



**The Swift Parrot – Louise did much
for its conservation**

Vale Louise Crossley

Dr Louise Crossley died on 30 July 2015.

Louise is best remembered in ANARE circles as the second woman Station Leader at Mawson 1991 and subsequently as Station Leader at Macquarie Island in 2000 and 2003. Louise also made several trips south on tourist voyages as a specialist lecturer.

Louise was a speaker at the Mawson Centenary Symposium in 2011 where she gave a paper entitled *John King Davis and the Discovery of Australian Antarctica*. Here, she was speaking on Davis, who had been a special interest of hers – many of you will have read her edition of the papers of Davis *Trial by Ice- The Antarctic Papers of John King Davis* (1997). She was also the author of *Explore Antarctic* (1995).

Louise was a Cambridge graduate (Bachelor of Science) and took her Ph.D. at the University of Wollongong. She was a noted researcher and writer and a leading conservationist in Tasmania. She was an unsuccessful candidate for the Senate in 1998, standing for the Australian Greens - a party with which she had a long association, being one of its first convenors in Tasmania.

It was both a pleasure and a privilege to have known Louise and although we did not share common beliefs in the field of politics, we had strong identical views in conservation matters – especially in relation to the Swift Parrot and other endangered Tasmanian species, and we had a very strong shared interest in John King Davis, who we both greatly admired.

Joe Johnson



Louise Crossley and Joe Johnson at the Royal Society of Tasmania's Mawson Centenary Symposium *Mawson 100 years on – How Things Have Changed*, Hobart, 1st December 2011.