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## Objectives of Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group Incorporated (WSAAG)

## The objectives of WSAAG are:

- 1. To promote and practice the science of astronomy.
- 2. To serve the needs of amateur astronomers in Western Sydney and Blue Mountains areas.
- 3. To promote co-operation between amateur and professional astronomers.
- 4. To conduct astronomy outreach programs for:
  - General public of all ages.
  - School groups.
  - Special interest groups such as the scouts and girl guides.
  - Disadvantaged groups.
- 5. To acquire, upgrade and maintain Club equipment to enable the Club to undertake research and astronomy research.
- 6. To assist the Linden Observatory Trust maintain the Linden (Beames) Observatory site.
- 7. To establish educational programs.
- 8. To establish a WSAAG observatory at the Linden (Beames) Observatory site that can be used for research and provide the public with better observing facilities.

## These objectives are achieved through:

- 1. Conduct of monthly public observing nights at the Linden (Beames) Observatory.
- 2. Arranging talks by professional and amateur astronomers for WSAAG members.
- 3. Interaction with general public through other amateur astronomy clubs at various observing nights or special functions.
- 4. Assisting University of Western Sydney in the conduct of their public observing nights.
- 5. Providing public access to WSAAG telescopes and associated equipment.
- 6. Providing observational tours of the night sky and practical instruction in the use of various types of equipment and basic instruction in astrophotography.
- 7. Collecting observational data for use by professional astronomers.
- 8. Collection of membership fees and arranging fund raising activities from time to time.