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May-June 2017 Newsletter

Happy Mid Winter everyone. Mid Winter is upon us and we hope you are all keeping well and are keeping the communication going with your loved one.

If you are able to catch up with fellow members around Mid winter it is always a special time, for those in Victoria (Melbourne) we have changed venue again and hopefully this will suit everyone. We again are in Camberwell, details are included later on in the newsletter. Also for Victorian members we have decided to meet on a Sunday, we discussed at our last lunch that it suits us all as we have other commitments on Saturdays. Hope to see some other members attend.

Below I have included some notices that I have received from Jan Adolph the ANARE Club representative in Tasmania.

I wish everyone a happy Mid winter and I apologise to those who receive the hard copies, that I have been well behind this year.

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

Hello Everyone,

A couple of items which may be of interest.

Firstly, the Mid Winter Memorial Ceremony is on 21 June, 10am at the Australian Antarctic Division. See attachment.

And also some news from Aurora Expeditions.

Begin forwarded message:

Savage <emma@auroraexpeditions.com.au>

Subject: Introducing Aurora Expeditions' New Expedition Ship  **From: Emma**

Date: 15 May 2017 5:28:28 pm AEST

To: " >

Dear Jan,

I hope this email finds you well.

I thought you'd like to hear about our exciting news... **today we launched Aurora Expeditions' first ever purpose-built expedition ship!**

Our team have worked tirelessly with the world's leading naval architects and engineers to create a custom-designed vessel exclusively for the expedition cruising sector.

The new ship will feature state-of-the-art technology, including a patented X-BOW design which offers greater stability and more comfort in open sea crossings. Add to this a sea-level Zodiac loading platform for easy boarding, more dedicated space for activities and added onboard comfort including a 180-degree indoor observation deck, wellness facilities and private bathroom facilities throughout. Our new ship is set to deliver the ultimate in expeditionary experiences.

I am excited to say that our new ship will offer more opportunities to work with our partners, such as ANARE, and we'll start reaching out in due course as the ship's programs are finalised.

The ship will be completed in time for the 2019/2020 Antarctic season and will complement our existing fleet of vessels and destinations.

I look forward to sharing further updates with you in the near future.

Best regards,

Emma

For those of you with memories of travelling on the Nella Dan there is some interesting videos and stories at the web site noted by Barbara.

Cheers Jan

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Wienecke
Subject: Nella Dan article. [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: 26 May 2017 9:30:13 am AEST
To: 'Jan Adolph'
Hello Jan,

Have a look at this fabulous article:

http://www.maritime-executive.com/preview/nella-dan-a-legend-among-polar-ships#disqus_thread

Maybe you can send it out to the wider ANARE community?

Best wishes,
Barb

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

As Juliette is still unwell if anyone from Western Australia would like to be the convenor please email or call me to help out. Thanks Tina

Regards Juliette.

Convenor contact : Juliette Chester – (08) 9274 5724 or Mobile: 0408 453 851

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 don't know what we look like please ask at the counter for our table as we are always reserved as ANTARCTIC FAMILY AND FRIENDS, sitting at a reserved table which then becomes a table number. I would hate for anyone to miss out.

Our last meeting was held at Georges in Camberwell and it was attended by Pam, Graeme, Doreen, Wendy and Tina.

Our next meeting will be on:

Date: **Sunday 25th June 2017 Midwinter**

Venue: Coffee Head (it is a large warehouse with parking out front)
8 Railway Parade
Camberwell.

Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm lunch.

RSVP: Tina on 9794 6683 or email by June 19th 2017 for confirmation of numbers.

Future dates:

Sunday 13th of August 2017

Sunday 15th of October 2017

Sunday 10th of December 2017