

GOVE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

RENEWAL? Yes No

Type of Membership

Family \$40 Single \$30 Student \$20

Names of family Members

Special Interests:

Special Skills: (ie. build telescopes, navigation, education etc...):

Do you wish your Name and Phone number to be published on a members list, for other members?

Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GAA Member Receipt

Membership Paid Amount \$ Name

Signed for GAA

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THE LOW-DOWN on LOOKING UP!



What Do We Do?

- ◆ We have regular star gazing nights open to the public. One of our knowledgeable 'tour guides' are always available to give a tour of our visible universe. We have some very useful astronomy products on sale (see 'Products' in this brochure). And make special purchases from time to time.
- ◆ We have a range of telescopes from 4" reflectors through to our huge 18" reflector truss tube Dobsonian
- ◆ Visitors are welcome to bring a chair and blanket and even dinner and drinks if you choose!
- ◆ We also have evenings for members only, usually accompanied by a BBQ and drinks & Requests for special events are always considered!

Where?

- ◆ We have our very own 'dark sky site' exactly 1.3km off the bitumen past the north end of the airport runway (Dhupma Rd), where we hold the majority of our regular star gazing nights (see the next page for a map of our dark sky site). On viewing nights we signpost directly out the front of the site, so we're hard to miss! The site has a well maintained smooth ground surface and 'park style' concrete tables and chairs for convenience.
- ◆ Also, the Gove Country Golf Club is a great supporter of the Gove Amateur Astronomers and we often hold viewing nights at the Club.

When?

- ◆ Dry season: We usually meet monthly during the dry and more often as special astronomical events are foretold such as the passing of a comet etc. All events are advertised through the local paper, radio, via email & on the notice boards.
- ◆ Wet season: Our meetings are less regular due to weather restrictions however when the skies clear the atmosphere is much clearer and therefore often a more rewarding viewing experience!

Who comes to viewing nights?

- ◆ All sorts of people young & Old. Whether you're just curious and want to come along to have a look or if you have just purchased yourself a new scope and want to learn more, or if you're a bit of a whizz and want to come share your knowledge, all are welcome.

Why?

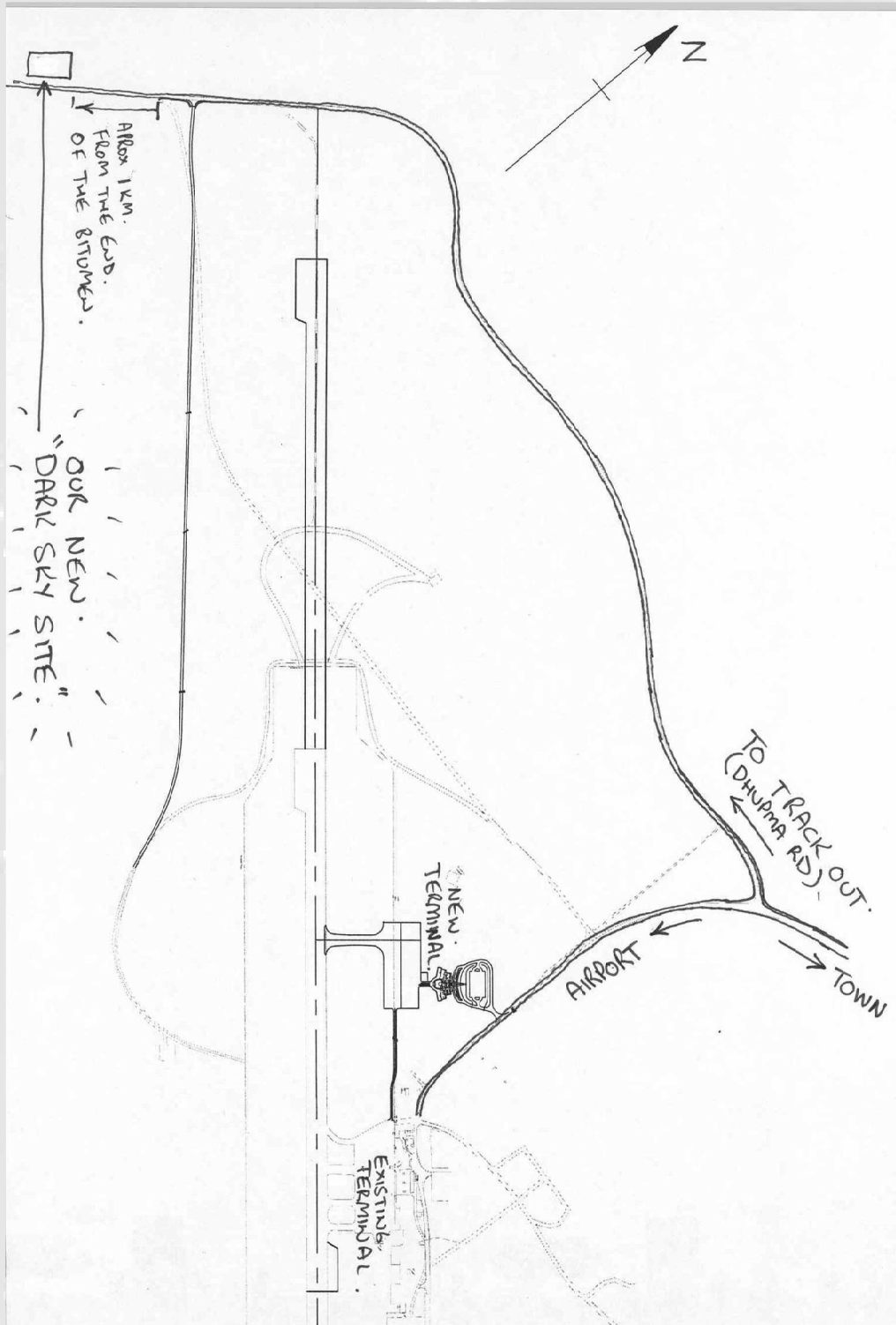
- ◆ The objectives of our Association are to "encourage people with an interest in astronomy to get to know each other, to share their knowledge, enthusiasm and equipment, to promote astronomy as an interesting field of study for pleasure and as a science, and to provide educational and entertaining astronomy-related experiences to children and students alike, appropriate to their level of understanding."
- ◆ Our viewing nights and special events are focussed on both education and the simple joy of discovering the universe around us..

Benefits.

- ◆ As well as extra newsletters, special interest events & in depth astronomy, the Association has a range of assets available for loan or hire, including
 - Astroscan 4 inch Travel Scope (ideal for camping trips)
 - Safe solar telescope, ideal for introducing young kids to Solar Astronomy.

Cost.

How to get to the **GAA** "Dark Sky Site"



Some of our Products...

Star Wheels (a road map of the sky)



Star Charts & Moon Maps

