

## Melbourne Midwinter Dinner - 21 June 2013

Thanks to all those who attended the Melbourne Midwinter Dinner and contributed to making this years event another great function.

Special thanks to Martin Riddle, Acting Chief Scientist from the AAD for his sterling presentation which was very well received, Ralph 'Noddy' Fletcher for another outstanding effort as MC, Denise Allen for the behind the scenes bookings and organisation and Brian Harvey and Ian Mackie for attending to Club sales. The 82 attendees contributed over \$1100 to the ANARE Club through their purchases, including \$250 from purchases of our webmaster's Antarctic book collection, which was generously donated to the ANARE Club by the Bruce family after Ian's sad passing earlier in the year.

We would also like to thank Diana Patterson and Enid Borschman for the ANARE toasts, Ray McMahon for the Rememberance of Departed members and Rod McKenzie for the Call of the years, including his traditional rendition of 'An ANARE Man'. Rod has been doing this at Melbourne Midwinter for 30 years and we hope he continues for many more as he celebrates his 80th year.

We had representatives from most years, despite the Melbourne numbers falling, although a shortage of expeditioners from recent years is noticable. Norm Tame is one of our regular attendees and represented 1948, having completed a summer season as a RAN electrician on the WYARP EARP! Norm still looks far too young to have worked in Antarctica so many years ago.

Congratulations to Dr Ian Allison who was selected as the recipient of the 2013 the Phillip Law Medal for outstanding service to science. This was presented to him at the Hobart Midwinter Dinner on Saturday 22 June 2013, by the National President Mr David Ellyard, with commendation provided by the Antarctic Division Director, Mr Tony Press.

The ANARE Club [Annual General Meeting](#) is on 15 July 2013 and the New Rules, in accordance with Victorian legislation, now require 10% of members for voting. So please attend OR if unable to do so, submit a Proxy form to the President or Secretary. We also welcome members to nominate for the National Council positions.