

# ANARE Club Queensland

## National Council Report, General Meeting & AGM

### 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

ANARE Queensland held another very successful 2023 Midwinter Dinner at Tattersalls on Queen St., Brisbane. Our guest speaker, Dr Helen Bostok was most informative and left us more than impressed with her exceptional knowledge and fine detail of ice shelves and other aspects of the great white land.

Although our numbers were down to thirty three, the raffles were up to the expected standard and managed to contribute just over \$800.00 to the finances. With sixteen donated draws including books, mounted photos and other Antarctic memorabilia, one book was the stand out. The book was a first reprint 'Volume One' Fridtjof Nansen's 'Farthest North' the storey of Nansen's 1893-96 sailing on the *Fram* and a fifteen-month *sleigh* journey in the northern climes. I pointed out on the night I have Volume 2, First Edition 1898 on my book shelf which looks lonely without Vol 1 next to it. Everyone chorused, take it, I declined and stated, Syd Kirkby has donated this book for the raffle and I will take my chances on the luck of the draw. I did not draw the lucky number but one of our members who drew the book quietly donated it to me. That is the ANARE spirit and thank you to Syd Kirkby for another outstanding donation.

Our President George Friend has decided to move on from Queensland and take up residence in South Australia. We wish George and Evelyn all the very best for their next journey in life and South Australia will no doubt profit with their continued involvement in all things ANARE. I am sure Ron Han and Duncan Mackenzie will be pleased to make George and Evelyn most welcome.

My Antarctic endeavour now spans fifty four years and during this time I have attended most ANARE Club Midwinter Dinners in Brisbane with one or two moved up to Noosa plus attending others in Sydney twice, Hobart, Melbourne and South Australia.

I look forward to handing over the reins of my position on the National Council to another Queenslander at the end of this ANARE Year. Two potential starters in mind Graham Pryde or Richard Unwin.

Some past history.

I was on the committee running the ANARE 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee event 9<sup>th</sup> July 1997 in Queensland. This event also included the launch of the Tim Bowden book 'The Silence Calling'. Many luminaries were in attendance including the Guest Speaker, Dr Phil Law, Dr Alf Howard of BANZARE fame, Charlie Gibbs RAAF 1935/36, Jack Sayers, Syd Kirkby, Rex Moncur, the Director of the Australian Antarctic Division and of course Tim Bowden.

I was also seconded onto the committee running the Heard Island 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon at Bayview Eden in Melbourne 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We also had a wonderful guest speaker, Trish Burges, from the Royal Australian Navy. Managed to conduct another successful Auction and Raffle event with outstanding quality Commemorative Items.

Onto another Committee running the Macquarie Island 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Another very successful event with an outstanding program plus keenly sort after auction and raffle prizes.

To finish the run of anniversaries on another Committee running the Mawson 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Hobart Function & Conference Centre 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Two hundred and seventy guests attended, end result, another outstanding auction and raffle event. Dick and Pip Smith also in attendance and on their way out of the event handed me a promissory note with their office phone number to call on Monday. That call rounded out another very successful event.

I would also like to acknowledge the success of the above anniversaries would not have been possible without the wonderful help from David Carstens Qld., David Parer, Elizabeth Parer-Cook and David Dodd Victoria, Jan Adolf Tasmania, David Ellyard NSW

Looking forward to the normal ANARE meeting followed by the AGM Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Regards

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