

## Perth Observatory Volunteer Group Inc. Minutes of Meeting - 7th February 2007

### Present:

G. Chandler, T. Edmett, K. Ford, B. Harris, N. Leerson, J. McRobbie, J. Milner, J. Morris, B. Neson, G. Prideaux, K. Richards, L. Robinson, E. Walker,  
Perth Observatory Staff: J. Biggs, G. Lowe.

### Apologies:

T. Beardsmore, T. Beston, R. Boelen, M. Freeman, M. Hughes, L. Martin, V. Semmler, A. Tiong

Meeting commenced at 7.13 pm

Confirmation of previous Minutes.

Moved J. Morris, seconded K. Richards.

Business Arising from the Minutes.

o The three nights at Floreat Beach on January 16, 17 and 18 to view Comet McNaught with the public were successful with the Tuesday and Wednesday being busiest. Thursday was a bit cold and blustery but the comet was still seen. J. Biggs thanked all the volunteers who attended for their assistance and efforts.

Treasurers Report.

o B. Harris stated that the balance of the POVG inc. account was unchanged at \$158.70 with no income or outgoings.

General Business:

o K. Ford said that he had heard about the plan for Perth Observatory to buy a 30 inch Obsession dobsonian telescope and wondered if anyone would be keen to try and build it themselves. J. Milner said it was a bad idea and from person-

al experience it would take far longer than expected and be of lesser quality than the one to be purchased. G. Prideaux said that he wouldn't have the time to help. J. Biggs said that the Observatory technical staff were already under a lot of pressure and would not be able to assist at this time. The idea was put aside.

o The Summer Lecture is expected to be given by Rob McNaught at the end of March. A date has not been confirmed as it will rely on when McNaught can get a flight over. Discussion was undertaken as to whether the entry fee should be raised. Most people agreed that \$10 (double the current \$5 fee) was an acceptable price. J. Biggs said these comments would be considered when the Lecture was advertised. B. Harris complained about the quality of the screen used on the back wall outside for the Lecture and was directed to investigate the cost of hiring one that wouldn't flap in the wind.

o G. Lowe will mark Extended tours (2.5hours) in the roster book so volunteers are aware when they are occurring when then sign up for nights. These extended tours are marked in the advertising brochure but not everyone checks them.

o There may be an Aboriginal Astronomy Night on Saturday April 14th. This is still to be confirmed. There are 30 people on a waiting list for this night if it goes ahead.

There being no further General Business the meeting closed at 8.06pm

Next Meeting: Monday March 19th 2007

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 Noreen Townsend  
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 Prideaux, K. Richards, A.  
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## 2007 Volunteer Training & Meeting Nights

3rd Monday every month unless advised otherwise.

Please note that training is very 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.

### PHASES of the MOON for 2007 For Western Australia

NEW MOON	FIRST QUARTER	FULL MOON	LAST QUARTER
-	-	Jan 3 21:57	Jan 11 20:44
Jan 19 12:00	Jan 26 07:01	Feb 2 13:45	Feb 10 17:51
Feb 18 00:14	Feb 24 15:56	Mar 4 07:17	Mar 12 11:54
Mar 19 10:42	Mar 26 02:16	Apr 3 01:15	Apr 11 02:04
Apr 17 19:36	Apr 24 14:35	May 2 18:09	May 10 12:27
May 17 03:27	May 24 05:02	Jun 1 09:03	Jun 8 19:42
Jun 15 11:13	Jun 22 21:15	Jun 30 21:48	Jul 8 00:53
Jul 14 20:04	Jul 22 14:29	Jul 30 08:48	Aug 6 05:20
Aug 13 07:02	Aug 21 07:54	Aug 28 18:35	Sep 4 10:32
Sep 11 20:44	Sep 20 00:48	Sep 27 03:45	Oct 3 18:06
Oct 11 13:01	Oct 19 16:33	Oct 26 12:51	Nov 2 05:18
Nov 10 07:03	Nov 18 06:32	Nov 24 22:30	Dec 1 20:44
Dec 10 01:40	Dec 17 18:17	Dec 24 09:15	Dec 31 15:51