



### *Notes from the Chair ...*

Dear ADFAS Newcastle Members,

Our next lecture is fast approaching and we wanted to remind you that it is on **Easter Monday** and we hope that despite your plans for Easter you will be back in time for the lecture. Our Lecturer will be Julian Bickersteth, whose lecture you enjoyed last year. His topic: Conserving the Antarctic Huts of the Heroic Age is very topical at the moment with everyone's attention focused on the Antarctic with the discovery of Shackleton's perfectly preserved ship.

### *National Conference ....*

The National Conference was held this week and we have wonderful news from it - our own **Jane Smith has been elected National Chairman**. What a wonderful and well deserved honour for her and we send her our sincere congratulations. She is the third Newcastle member to become National Chairman, the other two being Neroli Jordan and Pam Peschar and Gwen Hamilton has been National Secretary. Lindy Henderson has also been elected as a Member of the National Executive Committee and congratulations to her as well. As you can see, Newcastle has been and is well represented at the National level.



The Conference was attended by Judy Wotton and Cathy Tate as Co-chairmen and Sharon Nevile as an observer. It was a wonderful Conference as it was the first time we have been together in person for three years and we all took advantage of the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We were able to compare notes on how we have survived Covid and share wonderful information on how we are moving forward. While during Covid two societies found they were unable to continue a new Society is starting up at Coffs Harbour.

The National Executive has employed Leanne Casellas to Market ADFAS. We will look forward to hearing more from her as she settles into her position.

### *April Lecture ...*

*Lecturer:* Julian Bickersteth

*Topic:* Conserving the Antarctic Huts of the Heroic Age

*Venue:* Hunter School of the Performing Arts Theatre

*Date:* 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

*Time:* 6.30pm



Julian Bickersteth - Preserving the Antarctic Huts of the Heroic Age

The huts of the Ross Sea region from where Ernest Shackleton and Captain Robert Scott set off to explore Antarctica between 1901 and 1912 still contain many artefacts from their expeditions. Since 2002 Julian Bickersteth has been the conservator advising on the care of these collections. In a richly illustrated lecture drawing on his own visits there, Julian will discuss the challenges of cold climate conservation and the extraordinary and sometimes tragic stories of the Heroic Era of Antarctic exploration.

### *IT Person - we need your help ...*

As we continue to move into a technological age the Committee is looking for an IT person to assist Committee Member, Steve Smith, with the IT work. It would be good if the person is familiar with Facebook, Gmail, Mail chimp (for newsletters and brochures), Website updating and Dropbox. The person does not have to be familiar with them all, but they are the activities we are either using or plan to use in the future. If you have these skills or know someone who has these skills please contact us to discuss the role with us. Cathy Tate 0411323866 or Judy Wotton 0404833773.



ADFAS Newcastle at work and play! Sue Drummond, the outgoing Chairman, came to Newcastle after the conference so many of us met up with her at Jane Smith's home.

Cathy Tate  
Judy Wotton