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ANARE Club referendum favours Option 2- Opening Melbourne Midwinter Dinner to a wider audience. Thanks to all those you voted.

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Should the National Midwinter Dinner Reunion held in Melbourne allow Non-Members to attend? We would like to hear your views.

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[Anare Club Steve Owen](#) Fair point Steve!

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[Anare Club](#) Thanks for all the comments - non members possibilities could include partners, friends, anyone with Antarctic interest e.g tourist voyages. These categories can currently attend if they join the club as financial subscriber member.

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[Anare Club Andrew Thomas](#) Good point. Feedback received from Sydney (who allow partners to attend) is that not all partners want to attend and those who do attend really want to be there and do have a great time mixing with the past expeditioners.

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[Anare Club](#) [Michael Ooyendyk](#), I believe at this stage we are talking mainly about partners, but on the odd occasion it may be a very interested member of the public - although I believe those people usually sign up as associate members anyway.

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[Dave Bishop](#) Having run Adelaide and then Brisbane midwinters over the years since RTA back in 1974 and having sent out many opinion polls which usually returned a 50-50 response, we finally used a approach in Brisbane where a returned ANARE person could bring a friend who had a genuine interest in Antarctica. I believe it worked well as we were trying to avoid having the mid-winter dinner turn into a it an event where it would end up being a ordinary social event to take wives and girlfriends and detract from the concept of Antarctic Camaraderie

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[Michael Ooyendyk](#) When you say non members is that open to the public or are you referring to partners/friends.

Have been to melb and hobart MWD much prefer the atmosphere of hobart.

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[Brendan Hopkins](#) Yeah same view Cully. Love getting to Hobart smile emoticon just don't want Melbourne to fade away either. Helps that I'm a Melbourne local but at this point Hobart with its policy of including guests would be my preference for sure

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[Jason Cull](#) Great point Brendan. I'm actually ok if Melb Midwinters stays the same although that will make Hobart the priority to me.

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[Brendan Hopkins](#) Much more enjoyable when guests can attend, but I also understand the reason why the older expeditioners enjoy the exclusiveness of members only. I guess the old timers won't necessarily be on Facebook to express their opinions though. Hobart last year was great being able to bring a guest.

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[Greg Crawford](#) yes. It would be a good way to encourage new members.

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[Steve Owen](#) To have served in Antarctic service should always be welcome, if it's a membership issue then charge more for non members, it was the service itself that created you after all!

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[Andrew Thomas](#) Yes, not all partners want to attend but the option should be there.

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[Jason Cull](#) Definitely. I really enjoyed Melbourne midwinter when I went but found that all inclusive Hobart midwinter better.

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