



# Students gain an insight into space

Rain in Perth might have hampered Newman Senior High School students from looking into deep space last month, but they were still fascinated to learn about the technology that makes it possible.

NSHS held an astronomy night late last month during National Science Week and had a guest speaker from the University of WA.

The night was organised by science staff and tied in with the Year 10 space science unit, with Jenny Gull from UWA making some presentations.

She spoke about the new state-of-the-art SPIRIT telescopes on the roof of the physics building at UWA.

“These telescopes can be accessed online and can take photos of deep space objects,

like galaxies and nebulae,” she said.

Unfortunately, rain in Perth prevented the students from using the telescopes, but Ms Gull showed images captured earlier.

There was also a demonstration of Stellarium, a program that simulates a telescope.

The event was catered for by the NSHS Year 10 Red Desert Deli business.