

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn560

Number of telescopes: 8

Number of organisers: 12

Number of attendees: 300

Event Report:

Our event was planned to comprise of two main activities ,firstly the direct observing and secondly the outreach activities .

1. The direct observing was carried out using a range of telescopes from 4" reflector to 16" Dobsonian and also included descriptions of 16" and 30" permanent mounted scopes. In spite of variable cloud cover we were able to show the moon, Jupiter and the Galilean Moons, 47 Tuc, α -Centauri, Omega Centauri, and several double stars. We had many families visiting with children from 4 years upwards with many questions about the size of the moons craters, the size and speed of rotation of the Galilean moons distance of stars and galaxies etc. Most questions came from the 6 - 10 year olds.

Inside activities came from Starry Night presentations, powerpoint shows of the IYA presentations on Moon, Saturn Jupiter. and a talk on Deep Space by a professor from University of Tasmania, also in house sales of postcards, astro calendars and CDSAND posters. A good response from the local public in a small community.