

## ANARE CLUB 2018 COUNCIL ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR CONTESTED POSITIONS

### Standing For PRESIDENT :

#### RALPH FLETCHER

*Nominator: Ray McMahon Seconder: Max Corry*

Ralph or "Noddy" as he is affectionately known has been a member of the club since 1977. I have held the positions of President, Social Secretary and Council Member. In 1980 I even produced an edition of Aurora.

- ✧ Wintered as a Radio Operator at Casey '76 and Macquarie Island '78.
- ✧ Instrumental with Mrs. Rob and Brian Harvey in designing and sourcing the M.V. Nella Dan port. Current member "Friends of Nella Dan" on Facebook.
- ✧ Ray McMahon and myself were also instrumental in sourcing and creating the Phillip Law Medal, awarded in honour of our Past Patron.

Former Vice-President Austin-Healey Owners Club of Victoria (650 members) and current President Bacchus Marsh Lions Club. Had my own Wine Exporting Company for 15 years. When I retired my business had an annual turnover in excess of \$10 Million - so I know a bit about corporate governance. I am hoping to get Council back on track for the members, including more effective use of club funds. Whilst continuing to work with all States I am particularly wanting to assist the Tasmanian ANARE Club as well as strengthen the ties between the Club and the Antarctic Division.

I am a straight shooter seeking your support.

#### JOE JOHNSON

*Nominator: David Dodd Seconder: David Parer*

I have been a Club member since 1982 (Member 509) and have served on National Council for the past eight years, being President in 2013 and 2014.

I am accepting nomination for the position of President as I wish to see through to completion the reforms undertaken and progress achieved by National Council over the past year. We have reformed the electoral process, celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Heard Island, and have held successful Council meetings in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria and will be holding the AGM in Tasmania, thus bringing Council to a large number of members in different locations. I believe I provided the leadership to a diverse and talented team to encourage and develop these matters.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of such a vibrant and energetic Council and I ask your support to enable me to continue to lead Council through a year of consolidation and further development and progress.

ANARE experience: OiC Casey 1981, SL Davis 1998, VL 2001 and 2002.

### Standing For ORDINARY COUNCILLOR :

#### NANCY BULNER

*Nominator: Max Corry Seconder: Brian Harvey*

Last year I was honoured to be elected on National Council. I'm passionate about our unique club. At the same time I'm very concerned at our numbers not increasing for the sake of survival. We are sadly seeing many members who have made a significant contribution either unable to be as active as they used to be or pass on and age is not necessarily the prerequisite to those who have passed. I want to preserve the very hard work and dedication of those (and current) members in finding a way or a strategy to attract more members. I'm also very mindful that our Council expenditure should reflect the number of members and their wishes. It is a privilege to serve as a Council member.

ANARE sevice: Australian Antarctic Division Human Resources (Personnel) officer for 9 years.

#### GEORGE CRESSWELL

*Nominator: Ian Bird Seconder: Bob Tomkins*

I wintered at Mawson in 1960 with 32 others, 12 of whom were RAAF. Ian Bird and I assembled and operated an auroral telescope and I participated in a 300-mile tractor journey.

I had six winters in Alaska, one in Canada, and then joined CSIRO to study the oceans around Australia, PNG and SE Asia. I took part in a 7-week marine science voyage from Hobart to Mertz Glacier on *Aurora Australis* in 2001.

I took a motorcycle to Mawson and have been in contact with many expeditioners from all Australian stations from 1960-80 and have assembled their photos and yarns on the 35 motorcycles that they have used.

This led to articles in "Aurora", the British Antarctic Survey magazine, The Motorcycle, Old Bikes Australasia, Tasmania 40 South, and the on-line Australian Antarctic Magazine. My seminar at the AAD, "Motorcycling in Antarctica - and life down there in 1960", was well received and, and I've given a score of talks to various clubs, transcribed part of the diary of the late Ken Assender, a M60 RAAF pilot, and inserted photos and it was published in Wings this year.

The ANARE Club must attract young expeditioners and I try to do that with talks and articles on how life once was.

<http://www.antarctica.gov.au/magazine/2011-2015/issue-29-december-2015/history/two-wheeled-antarctic-adventures>

<http://www.antarctica.gov.au/magazine/2016-2020/issue-33-december-2017>

[http://www.raafa.org.au/sites/default/files/Autumn%2018\\_web3.pdf](http://www.raafa.org.au/sites/default/files/Autumn%2018_web3.pdf)

**MICHEAL GOLDSTEIN***Nominator: Max Corry    Seconder: Barbara Frankel*

I am a current expeditioner with the Australian Antarctic Program, having first travelled South in 2009/10 and have participated in every season since in both summering and wintering roles. I am passionate about all things Antarctic and believe in sharing my story and that of the icy continent with others. I actively promote both the club and all things related to Antarctica on my social media page Absolute Antarctica and through my blog, which bears the same name. I believe that my experience in the application of electronic media and technology could be of assistance in increasing the awareness of ANARE to the wider community as well as current club members. I am also very mindful of the depth of the history of Australia's involvement in the Antarctic and believe that we as expeditioners past and present and those who are interested, need to know where we have come from. I have a keen interest in our Antarctic history and believe the continued documentation of these stories from the early ANARE expeditioners to those of today is something that is necessary for us to know where we have come from and how easy we have it.

**RON HANN***Nominator: G. Barton    Seconder: M.Spooner*

I joined the Anare Club after wintering as the Senior Electrician at Wilkes in 1967 and went on to spend a second year at Macquarie Island in 1970. I have been a member of the Anare Club since that time and have been a committee member of the SA Branch on and off over the past 20 years and am now in my fifth term as President of the SA branch.

After being elected to the National Council in 2014 I have enjoyed working with a very diverse and hard working group of people. More importantly, I have found that being directly involved in the discussion and decision making of the National Council helps me to inform our SA Branch members on how the Anare Club is run and to explain various projects undertaken.

If I am re-elected to Council I look forward to continuing to support the council in endeavours to continually improve the administration and strategic directions taken by the club.

As president of the Anare Club SA Branch I am also very keen to continue my SA branch representation on the National Council.

**BRIAN HARVEY***Nominator: J.V. Johnson    Seconder: Geoff Payne*

ANARE service: Dieso at Mawson '77, Macquarie '79, Casey '83

Continuous Council service with the Club since 1988 when he initiated the "Nella Dan" memorial.

Was President and an organizing force during '95 & '96 when the Husky sculpture evolved from idea to a fully completed project. Has filled the position of Councillor and Sales Officer for numerous recent years through to the present.

**TREVOR LUFF***Nominator: Graham Pryde    Seconder: David Parer*

ANARE service: Mawson '70 & Round Trip '98

Promoting ANARE Qld. has been a major part of my program this past year. Attracting recent expeditioners and making contact with past Members has been successful with membership renewals and new Member sign-ons starting to pay dividends.

I have been very committed to the assembly and promotion of the Heard Island 70th Commemoration Event held in Melbourne, December 2017. This very successful event attracted wide interest with many past expeditioners in attendance. Queensland was also able to locate veterans and to fund family members to attend.

I am currently committed to the Macquarie Island 70th Anniversary Celebration which is being held in Hobart on 6 August 2018. Along with this event I am fully committed to the ANARE Club attendance at the Australian Antarctic Festival to be held in Hobart around the same time.

I have held discussions with an ANARE member in Townsville with regards to holding a Midwinter dinner in 2019. There are usually one or two members in Townsville who make the trip to Brisbane every year and on my suggestion they agree it would be welcome and could attract at least 10-15 members from the northern region.

**DAVID PARER***Nominator: J.V. Johnson    Seconder: David Ellyard*

ANARE service: Mawson '70 & '72, Macquarie '75 & 5 summers

With the Commonwealth Government prioritizing Australia's Antarctic Program, it's now more vital than ever that the ANARE Club's voice be heard. A new icebreaker is under construction; a rock runway at Davis is being planned; a new station at Macquarie; and scientific research is at an all-time high. By promoting these ventures through the Aurora, and actively engaging its members, the Club has an opportunity to attract younger expeditioners.

To this end the Club's Special Events Sub-committee ( of which I'm the present Chair) organized the 70th Heard Island Anniversary Commemoration Melbourne last December - a celebration of the surviving veterans and the research done by successive ANARE groups since the station's closure in 1955.

As a follow-up, the Events Sub-committee is organizing a 70th Macquarie Island Anniversary in Hobart on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Such Events draw in both Club members and non-members - a reflection of the wider Antarctic community which is not regularly engaged with the Club.

Vital to the success of these ventures has been the unstinting support of our President Joe Johnson and the National Council - and the hard-working team of Liz Parer-Cook, David Dodd and Trevor Luff together with website support from Geoff Payne, membership lists from Margaret Whitelaw and others.

If I am returned to the National Council I'd like to explore further avenues of engaging Club members in things Antarctic and attracting new and younger ones.

### **LIZ PARER-COOK**

*Nominator: J.V.Johnson    Seconder: David Dodd*

Having spent the past 12 months co-opted to ANARE Special Events, I've been involved in helping organize the Heard & Macquarie Island 70th Anniversaries. To streamline bookings, open to everyone, we used Eventbrite. We introduced Mail Chimp and used Facebook to effectively communicate with members by email and social media.

I am interested in the preservation of the history of ANARE, and would like to help advance the establishment of a safe repository for veterans' memorabilia. As membership is declining, a crucial task is to involve younger and lapsed members, in the Club, including the running of it. We need to DRAW IN enthusiastic expeditioners who want to help, not push them away. Their contributions will enrich the Club as a new generation shapes it, so it remains relevant not only to modern-day expeditioners but also to the veterans who have maintained the Club over the years. I have had a number of trips down South - a Round Trip to Commonwealth Bay in 1980, to Mawson with David Parer, helping film an ABC docu-drama, "Douglas Mawson - the Survivor" in Dec 1981, 10 weeks filming for ""Wolves of the Sea" on the Crozets & a winter stint at an Argentinian Base. David & I were awarded the 2012 P.G.Law Medal.

### **GEOFF PAYNE**

*Nominator: J.V. Johnson    Seconder: Brian Harvey*

I have been a member of the ANARE Club Council for the past two years and would like to continue in that role. I have also been the Club webmaster since October 2016 and have carried out considerable work to streamline its operation. A number of pages have been added or revamped in the process. The Club has also embraced the use of low cost applications for bulk emails and on-line bookings for events.

Wintering at Wilkes in 1967 was my starting-point. I was on the committee of the NSW State Branch of the ANARE Club during the 1990's. Last year, I organized a 50 year reunion of Wilkes'67 at a hotel in South Melbourne.

I was the Club Berth Representative for V3 in December 2015 to Casey and had some very good sales of Club merchandise. Following the trip, I wrote a 20 page Guide for Club Berth Representatives. I have given presentations on my trips south and also on early explorers of the polar region. I have also written a couple of articles for *Aurora*.

### **IAN TOO HILL**

*Nominator: J.V.Johnson    Seconder: David Ellyard*

I have been associated with the ANARE Club since the late 80's. During that time I have actively participated in Club events and covered many photographically and as a videographer.

I conducted interviews with Dr. Phil Law over many years and published his oral history in 2008.

I have been active on national council in the early 90's and the 2000's with two terms as National Vice-President.

I co-ordinate the Club's Oral History program and in the last 12 months have taken on the role of History Archivist from the retiring one. I look forward to continuing my contribution.

### **MARGARET WHITELAW**

*Nominator: J.V.Johnson    Seconder: David Ellyard*

My first trip to Antarctica was to Davis in 2004 as a Scientist and the Antarctic die was cast. On my return I joined the ANARE Club, was elected to the NSW Branch in 2006 as Vice-President and in 2010 as Councillor and Membership Officer on the National Council.

This year my role has expanded with the introduction of bulk emailing software enabling members to be notified of the latest Club news and activities. I believe this is an effective way for the National Council to have closer ties with members.

I am offering my services again as I believe I can be a productive member of Council and also a representative of NSW.

### **THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS WITH ONLY ONE NOMINEE ARE UNCONTESTED - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS on Club website.**

VICE-PRESIDENT: LAUREN WISE      *Nominator: J.V.Johnson      Seconder: G.Cresswell*

TREASURER: DAVID DODD      *Nominator: Chris Gamgee      Seconder: J.V.Johnson*

SECRETARY: ROB NASH      *Nominator: Ray Brookes      Seconder: Phil Giese*