



Antarctic Family & Friends' Association
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Dear expeditioner's partner, parent, relative or friend.

Greetings from the Antarctic Family and Friends' Association (AFFA).

AFFA creates opportunities for those people with loved ones in Antarctica to meet and share stories and encourage friendships during the time spent apart. Association members are people who share a love of Antarctica, and those who have experienced this kind of separation are more likely to understand the problems faced by people at home. One of the aims of the Association is to be an ongoing source of support and encouragement when members feel a need to share interests or concerns. Through friendships established during this time, members often continue to subscribe and participate for many years after the return of their Expeditioner. Communication systems in Antarctica have improved greatly over recent years, and it is now much easier and less costly to telephone and email the Antarctic stations, however nothing beats personal, face-to-face contact during this time of separation.

Members meet regularly in all Australian states, and particularly invite you to attend the mid-year and Christmas functions. Please take the opportunity to come and meet others who currently have or have had someone in Antarctica. The AFFA newsletter will provide you with details of forthcoming events. When completing the joining form please indicate if you are happy for us to include your name, address and telephone number in the bimonthly newsletter. This will enable contact to be made between members.

The Snow Petrel was chosen as our emblem as it is found entirely in Antarctica and never travels further north than it must to maintain access to open water for feeding. It is reputed to mate each year with the same partner. Members are entitled to purchase our emblem badge.

I encourage you to join us in AFFA and hope that the friendship and support we offer will make your period of separation easier. Your expeditioner will be forming new friendships while in Antarctica. Although we are all busy people, it is nice to take time out of our hectic routine to forge new friendships at home and meet up at intervals for a coffee and a chat.

Please enrol me as a member of the Antarctic Family and Friends' Association

Name

Address

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Telephone No. Mobile No.....

Email address Station

Relationship partner/parent/friend or

Annual membership fee (per person) \$10.00 (plus \$6.00 for overseas members) \$

Snow Petrel Badge \$6.00 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed – cheque/Money order

Signature Please send form & payment to The Treasurer.