

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc  
Minutes of Committee Meeting

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm in the Rombi household

**Present** John Koster, John Rombi, Ian Cook Noel Sharp, Lloyd Wright  
**Apologies** Bob Bee

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and accepted Moved Noel S seconded John R

**Business Arising**

- 6 keys to the Oaks gates made and distributed
- Letter of Appreciation to D Ross presented
- October Young Astronomers Workshop. Noel unable to take on organization, Ian appointed primary organiser

The following matters were tabled and discussed or agreed:

**Observatory Public Night Report** Rotary Observatory night in May was well attended. Evening sky started patchy but improved later

**Report from FANS 02**

North Sydney Oval telescope layout was well planned, about 4000 people attended, lots of interest, some societies did not turn up. Points for the future are

- Some further oval lights need to be turned off
- Food stalls need to open and serve food earlier for the field personnel
- Need to identify (namee tag) support people so astronomers can take toilet breaks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proposal for Dept of Transport Regional Funding was submitted after consultation with some society members. Purchase a large aperture telescope, house in a suitable structure at a location accessible to Campbelltown residents possibly rented or leased. Amounting to approx. \$60-100,000 dollars.

A prospective roster of our membership was listed to fulfil public education calls during August.

Aug 6 Tue Japanese Exchange Students – Kentlyn. Phil Kydd, John Rombi, Ian Cook

Aug 8 Thurs Combined Probus Group Camden. John Koster

Aug 10 Sat International House – Belanglo. Noel S, John R, Lloyd W, Ian C, Daniel R?

Aug 13 Tue St Patricks/Broughton College – Menangle. Noel S, Peter D, Lloyd W, John R, + 2

Aug 16 Fri Nepean Observatory with Raghbir. TBA or re negotiated

Aug 17 Sat Rotary Observatory Star Night – Campbelltown. John R, Lloyd W, + usual suspects?

Speakers arranged for 3M Meeting (MAS Members Monthly)

July 15 Doug Vatach – Radio SETI USA

August 19 Carol Oliver or guest

**Treasurer's Report**

Agreed to reimburse toll costs for members who participated in FANS \$13.50 each

Approved payment to cost of digital projector for same \$20.20, expenses to John R. \$45, PF printing \$73.70, Bank a/c 3685 membership 52

**Mailbox** Invitation from Narellan Town Centre to showcase MAS in future date

**Business For Next Meeting**

Young Astronomer's Workshop – October,

Review Public Education commitments,

Review grant proposal,

Review Meeting Program schedule

**NEXT MEETING**

Meeting Closed

7.30 pm August 5, Sharp House 24 Clydebank Crescent Glen Alpine

**9.35pm**