

The meeting opened at 7.40 pm in Noel and Carmen's home

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

Apologies: Daniel Ross

Reading of Minutes Past Mtg Minutes were read, moved and accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Community Observatory project – A letter from Wollondilly Council has been received, welcoming our proposed long range development of a concrete slab and some kind of shelter and telescope in the future. In the meantime a field manager would be available to open gates for our use. Proposed that next two Oaks nights be allocated to Stargard field.
2. **Macarthur Space Cadets**, aimed at 9-18 year olds will meet at Campbelltown library 5.30 – 6.30 on third Thursday of month. Fyers are out and final arrangements for first meeting in hand.
3. Seven nominations for Management Committee have been received to date. These will be published on website in line with Constitution requirements.
4. Speakers- **March** - Michael Dopita, **April** – AGM and Ian Cook, **May** - Don Whiteman, **June** – Melissa Hulbert, **July** – Ken Freeman (possible), **Aug.** – decided to leave vacant for a change of emphasis from outside speakers, **September** – Paul Francis ANU, **October** – Tim Bedding U Sydney, **November** – vacant
5. Tara guide camp was overcast early evening but cleared later.

Rotary Observatory Report

Open nights for 2006 are scheduled for: May 12, December 8

Treasurer's Report

Current report will be presented to AGM. Books are still with auditor. All outstanding invoices have been paid; expenses submitted to this meeting were approved for payment.

New Business

The following matters were tabled and discussed:

- AGM agenda was discussed and election officer proposed, Noel to contact.
- Decided to duplicate 6 keys for the Oaks airfield. Noel to initiate key register.
- New Membership approved for David Jones.
- The visit to Magellan Observatory has been fixed at Friday 21 – Saturday 22 July. John to canvass members re attendance.
- John will arrange to produce a business type card with website and club details for distribution was adopted.
- In preparation for 10 year celebration it was noted that depending on renewal of current year's membership would mean 12 people are eligible for 10 year presentation.
- Our Public Liability insurance is paid up and International House have been notified in regard to our use of the site.
- Macastro Starnights to be scheduled for August and September.

Business for Next Committee Meeting

Public Education dates

Space Cadets

NEXT MEETING 7.30 pm April 3rd at Lloyd and Mary-lou's home

Meeting Closed **9.15 pm**