



*Antarctic Family & Friends' Association
Australia*

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January- February 2021 Newsletter

The warmest of Welcomes to all our new and existing members.

I do hope you all had a safe Christmas and New Year. It certainly has been an interesting Summer. Last year the east coast of Australia was burning, and holiday makers were evacuated, this year it is the west coast's turn and I hope every member there is safe and has not been affected. Throughout last year I thought of you all and although my newsletters were late or non-existent you were still on my mind. Certain issues made it difficult to get hard copies printed for the members that don't have email. I thought that I would be able to accomplish many tasks I needed to do during my 2 lockdowns. The first lockdown I sorted most of the cupboards and wardrobes in the house, which was wonderful to feel I had some control over my life I just couldn't give the excess to the local Opportunity Shop as they were locked down. Eighteen years earlier I did the exact same when my husband was at Mawson, cleaning and sorting getting the house in order. It must be when I get anxious, I get sorting. I know that everyone reacts differently to every situation and needs to find their own way to cope. Antarctic Family and Friends Association was formed to help connect to wives at first who were left behind, we now have parents, partners, siblings and children as members. Although I have mentioned this many times, we do understand the feelings of separation and loneliness that can occur. Please contact either the Family Liaison Officer at the Division or us. If you call me; please leave a message and I will call you back when I can or send me an email.

Kindest regards, Tina

New Members of our Association

If anyone would like to make contact with someone on the list below, please feel free to contact me on (03) 97946683 or email and I will give you their number or email address. If you would like your name on the list please drop me a note indicating this. Also if any existing members would like to be added to the list please let me know.

TASMANIA

We need a new convenor for Tasmania. Please let Tina know if you can help in any way. Thank you.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Juliette is still unwell, please get well soon. If anyone would like to convene in the short term please let Tina know either by email or phone.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The South Australian branch is still 'alive' if any members, past or present wish to have a chat or organize an outing then please contact me, usually after 6pm on 83531766.

Regards Peter Attard

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mr Phil Silvestro has kindly offered to become the NSW convenor. Donna and Phil have had a February BBQ at their house in the past which has been very popular.

For any members wishing to make contact with either Donna or Phil you may do so on (02) 9905 2777

QUEENSLAND

Please feel free to contact Gwenda, your convenor.

Gwenda Schnieder: (07 5463 5708)

VICTORIA

If you are new to our meetings, and you are unsure of who we are, please ask at the counter for our table as we are always reserved as ANTARCTIC FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Our last face to face meeting was for Mid- winter June 22nd 2020. We also wished two of our members a happy birthday Pam and Wendy.

The dates are below for the year's meetings. We will have one in January and February as we missed December. Sometimes the meetings are changed to a Sunday to suit the regular members if this occurs, I do try to let you know ASAP so that you will be able to attend.

We hope to see you on:

Date: **Saturday 23rd January 2021**

Venue: Coffee Head
8 Railway Parade off Prospect Hill Rd
Camberwell.

Time: 11am-2pm

RSVP: Tina on 9794 6683 or email by January 20th for confirmation of numbers.

Future dates: Saturday 13th of February 2021

Saturday 10th of April 2021

Saturday 19th of June 2021

Saturday 14th of August 2021

Saturday 9th of October 2021

Saturday 11th of December 2021