

A.S.S.A. Historical Section 2024 Year Report

Introduction:

During the past year (Calendar Year 2024) the following has happened concerning the History of Astronomy.

Archive:

The Cloud based Archive for ASSA Council, the Centres and Sections came into existence last year but very few members were aware of it. Internet meetings were held with all the Centres of ASSA to explain the Cloud Archive and to hand over control of the folders to each individual centre. The Hermanus Centre gathered together two boxes full of primary documents that were added to the ASSA archive. The documents, including hardcopy minute books of meetings were scanned in, edited and placed on the cloud based archive.

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Publications:

Individuals in their private capacities wrote articles with historical content. Please note my appreciation to the following people:

- Glass, IS; “The Kroomen of the Royal Observatory in Cape Town”, Mnassa vol 83, nos 1-2, February 2024
- Glass, IS; “Time Services at the Cape and Sutherland Observatories” Mnassa vol 83, nos 3-4, April 2024

Obituaries:

MNASSA published obituaries on the following astronomers:

- Prof. Roy Booth; Mnassa vol 83, nos 1-2, February 2024
- Tom Jarret; Mnassa vol 83, nos 5-6, June 2024
- Cliff Turk; Mnassa vol 83, nos 9-10, October 2024

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