

Part of Our Community

Horowhenua Astronomical Society members love watching the stars and are keen to introduce other people to the heavens above.

They hold a free monthly stargazing session on the first Saturday of the month at the Levin Adventure Park with a variety of telescopes available for studying the stars and members on hand to answer questions.

No worries if the weather conditions are not right for stargazing – astronomy DVDs or other presentation are on offer in the park's kiosk.

The next gathering is on Saturday (July 7) from 7pm.

The society also meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the Nelson Bartlett Observatory at Foxton Beach School. Fundraising efforts are underway to replace the dome in the observatory – \$7500 of the \$18,000 needed for a fibreglass dome has already been raised.

In keeping with the society's philosophy to provide free public stargazing a massive team effort recently made viewing of the Transit of Venus possible through a live feed broadcast at the Levin Library.



In the stars - The book *Imaging the Southern Sky* by Ian Cooper and Stephen Chadwick featuring pictures of the night sky from Manawatu and a foreword by prominent British amateur astronomer Sir Patrick Moore.

Southern Nights – a monthly astronomy programme on Tararua TV presented by vice-president Ian Cooper. A documentary filmed for Tararua TV on how the society managed to broadcast the Transit of Venus to the world.

Astro-camp at Foxton Beach Bible Camp August 17-19 with guest speakers and evening star gazing.

All eyes on the night sky



Night sky images by Horowhenua Astronomical Society president Stephen Chadwick

For more information on the Horowhenua Astronomical Society visit their website <http://www.horoastronomy.org.nz> or contact the secretary Tina Hills, phone (06) 3686926

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- Mend dripping taps
- Take showers instead of baths
- Keep your showers short
- Use cold water when filling the jug, rinsing dishes and washing clothes
- Adjust the thermostat so your hot water is 55° at the tap



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