

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn206

**Number of telescopes:** Thursday and Friday night - 3x 8inch telescopes and 1x 14inch telescope; Saturday 2x 8inch scopes with solar filters

**Number of organisers:** 8 (2 coordinators, 6 presenter/demonstrators)

**Number of attendees:** 100 over the three days

**Event photos:** <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44365487@N06/>

**Event Report:**

Run over three days (22-24 October) UNSW's Galilean Nights was a great success despite some unruly weather. Approximately 100 people participated in the viewing nights and solar astronomy observations.

Thursday 22nd October brought the largest crowd, while cloudy there were enough patches to see the mountains on the Moon and three of Jupiter's satellites as Galileo did 400 years ago.

Unfortunately the cloud rolled in rather thickly on Friday 23rd October but a lucky few were able to see Jupiter as well as the Moon through the first and only gaps in the cloud cover.

Saturday saw the Astronomy Outreach group with two telescopes on the physics lawn searching for shade! An absolutely beautiful day. The Sun even broke its spotless days for us, showing off an impressive string of sunspots.

On behalf of the Astronomy Outreach group, I would like to thank all who participated and we look forward to seeing you at our future events.

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