

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn200

Number of telescopes: 5

Number of organisers: 1

Number of attendees: 60+

Event Report:

An Astronomy Telescope Viewing night was held on the school oval on Friday 23rd October as part of the International Galilean Nights Project.

Astronomers all around the world on this night pointed their telescopes to the heavens to view Jupiter just as Galileo did nearly 400 years ago.

Local amateur astronomers set up a variety of telescopes including a 445 mm Dobsonian, a Celestron C5 and various refracting telescopes, on the oval for the general public to view the night sky. Unfortunately thick cloud was the dominant feature of the night sky and only glimpses of Jupiter and the moon could be seen between the clouds.

Upon arrival participants entered the Multi Purpose Centre to learn about what was visible in the night sky, for the night of 23rd October, via a demonstration of Stellarium before proceeding out onto the oval.

Approximately 60+ people attended and lots of oohs and ahs could be heard as they looked through the scopes.