

## **ANARE Club AGM 2023**

### **Item 7.6**

#### **History report for ANARE Council and AGM 19 Aug 23**

The past Financial Year has seen the following interviews recorded by several Club members since 2011 held by myself, processed by Alan Ryan and uploaded to the Club Website.

Oct 22 - George Creswell

Dec 22 - Henry Collins

Feb 23 - Bernie Sorensen

Mar 23 – Bill Budd

Aug 23 – Trevor Cowell

Aug 23 – Tony Hall

Currently in process is the interview by Ingrid McGaughey of Ian McLeod in 2011. All Interviews have been enhanced and combined with stills and moving image where available. Alan does excellent work on behalf of the Club ensuring that the best possible quality material is provided for our website and ultimately the National Museum, Latrobe Library and possibly other important institutions.

In addition Alan has enhanced where possible and uploaded to the website a total of 58 Antarctic films and videoed over the past 3 years. A complete list of all product currently on the website is attached.

We now have a total of 30 interviews on the website with at east another 10 to come over the next 12 months. At a maximum of \$200 per video if imagery is included, \$1200 has been expended in the past 12 months with an expected expenditure of \$2000 over the next F/Y.

No transcriptions have been done this year as I have been concentrating on video versions of important interviews. However this will bein again in the coming months.

Recently Interviews have been conducted by two Club members, one on Graeme Budd and the other on Tony Hall ( just completed and uploaded.) It is a great thing when Members around the country take up the challenge to record their important older local expeditioners before it is too late.

#### **ANARE Council Heritage Sub-committee**

The Inaugral meeting of this subcommittee was held on 3 May this year as a key recommendation of the Antarctic Heritage Project, e review commissioned by the Club completed by Richard Ferguson in 2022. This meeting discussed the implications for the ANARE Club of the briefing by Ian Coates on 21 April, Collections Manager of the Australian National Museum, (ANM) about their project to catalogue and assess the heritage collection held by the AAD. It also began discussions on the recommendations in the ANARE Club Heritage Project and the need for s strategic plan to bring it in line with the ANM?AAD review of heritage items.

The next meeting of this Sub-committee is being held on Thursday 17 August and Ian Coates is addressing the meeting on the current state of the ANM/AAD Heritage Project. An update will be provided as an addendum to this report for the AGM.

A prospective role of the ANARE Club, once Item of significant value held by AAD are identified by ANM may be to:

- circulate or direct members to a list of collection items requiring more information about use, origin and provenance
- Collect and collate information received from members • Pass on that information in accordance with guidance from the NMA
- Align our Club policy developed from our own Heritage Project with that of the NMA
- To provide guidance on how to deal with donated and personal collections so the ANARE Club can educate and inform members on what is possibly of national significance and what is more personal and sentimental in nature
  - To provide a list of the AAD heritage collection inventory with images, for ANARE Club response and comment via promotion through Aurora.

This is all work in progress and has the potential to provide the ANARE Club with a valuable role in the process of ensuring the longevity of a national Antarctic Heritage by supporting Australia's peak heritage body, the ANM.

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