



COFFS HARBOUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

MINUTES AND NOTICE OF MEETING

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT
BOAMBEE EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MONDAY 1st of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

PRESENT: 9 members and 4 guests.

MEETING OPENED: 7:00pm with President, Win Howard in the chair.

APOLOGIES: Terry Gill, Kevin Good, Camilla Whaitiri & Michael Worraker

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Adopted as circulated by e-mail

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: Duncan Waldron's intention to attend our October meeting. Duncan is a noted astronomer from the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium, to discuss Brisbane's planetarium facilities

OUT: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Suggestion that we commence our October meeting at 6:30 to allow time for a presentation and discussion from Duncan Waldron

THE TOPIC: Nil

TOPIC FOR NEXT MEETING: Open... Everyone is welcome to give a brief presentation on any topic(s) that they may have found of interest lately.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:

- Aisling had the opportunity to meet Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield
- Chris was able to attend the Port Macquarie Astronomical Association's most recent members meeting

- Win attended the 2014 CAASTRO Annual Scientific Conference at Opal Cove, and spoke of catching up astrophysicist Brian Schmidt, and the very detailed scientific nature of the presentations at the conference
- Frank spoke about the free course beginning soon...
Astronomy: Discovering the Universe Through Science and Technology (IntAstro) by Dr John Morgan

REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT: *(this material is collected from the internet each month and presented in an edited form).*

1. Hints of Elusive Early Stars Found
<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-28885991>
2. Chandra Observatory Searches for a Trigger of Nearby Supernova
<http://www.nasa.gov/press/2014/august/nasa-s-chandra-observatory-searches-for-trigger-of-nearby-supernova/#.VAWaoPmSySo>
3. GRB: A New Standard Candle?
<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-news/grbs-new-standard-candle-08112014/>
4. ALMA Confirms Comets Forge Organic Molecules in Their Dusty Atmospheres
<https://public.nrao.edu/news/pressreleases/comets-alma>
5. Cassini Tracks Clouds Developing Over a Titan Sea
<http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov/news/newsreleases/newsrelease20140812/>
6. These Bizarre Deep-Space Radio Blasts Have Astronomers Baffled
<http://www.space.com/26741-deep-space-radio-blasts-mystery.html>
7. First Comet Close-Ups from Rosetta Spacecraft Reveal a “Scientific Disneyland”
<http://www.space.com/26747-rosetta-probe-comet-arrival-first-photos.html>

CLOSURE AND FUTURE MEETING TIMES:

Updated The next monthly meeting will be Monday 6th of October, 2014, at **Boambee East Community Centre, Bruce King Drive** at **7:00pm**, all members and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

CHAS TELESCOPE: Roberto

Roberto Cornale
Secretary