item	Stock	Unit Cost	Total Cost	SP Memb	No.	Sales Public	No.	Total	Balance	Checked
DVD Magnitude	1	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 10.00	1	\$ 15.00		\$ -	0	0
DVD Magnitude II	0	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ 10.00		\$ 15.00		\$ -	0	0
Star Wheels Large	5	\$ 19.20	\$ 96.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 30.00		\$ -	5	5
Star Wheels Small	1	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00		\$ -	1	1
Sew on Patches White	7	\$ 7.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 12.00		\$ -	7	7
Sew on Patches Black	11	\$ 7.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 12.00		\$ -	11	11
Beanies	9	\$ 11.22	\$ 100.98	\$ 15.00		\$ 20.00		\$ -	9	9
Baseball Caps	3	\$ 15.30	\$ 45.90	\$ 20.00	1	\$ 25.00		\$ 20.00	2	2
Coffee Mugs	46	\$ 8.50	\$ 391.00	\$ 10.00	2	\$ 12.00		\$ -	44	Gift LC
Astronomy 2012	0	\$ 19.20	\$ -	\$ 23.00				\$ -	0	
Emu Dreaming:	2	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 15.00		\$ -	2	
Heavens Above - on consignment	7	\$ 15.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 18.00	3	\$ 25.00		\$ 54.00	4	
Compendium - on consignment	12	\$ 20.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 30.00		\$ -	12	9
<b>Shirts</b>										
Mens White M	2	\$ 28.44	\$ 56.88	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	2	
Mens White L	1	\$ 28.44	\$ 28.44	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	1	
Mens White XL	2	\$ 28.44	\$ 56.88	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	2	
Mens Navy M	4	\$ 28.44	\$ 113.76	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	4	3 minus1
Mens Navy L	1	\$ 28.44	\$ 28.44	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	1	
Mens Navy XL	2	\$ 28.44	\$ 56.88	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	2	
Mens Oversize	4	\$ 30.14	\$ 120.56	\$ 35.00	2	\$ 40.00		\$ 70.00	2	
Mens Black S	1	\$ 28.44	\$ 28.44	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	1	
Mens Black M	3	\$ 28.44	\$ 85.32	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	3	4 plus1
Mens Black L	2	\$ 28.44	\$ 56.88	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	2	3 plus1
Mens Black XL	2	\$ 28.44	\$ 56.88	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	2	
Womens Navy 12	1	\$ 28.44	\$ 28.44	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	1	
Womens Navy 14	1	\$ 28.44	\$ 28.44	\$ 35.00		\$ 40.00		\$ -	1	
Prime Focus*	71	\$ 4.45	\$ 315.95	\$ 6.00	17			\$ 102.00	54	52 minus2

**Total Value** **\$ 2,204.07**

**Monthly Sales** **\$ 246.00**

\*20 printed each month - 8 to Chris and 6 to Bryan FOC 1 to Gary Kopf, cost price adjusted accordingly



<b>Joining Year</b>	<b>Members</b>	
1996	7	
1997	2	
1998	4	
1999	1	
2000	3	
2001	2	
2002	1	
2003	0	
2004	2	
2005	0	22
2006	7	
2007	12	
2008	6	
2009	17	
2010	12	
2011	15	69
2012	3	
	<b>94</b>	