

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc  
Minutes of Committee Meeting

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in Bob and Marion's home

**Present** John Rombi, Noel Sharpe Lloyd Wright, Ian Cook, Dick Everett, Bob Bee, Daniel Ross

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read and moved for acceptance.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

- ❖ Lloyd brought more items for cataloging and the work is proceeding. Decision concerning content of Library to be made post analysis.
- ❖ Speakers- Aug –Miroslav (UWS) confirmed, October –Glenn Dawes (Quasar Publishing), November - Bishop Chris Toohey, Fred Watson confirmed for Feb 2006
- ❖ Public Education Dates: International House students at Belanglo 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, St Mary's High School probably September, Mt Carmel school now moved to probable October date, Tara Guides – no confirmation yet
- ❖ Website redesign now uploaded but corrections required. Committee members reviewed website during meeting and changes listed.
- ❖ Letter of thanks to Lesley Southwell sent by John R.

**Observatory Public Night Report**

- No date for Science Week has been communicated to us so next date October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The following matters were tabled and discussed or agreed:

1. MAS encouraged to submit proposal through Pat F for community observatory. Noel has researched one proposal which would include a land site with information center, storage shed and dome and toilets on concrete slab; two Goto telescopes –14-16". Approx cost \$100,000. Pat F to run newspaper appeal for donations of site from farming community or alternatively approach to Wollondilly Council for suitable site on council land.
2. A "Macastro Star Night" will be held on September 10 at Dudley Chesham Oval. Promotion by newspapers, radio, etc.
3. New Target list for Double Star Hunt by star hopping (25, 50, 75, 100), to be prepared by Ian C.
4. New Globular Cluster Hunt target list to be provided for members. Bob or Dick ?
5. A field Trip is being researched for the end of October to the Astronomical Society of NSW's site at Wiruna near Mudgee

**Treasurer's Report**

\$3344.90 at bank after payment of invoices. All expenses submitted to the meeting were approved for payment

**Mailbox**

Night Sky has resumed publication and copies are made available at each monthly meeting.

**Business for Next Committee Meeting**

Macastro Star Night - September 10  
Field Trip to Wiruna – October ?  
Website feedback  
Rotary Obs October  
Community observatory proposal  
Public Education,  
Speakers for 2006  
Library cataloguing, very important

**NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm September 5th, Daniel and Kate's home

Meeting Closed

**9.30 pm**