Galilean Nights Event ID: gn1,224

Number of telescopes: 6 Number of organisers: 5 Number of attendees: 315

Event photos: http://www.flickr.com/search/groups/?q=Perth&w=1135926%40N20&m=pool

Astromeg was with us on this night and has already placed some pics on flickr

Event Report:

It was a friday night (the 23rd of October) in the most happening location in Perth, Northbridge. Girls were dressed in highheels and skirts, while their guys were buttoned to the top. Then all of a sudden, they came across a group of Astronomers from SCITech armed with knowledge and some rather large telescopes. The words "Can I have a look?" slipped out of their mouths, followed by "Is that real?"... It very much reminded me of what happened when Galileo first looked at the Moon and proved the 'perfect' Aristotelian model wrong. Many of the young adults declared that they had never shared our interest in 'space' things before, but seeing the Moon (and Jupiter) in this new light had completely stunned them. In addition to the party crowd, numerous people had read about the event in the paper and came to see what it was all about. Children climbed the ladders to reach the large 'scopes, got to stay up past their bedtimes, and asked heaps of questions like "what are those smalls dots next to Jupiter". It was all really fantastic! And to top it all off at the end, the police brigade who were seen patroling the streets that night took a few moments off to expand their knowledge!