



## Appendix E Advisory Committees

### Time allocation committees

Under Article 5 of the Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement, observing time and use of associated facilities and services is shared equally by Australia and the UK. The Board has chosen to exercise its responsibility for the allocation of time on the AAT and UKST through arrangements made with the two Designated Agencies. Under guidelines set by the Board, each agency operates through national committees – the Australian Time Assignment Committee (ATAC) and the UK Panel for the Allocation of Telescope Time (PATT) – which allocate time on the AAT on the basis of the scientific merit of proposals submitted by astronomers, including AAO staff.

At 30 June 2005, membership of the committees was:

#### ATAC

Dr M Drinkwater (Qld) *Chair*  
Dr M Asplund (RSAA) *Deputy Chair*  
Dr M Burton (NSW)  
Dr G Lewis (Sydney)  
Dr S Driver (RSAA)  
Dr R Webster (Melbourne)  
Dr P Tuthill (Sydney)

#### PATT

Dr B Best (Edin) *Chair*  
Dr S Ryan (OU)  
Dr J van Loon (Keele)  
Dr P Outram (Durham)

## The AAO Users' Committee

The AAO Users' Committee (AAOUC) consists of six members: three external members each from the UK and Australia.

Its terms of reference are:

1. To provide advice to the Director on operational and developmental issues relating to the facilities provided by the AAO. These include the Anglo-Australian Telescope, the UK Schmidt Telescope and all aspects of support provided by the AAO.
2. To make recommendations to the Director that seek to maximise the scientific productivity and maintain the competitiveness of the Observatory, taking into account the likely resources availability.
3. To consult widely with the community, liaising where necessary with national time assignment groups, to establish priorities for both operational and instrumentation initiatives.
4. To interface with the design review panels, commenting on any issues arising from these panels that impact on the delivery of key user science requirements.
5. To provide a written report through the Director for submission to each September meeting of the AAT Board.

At 30 June 2005 the six AAOUC members were:

Australia	United Kingdom
Dr Brad Gibson (Swinburne)	Dr Ian Parry (IoA) (Chair)
Dr Peter Wood (RSAA)	Dr Alastair Edge (Durham)
Dr Baerbel Koribalski (ATNF)	Dr Sean Ryan (OU)