



Newsletter May 2018 ANARE Club NSW Branch



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70 years of ANARE research at Macquarie Island

Midwinter Dinner

Join us on **Saturday 30th June** to share the ANARE spirit. **NOTE:** This year we have an afternoon-evening event with extra time pre-formalities for you to catch up with old friends.

Epping Tracks (affiliated with Epping Hotel)
West side of Epping Station, Becroft Road



Time: 15.00 hrs AGM to 21.00 hrs. In the interests of allowing more time for catching up with friends, formal proceedings will not start until 16:00 hrs. You can access our room from 15.00 hrs or if you wish, the Hotel Lounge is open from midday.

Dress: Smart-Casual.

Cost: \$75 members/guests, \$85 non-members/guests. This is a flat rate. There is no Early-Bird special this year.

Cost includes: One ticketed pre-dinner drink (Homers) and nibbles, a two course meal, wine on tables. Other pre-event and extra drinks can be purchased at the bar.

The response form is enclosed: We must receive this by **8th June** for catering purposes. Please indicate your Station details for your name tag and fill in the box at the bottom of the form to update your contact details, **especially email addresses**. Please notify us of any departed expeditioners for special recognition during the evening. Note that this year there won't be assigned tables.

Payment options:

Option 1 - Direct deposit and email response form

BSB: 633000 Account number: 122045578

Account name: ANARE Club NSW

Important - please include your membership number or surname in the reference field so we know who has paid.

Then, email your electronic response form to:

lucinda.coates@mq.edu.au

Option 2 - Cheque or money order & send response form

Send cheque and response form to: Lucinda Coates, ANARE Club - NSW Branch, 8/ 6-8 Donald Ave, Epping NSW 2121.

Access: By train, the access is simple. The entrance to the Hotel is at street level right at the station concourse lift (see picture opposite). Street parking and Coles carpark are available on Rawson Street. Wheelchair access to the venue is available.

Photography: In the spirit of economy we are asking guests use your own cameras/phones and send shots to the web-master (Col) if you want them accessed by others. A formal group photo will still be taken.

Annual General Meeting: All offices will be declared vacant and a new committee elected. The committee organises our NSW events, such as MWD and the Slide Night. Please consider putting yourself forward for the 2018-19 Committee. **We would like to see expressions of interest for these positions before MWD.** Please email our NSW President, David Ellyard, with your nomination on david@davidellyard.com

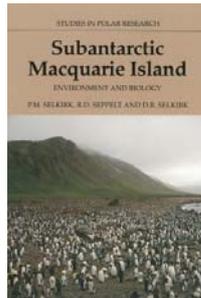
Sales: This year we will have specially made, limited edition, Macquarie Island 70th anniversary mugs for sale (only available through the NSW Branch at MWD). Cost: **\$22 each (cash only)**. Please bring the correct change. There will be no raffle: however, if you have item(s) that you would like to donate to a silent auction to support the NSW Branch, please email our NSW President, David Ellyard, with details of your kind donation, and please remember to bring it on the day!

Contact Information for the ANARE Club - NSW Branch

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Reunions: If you are planning a reunion this year, please let your Committee know ASAP so we can help with your arrangements. Contact David Ellyard (Ph: 0402243300).

Guest Speaker: Dr Patricia Selkirk AAM



Dr Patricia Selkirk's career has focused on Antarctic and Subantarctic terrestrial ecosystems and she is recognised as being a pioneering female Australian Antarctic expeditioner and scientist.

Between 1979 and 2005 she took part in 18 field trips to the Antarctic and Subantarctic islands with Australian, French and New Zealand national polar expeditions including Macquarie and Heard Islands, Iles Kerguelen, the Windmill Islands and McMurdo Dry Valleys.

A plant biologist, Patricia has published more than 80 papers on a wide range of Antarctic subjects. She is lead author, with R.D. Seppelt and the late D.R. Selkirk, of the seminal 1990 book, **Subantarctic Macquarie Island: Environment and Biology**. She was the first to recognise the importance of studying the impact of climate change on the Subantarctic islands.

Patricia was one of the first women scientists to spend substantial time conducting field work on MI and was awarded the Australian Antarctic Medal in 2004.

Slide Night 26 May

This event is always good fun but this year has added interest. It will coincide with a National Council meeting and a Special General Meeting. The BBQ will start from 1600 hrs. Slide night begins at 1830 hrs.

The theme of the night is **Our Antarctic Ships** (the *Nella*, the *AA* and their fellow travellers). **Rowan Butler** will also speak about his time as **2017-18 Club Berth**. Both a slide projector and a data projector will be available for use, so bring your favourite pictures along.

Usual protocols apply about catering: bring what you like to drink and some snacks or a plate of finger food to share at supper. If you're coming early (1700 hrs) for the BBQ, bring your own meat.

The venue, as often in the past, is the home of Margaret and Ron Whitelaw at Rossmore in southwest Sydney. Please email David Ellyard on david@davidellyard.com if you are coming so we know numbers: we will then provide Margaret's address.

Sit in on National Council meeting (26 May)

All members are entitled to sit in on National Council meetings and to make a contribution if you wish. So take advantage of the chance with the meeting being in Sydney this time. Held on the same day and at the same

location as our slide night, the meeting will start at 1030 hrs. Please email David Ellyard at david@davidellyard.com if you plan to attend.

The Council meeting will be followed by a Special General Meeting to amend our Rules of Association. Check the latest *Aurora* for details and background. If you cannot come, appoint a proxy. A proxy form was in *Aurora* and is also on the Club website.

Antarctic Voices

The NSW Branch is continuing to support the ANARE Club's vital Antarctic **oral history project**, recording the memories of expeditioners of their time "Down South". This is a fantastic way of recording Antarctic (and Club) history for posterity. The National Council is the current 'keeper' of the audio gear used for the interviews.

A list of potential interviewees has been compiled. If you know of expeditioners you think should be interviewed and/ or who have lost contact with the Club, please let us know and we will endeavour to contact them to gauge their interest in participating. If you would like to conduct an interview, please let David Ellyard know. The NSW Branch will meet your costs. All that is required from you is your time to do the interview and check the transcription for accuracy!

Email Newsletters and Notices

We would like to have better contact with members and email is a quick and effective way to do this. To receive email newsletters, please update your email and contact details by either adding them to the MWD response form or contacting Margaret Whitelaw via email (margaret.whitelaw@bigpond.com). All newsletters will now be sent electronically to email addresses and will be posted on the NSW website. For those without a computer we will continue with hard copies sent in the mail. Please send the response form with your contact details should this be the case, even if you are not attending MWD 2018.

Club membership

To encourage an increase in Club Membership, the NSW Branch currently allows non-members to attend MWD on the understanding that they, and their guests, pay a surcharge per head. If your membership has lapsed or you would like to become a member, you can pay membership online via www.anareclub.org.au or download a membership form and post to: The Secretary, ANARE Club, GPO Box 2534 Melbourne 3001 Email: secretary@anareclub.org.au (in line with the current ANARE Club National Policy, the NSW Branch is unable to accept membership dues with dinner payment).

Dates for NSW Midwinter 2019& beyond

for the full National MWD schedule please see <http://www.anareclub.org/web/midwinter.php>

NSW Branch: Saturday; 29 June 2019, 27 June 2020, 26 June 2021

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