

## PERTH OBSERVATORY VOLUNTEER GROUP INC. MINUTES OF MEETING-19TH JUNE 2006

### Present.

J. Alcroft, J. Biggs, D. Alderson, T. Beardsmore, D. Emrich, K. Ford, M. Freeman, B. Harris, M. Haslam, G. Lowe, L. Martin, J. Milner, J. Morris, L. Robinson, R. Tonello, E. Walker, A. Williams.

### Apologies.

J. Bell, T.Beston, F.Bilki, R.Boelen, A. McNaughton, T.Roberts, V.Semmler.

### Confirmation of Minutes.

Moved B.Harris seconded L.Robinson.

### Business Arising from the minutes.

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

Treasurers Report. B.Harris stated that there had been no changes to the bank account balance. The current balance was \$940.65 .

### General Business:

o At the AGM it was suggested that a change to the Constitution could be made that limited the term of committee positions to two years. No one indicated that they still thought that this was worth considering so the matter won't be followed up.

o The end of viewing season wind-up social night is to be a quiz night on Friday 21st July to be held at the Observatory. J. Bell and family have offered to be quiz masters once again, with assistance from D. Frew. Donations of prizes will be gratefully accepted.

o J. Biggs introduced the new astronomer at the Observatory, David Frew. David was welcomed warmly.

o J. Biggs drew attention to a page providing information on changes to the compliance requirements of deductible gift recipients. This may have an impact on future plans of the POVG as it may change the definition of a charity.

o J. Biggs informed the meeting that the Observatory has had a small increase in its budget but it still not enough to cover utility and maintenance costs. He encouraged members to write to the minister responsible for the Dept of Conservation and Land Management, Mr Mark McGowan about this matter.

o Due to the local hooners continuing to be being active during on the weekends and now D.Frew and his family are residents in the caretakers cottage a new gate is to be constructed across Walnut Road down near Lockwood Road. It will also discourage mountain bike riders who have been making illegal tracks near the Observatory. This will not affect the access of volunteers or other legitimate visitors to the Observatory.

o It was acknowledged that a fresh intake of volunteers is needed to boost numbers for the next viewing season. Advertising for new volunteers will occur in August or September.

o John Morris was presented with a green laser pointer in thanks for all his extra work over the summer season of tours.

There being no further General Business the meeting closed at 7.53pm

Next Meeting: .Due to the end of viewing season wind-up the next meeting will be August 21st

# PERTH OBSERVATORY VOLUNTEER GROUP

## Perth Observatory Staff

Dr Jamie Biggs	Director and Govt Astronomer
Ralph Martin	Astronomer
Dr Andrew Williams	Astronomer
David Frew	Astronomer
Rick Tonello	Astronomer Assistant
Greg Lowe	Astronomer Assistant
Janet Bell	Administration Officer
Di Johns	Clerical Officer
Arie Verveer	Technical manager
John Pearce	Mechanical technician

## POVG Volunteers

Elaine Walker	Chairperson
Lloyd Robinson	Vice Chairperson
Jacque Milner	Secretary
Bevan Harris	Treasurer and newsgroup moderator (contact: ngc2070@gmail.com)
Jeff Alcroft	Newsletter Editor (contact: callides@inet.net.au)



Perth Observatory Volunteers Group

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## Volunteer List

Jeff Alcroft  
Dick Alderson  
Ireneusz Baran  
Trevor Beardsmore  
Tony Beston  
Jeanne Bell  
Frank Bilki  
Ric Boelen  
Giuseppe Coletti  
David Emrich  
Mark Emmons  
Keith Ford  
Mike Freeman  
Lynda Frewer  
Bevan Harris  
Mark Haslam  
Karen Kotze  
Rob Loney  
Andrew MacNaughtan  
Len Martin  
Jacque Milner  
John Morris  
Tim Roberts  
Lloyd Robinson  
Elaine Walker  
Matthew Zengerer

Probationary  
Asher Abraham  
Val Semmler  
Noreen Townsend

## 2006 Volunteer Training & Meeting Nights

Below are listed the training nights scheduled for 2006.

The volllies decided at a recent meeting that they would like to rationalise the training/meeting night schedule. They decided that scheduling a meeting on the third Monday of the month would be more convenient. We have checked for clashes with Observatory events and so far none have been identified. (Naturally, flexibility needs to be maintained and the meeting date will be changed from the strict schedule as the need arises.)

Training is important for our volunteers, they enjoy it, and we need to support these staff members in return for the assistance they render.

All staff are directed NOT to ROSTER ANY ACTIVITY THAT WILL INTERFERE WITH TRAINING night attendees access to the lecture theatre and the VOF (and associated telescopes).

Also, could you please bring the details of this message to the attention of all staff under your direct supervision.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Jamie Biggs.

18th September

16th October

20th November

18th December

(Maybe we'll cancel this one - it's very close to Xmas)

## PHASES of the MOON for 2006

New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter
Jan 29 22:14	Jan 7 02:56	Jan 14 17:48	Jan 22 23:14
Fed 28 08:31	Fed 5 14:29	Fed 13 12:44	Fed 21 15:17
Mar 29 18:15	Mar 7 04:16	Mar 15 07:35	Mar 23 03:10
Apt 28 03:44	Apt 5 20:01	Apt 14 00:40	Apt 21 11:28
May 27 13:25	May 5 13:13	May 13 14:51	May 20 17:20
Jun 26 00:05	Jun 4 07:06	Jun 12 02:03	Jun 18 22:08
July 25 12:31	July 4 00:36	July 11 11:02	July 18 03:12
Aug 24 03:10	Auk 2 16:46	Auk 9 18:54	Auk 16 09:51
Sept 22 19:45	Sept 1 06:56	Sept 8 02:42	Sept 14 19:15
Oct 22 13:14	Sept 30 19:04	Oct 7 11:13	Oct 14 08:25
Nov 21 06:18	Oct 30 05:25	Nov 5 20:58	Nov 13 01:45
Dec 20 22:01	Nov 28 14:29	Dec 5 08:25	Dec 12 22:32
	Dec 27 22:48		