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## MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Durham Green Retirement Village, 153 Menangle Road,  
Menangle.

Monday Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm

**Committee Attending:** Allan Hobbs(President), Barry Moore  
(Secretary), Andy Milton (Treasurer), Henry Swierk (Membership  
Officer), Greg Bradford (Committee Member), Phil Kidd (Committee  
member)

**Apologies:** John Rombi (Vice President), Brendon Waterhouse  
(Merchandising)

**1. OPENING OF MINUTES AND APOLOGIES:** meeting opened at 7.30pm

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** for April committee meeting held 1/04/2019 Proposed by Barry Moore seconded by Allan Hobbs Passed.

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

None

### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 Treasurer's Report:** Andy Milton

Macastro Financial Report for April 2019. The Society Bank Account balance as at 30 April was \$13020.61. As noted in the attached report there are three outstanding cheques to be presented totalling \$526.00. Included in this amount is a cheque for \$334.00 to the Asbestos Disease Foundation (members donation \$184.00, Society donation \$150.00).

There is one outstanding payment of \$240.00 due to Kay's Custom Sportswear for merchandise. There is an outstanding cash deposit to be banked of \$134.00 being members donations collected for D Jones. This amount has been included in the cheque to the Asbestos Disease Foundation.

The No 2 Account balance of \$1670.78 represents members payments for the planned China trip.

The Paypal balance is \$718.30.

Report proposed by Andy Milton, seconded by Greg, passed

#### **4.2 Membership:** Henry Swierk

New Members - David Nelson, Stephanie Murray, Julian Murray

New members - 3 in total.

Membership at the end of April: 129 members in total including 6 Hon. 3 Assoc.

A number of existing members have yet to renew. It is possible due to website problems members may not have received renewal notices. The committee decided to use discession on asking for the \$15 rejoining fee in these cases.

About 40 people have yet to change their passwords. Henry has had to change passwords for about 30 members and he believes the system may still be unstable.

10 year badge is currently given. Committee will await Henrys research into 20 years badge and beyond.

Moved by Henry Swierk Seconded by Allan.

#### 4.3 Merchandise: (reported by Brendon Waterhouse via email)

##### **Total Monetary transactions by Merchandising.**

Donations at domes	\$292.25
Donations Davy Jones cancer appeal	\$134
Jackets payments to Kays Sportswear	\$240
Initial Cash Balance April 2018	\$ 96
Cash Allotted from Sales Donations	\$19
Cash awaiting Allotment	\$95
Total Cash Held by Merchandiser	\$210
Total cash till (COH)	\$115

Committee says YES to purchase of pen boxes.  
Allan Hobbs will be contact person for Merchandising

Report moved by Allan, seconded by Phil.

#### 4.4 Speakers

This month's forum 20th May 2019 Dr Emil Lenc (ASKAP)

Next month: 17th Jun 2019 Les Dalrymple

Full list of future presenters is listed below

15th Jul 2019	Robert Brand Space Activist & Entrepreneur (Moon Landing and Space)
19th Aug 2019	Dr Lee Spitler (Mac Uni + AAO) Huntsman Array
16th Sep 2019	Marnie Ogg - "The effects of Light Pollution on Astronomy & the Environment"
21st Oct 2019	Prof. Geraint Lewis (USYD) Cosmology
18th Nov 2019	Dr Brad Tucker (ANU)
9th Dec 2019	Fifth Annual Students Night
Early 2020	Dr Jessie Christardson TES - NASA

#### 4.5 General Business

##### 4.5.1

4.5.2 Camden library (Oran park) wishes to hold Stargazing event on Thurs July 11, 2019. Tony to take care of prints.  
See 4.7 below, *On Going*

4.5.3 The Dudley Chesham redevelopment nothing to report - on going

#### 4.6 Regular Viewing

4.6.1 Stargard - 27 Apr Ok, 5 May good.

**Future dates.** 25 May, 22 June, 27 July, 24 Aug, 21 Sep, 19 Oct, 21 Nov, 21 Dec.

4.6.2 The Forest - 6/7 April Good , 4/5 May excellent.

**Future dates.** , 31 May + 1/2 June, 28/29/30 June, 2/3/4 Aug, 30/31 Aug + 1 Sep,  
27/28/29 Sep, 25/26/27 Oct, 29/30 Nov + 1 Dec, 27/28/29 Dec.

#### 4.7 Public Outreach – current dates that are set for 2019. See website Calendar for confirmation close to date.

- 13<sup>th</sup> April Sat – Public Stargazing #1 at the Domes and IAU event – lots of cloud
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Fri - Stars over the gardens ABG (Australian Botanic Gardens) - Help Needed
- 13<sup>th</sup> May Mon – Glenfield Scouts – Help needed
- 18<sup>th</sup> May Sat - Picton IlluminARTE – Help Needed
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Sat - Public Stargazing #2 at the Domes – Help Needed
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Sat - Exeter winery pie in the Sky
- 11<sup>th</sup> July Thurs - Camden Library Stargazing
- 13<sup>th</sup> July Sat – Campbelltown Library Stargazing
- 20<sup>th</sup> July Sat – Casula Power House Stargazing and photo exhibit
- 21<sup>st</sup> July Sun Apollo 11 50 years Anniversary WSU
- 9-10<sup>th</sup> Aug Fri, Sat, Sun The Forest, Belanglo International House (Students night)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug Tues Broughton Science Fair (1-5pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> August Picnic under the Stars ABG (Australian Botanic Gardens) outreach (partnership with ABG)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sept Sat - Public Stargazing #3 at the Domes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Sat - Public Stargazing #4 at the Domes

##### 4.7.1 Sun July 21 Afternoon 12:56pm, 50 years anniversary of the moon landing

#### 50th Anniversary Celebration of Man's First Moonwalk

Date: 21 July 2019

Venue: Western Sydney University, Campbelltown, Building 30

Two lecture theatres, holding 344 and 191 persons

08:30 Registration

09:00 Welcome and Introduction of our Guests (MAS & OGLA –One Giant Leap Aust.)

1. Todd Barber – Propulsion engineer NASA/JPL, Cassini, Mars Rovers  
<https://mars.nasa.gov/people/info.cfm?id=128>
2. Paulo Younse – Space Robotics engineer NASA/JPL  
[https://www-robotics.jpl.nasa.gov/people/Paulo\\_Younse/](https://www-robotics.jpl.nasa.gov/people/Paulo_Younse/)
3. Tom Nolan – Operating Engineer, Earth Sciences NASA [https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/home/F\\_Tom\\_Nolan\\_Adventure\\_K\\_4.html](https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/home/F_Tom_Nolan_Adventure_K_4.html)
4. Sue Finlay – Computer programmer for NASA/JPL  
<https://www.space.com/39673-sue-finley-60-years-at-nasa.html>
5. Debra Brice – NOAA Earth Sciences  
[http://footsteps.ucsd.edu/debbies\\_pg.htm](http://footsteps.ucsd.edu/debbies_pg.htm)
6. Shannon O'Connor – DSN, NASA/JPL <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?feature=4047>
7. Sarah Marcotte – Mars Outreach co-ordinator NASA/JPL <http://devinnovators.com/wpdi/?p=9740>

09:15 “Moon or Mars” panel discussion, Q & A with all of our guests

10:45 Coffee/tea break

11:15 The Dish (exact time to be calculated – 1hour 41 minutes running time)

13:00 Break for Lunch

14:00, 15:00, 16:00 – Twin streams of Lectures with our Guests from NASA/JPL

17:00 Finish

Link to trybooking event is <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=493240&>

Western Sydney Uni lecture theatre and/or lecture rooms (344 large lecture capacity – 191 smaller lecture theatre) 535 max at \$20 average – venue has been approved.

Barry will act as Catering person as to follow up with contacts (coffee van, lunch trucks, Sausage sizzle BBQ) awaiting further feedback from catering vans – initial contacts are promising. *on going*

Sound and vision has been checked – worst case laptop will play into PA system adequately. (Peter Godwin has been approached and details are being checked).

Expenses \$9000 submission to council excluding food provision. Might get \$4500 from ticket sales.  
Catering may need a clean area to be due to running generators  
Cost for video showing the Dish is \$1 per person, i.e. \$500.

Campbelltown Library will assist with posters printing and image printing  
URGENTLY ... members need to submit their latest photos for image printing

Campbelltown Library public observing night at their library – booked for Sat 13 July. Assistance required

Casula Power House night event 20/7/2019 (photo exhibition and a public viewing).  
URGENTLY... A group of 5 people will be needed to go to Casula to allow the main organisers to set up for the “the big event” at the UWS the next day.

Camera house will have discount vouchers. They will have a table with telescopes, NIKON camera and Binoculars.  
They may have sample bags along with One Giant Leap Australia (OGLA).

#### **4.7.2 Macarthur Anglican College Outreach.**

We have a request for some limited assistance. Mike will discuss this item. Help required to show students in year 10 the stars one night this year. *on going*

#### **4.8 Members' Trips**

**4.8.1 China 15 May to 29 May 2019**, All moneys have been paid to the tour company. 16 going. One telescope visit was unavailable. *On going.*

**4.8.2 JPL July 2021** Estimate \$4000 needs to be increased. Will promote and ask interested members to start saving in our “trip” bank account. Could be combined with a Space X launch. *On Going*

#### **4.9 Fundraising**

4.9.1 Greg has send details to the cash for bottles and cans recycling charities donation. Still Awaiting for approval but very positive response. *On going.*

4.9.2

4.9.3 Cutaway Winery ( Sally's corner road, Exeter) – “Pie in the Sky Night” ticketing event in conjunction with MAS. 15 June 2019 – sat full moon evening. Ray Armstrong. *On Going.*

4.9.4 Letter to Commbank – - *in progress (with Tony).*

**4.10 Website, Facebook** – issues with email due to upgrade to software. Roger is looking into it.

Facebook has 900 people joined our page to date.

**4.11 Publicity and Secretary** report Barry Moore

**4.11.1** Publicity for the next forum May 20 been sent to Advertiser and Chronicle

**4.11.2** Secretary will forward minutes as soon as they are approved by committee to Roger (webmaster) for member's perusal. Ongoing item

**4.11.3** Mail box has been checked each week

**4.11.4 Attendance – April Forum and AGM**

as per sign-on book: 41 members, 9 Non-members; total 50.

#### **4.12 Correspondence**

**received.** – **Cancer Council request for donations.** Nothing else of significance (except usual Bank statement and advertisements) received directly to secretary.

**sent** – DOFT letter with 2019 Annual return for not for profit organisations. Barry Moore is the declared Public Officer for 2019-20

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 David Jones (deceased member).** Suggestion made that an award be created in his honour.

5.2 Observatory in Dharawahl Mathew Richardson from North cliff colliery meeting was postponed.

#### **6. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

7.30pm Mon June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at Allan Hobbs, Durham Green Retirement Village, 153 Menangle Road, Menangle.

#### **7. CLOSE OF MEETING 9:52 pm 6/5/19**

Typed by Secretary, Barry Moore on 6/5/19, edited 13/5/2019

Approved by Allan Hobbs Date June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019