



NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP 2018

The *Rules of Association* require that candidates for Life Membership be recommended to a General Meeting of the Club by National Council and that election to Life Membership shall be by a simple majority at a General Meeting. To assist members who may not be familiar with the candidates and their contributions to the Club, the information below has been extracted from the nominations for each. The criterion for Life Membership is “a distinguished contribution to the success of the Association”.

Ms. Denise Allen

Nominator: J.V. Johnson Seconder: George Cresswell

Denise wintered for the first time as a Met Observer at Macquarie Island in 1985. She subsequently wintered another five times and also participated as Met Forecaster in the 2003 Marine Science Voyage and was the ANARE Club representative on two voyages.

Her Antarctic record is outstanding:

- First woman to do back-to-back winters (MI 1985/M 1986)
- First Met Bureau woman to winter on the continent (M 1986)
- First woman Met OIC (D 1988)
- First woman to winter at all four ANARE stations
- One of the first two women to be awarded the Australian Antarctic Medal in 1989.

Denise has always been willing to participate in additional work to support National Council and the Club in general. Her work as Information Technology Officer and Social Secretary demonstrates this, as does her involvement with the Midwinter Dinner over many years.

Mr. David Dodd

Nominator: David Parer Seconder: Trevor Luff

David Dodd wintered on Macquarie Island in 1961 as a weather observer and as Met OIC for Davis in 1963. He joined the ANARE Club in 1994 and has since been involved in promoting a wide variety of Antarctic-related events. These have included:

- In 2014 together with Herbert Dartnall and Joe Johnson he organised a plaque to be erected outside the AAD in Hobart to commemorate those early Australian Antarctic explorers who died in WW1
- In 2014 he organized a plaque to commemorate the loss of the “*Endeavor*” in a storm with all hands on its return from Macquarie Island in 1914.
- In 2016, on the 100th anniversary of the loss of the “*Aurora*” with all hands he organized a commemoration in Newcastle, the port of departure.
- In 2016 in conjunction with Rob Wooding from the AAP and the local community, he organized a plaque to commemorate the contribution of Bob Dingle to the Antarctic and unveiled it in Swansea, Bob’s home town.
- In 2017 he promoted and participated in the organisation and conduct of the event to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the Heard Island Station.

David was elected to National Council in 2012; and was Secretary from 2013 to August 2017.

Dr. David Ellyard *Nominator: I. Mackie Seconder: R. Ferguson & Nominator: R. Fletcher Seconder: I. Mackie*

David Ellyard wintered at Mawson as a CosRay Physicist in 1966 and joined the Club in 1969.

He has served on the NSW Committee since 1972, been NSW Branch President numerous times, and effectively revitalised the NSW Midwinter Dinner where he has been the MC at that function for 45 years.

David was elected to the National Council in 2005, the first interstate representative to receive selection, and has served ever since, a period of 13 years over which:

- David was the National Treasurer in 2009/2010 & 2010/2011, going onto National President for 2011/2012 & 2012/2013, and for part of 2012/2013 acted as Treasurer concurrent with his service as President.
- In 2009/2010 David’s initiative and suggestion helped to set up the P.G. Law Medal award as a lasting recognition to our Club’s patron.

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- In 2012 he was the Club Berth holder when the position required a media experienced person for the voyage marking the Mawson Centenary. On this voyage he provided an outstanding 'blog' of the journey to Commonwealth Bay, setting a formidable standard for subsequent berth holders.
- In 2013/2014 he again actively came to the fore for extra duties when the Club's Constitution/Rules of Association required review.
- In 2014/2015, showing a constant willingness for onerous responsibility, David took over as Editor of the Club's journal *Aurora* and is currently in his 5th year of this position.

As well he is presently Chair of the Electoral Reform Sub-committee and in the process of setting up an Electronic & Postal Voting system for the 2018 Council Elections. This will enable Members an improved direct participation in the election of their National Council representatives.

A REQUEST TO MEMBERS OF THE ANARE Club : From Nick McInerney njmcin@gmail.com

SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC DOCUMENTARY PROJECT

I'm a Melbourne based documentary maker, and I'm hoping you, the Members of the ANARE Club, can assist me.

I'm currently developing a feature documentary based on the medical emergency that occurred at Mawson in 1961, when Dr Russel Pardoe saved the life of Alan Newman by way of improvised brain surgery.

I believe its a wonderful story that could also give the Australian public insight into the unique experiences, hardships and challenges that characterise the lives of Australians in Antarctica.

So far I've been focusing on the medical aspects of the story.

But I'd also very much like to meet and talk to people who worked in Antarctica in the early 1960s, to get a sense of what that experience was like more broadly.

The Anare Club seemed like a great place to start. I'd be very grateful if any interested members whose experience places them in the focus group stated above could contact me.

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