

Kulin's Star Party

We had an outstanding turnout of people for the World Record attempt in Kulin on Wednesday 23rd of May.

'Cultivating Kulin Committee' with the support from the Shire of Kulin hosted the Star Party in Kulin to promote a love of science, have some fun and of course hopefully set a new World Record, and become part of history!

The free community event was initiated by the ABC in conjunction with the Australian National University. With the local volunteers/World Record officials glued to their smart phones for the live screening of Stargazing Live with Brian Cox, which coincided with the world record attempt and ensured that across Australia over 30,000 began to simultaneously gaze at the moon for ten minutes from 6.40pm to 6.50pm, we began with an official head count of 50 people.

36 people registered for telescopes purchases in advance (34 picked up on the night) another 21 telescopes sold on the night. 29 people registered to BYO binoculars before the event another 11 new registrations were recorded on the night

50 people in total participated in the world record with 47 completing the full 10 minutes of "star gazing simultaneously across multiple locations" our location being in Kulin at the Kulin Discovery Zone!



Picture (left) pan shot of participants during the world record attempt.

Picture (right) timekeepers Wendy Gangell and Steve Werth

It is an understatement to say we are all very pleased with the efforts and support of our tremendous community who braved the chilly night and took up the challenge of staring at the moon for so long. Thanks to everyone for coming! Everyone was so helpful, easy going, diligent and compliant. A huge thanks to the additional 20 or so kids who came along with their family and did some moon and star gazing too.

The time, effort, expertise and support from the entire official crew cannot be underestimated so it's timely that we thank the individuals who took on the official roles for the event. Much respect and thanks goes to Frank Farrell (witness), Sharyn McAdam (witness), Travis Mcadam (steward), Jamie Mawer (steward), Wendy Gangell (timer), Steve Werth (timer), Sarah Kemp (photographer) and Jaime Martens (videographer) - an exceptional job so well done to you all.

Congratulations Kulin!

Sharyn McAdam