

Featured Study Group - ASTRONOMY

A very active Mt Aspiring U3A Astronomy Group meets monthly to hear and discuss presentations on a wide range of subjects with an astronomical theme. Meeting topics are broad and varied. Recent meetings have investigated

- The Big Bang
- Our Sun including viewing the sun through a special Solar Telescope
- How our Solar System was formed
- Comets, Meteors and Asteroids
- The Chemistry of Stars and how all the Elements are created
- Telescopes

The Group has also held an evening viewing session thanks to the generosity of one of the Group members who has an excellent observatory on the outskirts of Wanaka. A further viewing session is planned when there is a suitable period of clear weather!



**Viewing the Sun
through Martin Unwin's
Solar Telescope**

**From Left to Right:
Richard Paxman, Penny
Hartley, Martin Unwin,
Gavin Craig, John
Binney (convenor),
Geoff Tomkins
(and Rocky, the "Dog
Star" !).**