

**MIDWINTER DINNER REPORT Saturday 21 June 2014**  
**ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

The Royal Coach Inn was once again the venue for this year's South Australian Midwinter Dinner. With an attendance of 50, everyone settled down to retell the stories that remain dormant until stimulated by old familiar faces.

Branch President, Ron Hann welcomed everyone and amongst his preamble explained that he and his committee's primary objective is to run a stimulating and enjoyable Midwinter Dinner.

All the usual toasts were proposed and drank to, with the toast to ANARE responded to by Brian Brawley. Brian likes to keep things simple, so he pointed out that without ANARE, none of us would have had the unique experience that we have had, nor would we be enjoying the fellowship of other expeditioners each Midwinter.

We were unable to source a guest speaker this year. However, as a result of President Ron's attendance at the June 1st National Council meeting, video, powerpoint and slide presentations of the Akademik Shokalskiy pack ice rescue and Mawson re-supply were used in lieu of a guest speaker. Our thanks go to Denise Allen and Brett Free for their kind permission to allow the use of their material for this purpose.

The presentation unearthed 3 people amongst us that were involved in different parts of what we were showing. Geoff Brealey (Mawson 2013 Plant Inspector), Vas Georgiou (Casey, summer electrician) and Rob Burch, (scientist/passenger) on the Akademik Shokalskiy. They were able to fill in a lot of gaps that were only known to them and Rob Burch was featured on screen in the transfer of passengers from the Akademik Shokalskiy to Aurora Australis.

The Call of the Years is always very interesting and an indication of the periods from when our membership is derived. This year there was a noticeable increase in representation from the last 15 years and a subsequent greater number of years represented.

Past ANARE Club President and current Club Historian, Ian Mackie once again made the pilgrimage to Adelaide and as usual brought some club sales items with him. Ken Dart also made the journey across the border from Victoria to join us for the evening.

The remembrance of Dr. Joe Whitehouse prompted a number of amusing anecdotes, no doubt, suitably embellished by the passage of time and a lemonade or two.

Ron Hann