



# 50 Years on the Ice 1957-2007

## COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND

Christchurch, New Zealand  
28 – 30 September 2007



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SEPTEMBER 2007

## AN INVITATION

### 50 YEARS ON THE ICE 1957-2007

The New Zealand Antarctic Society, in association with Christchurch International Airport Limited as principal sponsor, Antarctica New Zealand and the Christchurch City Council will celebrate 50 years of New Zealand's involvement in Antarctica during a commemorative weekend of events in September 2007.

A 50 years celebration will be held as an international, national and community event occurring over three days: Friday 28 September – Sunday 30 September 2007 in conjunction with the 2007 Antarctic Festival organised by the Christchurch City Council.

Antarctic Treaty countries, organisations, companies, former and current New Zealand staff working in Antarctic programmes and individuals associated with Antarctica now and in past years are invited to join us in celebrating New Zealand's successes on 'the Ice' in true southern style at Christchurch. This invitation is also extended to spouses and partners.

The weekend's events will provide both social and formal opportunities for members of the Antarctic community to join official and VIP guests, fellow former Antarcticans, national and community leaders to commemorate this significant milestone in the history of Antarctica.

We expect strong interest in The Anniversary and urge you to register your interest for this important event at your earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

Norm McPherson, QSM, J.P.

President

NZ Antarctic Society

David Harrowfield

Chairman

Organising Committee.

## THE PROGRAMME

The 50th anniversary will be the climax of the 'Antarctic Festival Week' in Christchurch in September 2007.

### Friday 28 September 2007.

- Registration at the International Antarctic Centre from 3pm.
- Registrants' complimentary admission to International Antarctic Centre attraction, 5pm until end of reception. International Antarctic Centre shop and cafe open.
- Informal evening at the Christchurch Antarctic Centre, 7pm. Welcome by NZ Antarctic Society, Christchurch International Airport, Christchurch City Council and Antarctica New Zealand at 8pm. (Dress: smart casual). (Refreshments and supper). Displays of iconic items and historic photographs.

### Saturday 29 September

- Commemorative Plaque unveiling, Avon riverside.
- Antarctic Art Exhibition, Canterbury Museum.
- Presentations by Antarctica New Zealand scholars.
- Historic Antarctic films.
- Themed ride on Christchurch Tram.
- Antarctic aircraft display, Air Force World.
- Registrant entry to The International Antarctic Centre attraction @ 50% discount Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th.
- Evening:
  - Anniversary Dinner at Air Force World, Wigram.
  - Dress: Semi-formal. (Jacket and tie)
  - Pre-dinner drinks from 6.30pm. Dinner commences 7.30pm.

### Sunday 30 September 2007.

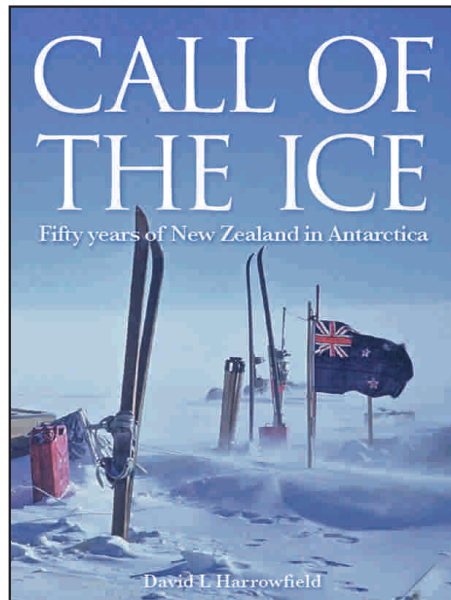
- Commemorative Church Service at Christchurch Cathedral.

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### Anniversary Memorabilia

Special memorabilia on sale to registrants – Commemorative Medallion struck for the 50th Anniversary, in collector's gift box.

## BOOK RELEASE



Antarctica has always loomed large in the collective consciousness of New Zealanders; not only as a backdrop to heroic exploration, legendary 'Kiwī' ingenuity and fascinating scientific discoveries, but as inspiration for poetry and art. During the 2007 Antarctic Festival, publishers David Bateman Ltd will launch "Call of the Ice" by David L. Harrowfield. This celebration of the landscape, history and adventure of Antarctica and the many men and women who have responded to the 'call of the Ice' will be available for those attending the Anniversary, autographed by the author.

Antarctica is one of the least explored and least known parts of the world, and from the beginning New Zealanders have been at the cutting edge of exploration and research. Even before the establishment of Scott Base in 1957, New Zealand was the 'launching pad' for many forays into this unforgiving but beautiful continent. Our official presence in Antarctica began fifty years ago and since that time hundreds of men and women have made the trip south and contributed to our understanding of this unique environment and its impact on our world. This book is a fitting record of their achievements.

David L. Harrowfield, a long-standing and well-revered member of the Antarctic community, has documented through meticulous research and many personal interviews the experiences of the New Zealanders in Antarctica and has created a fitting tribute and celebration of their achievements. Over 150 colour and black and whites photographs, plus six detailed maps created specifically for the book, add to this special record of New Zealand in Antarctica .

## SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND ACCOMMODATION RATES

The Organising Committee has negotiated very reasonable rates for accommodation for visitors attending the 50th anniversary. Please contact Reservations for the following Christchurch hotels: Call Free 0800 696 963      [www.scenic-circle.co.nz](http://www.scenic-circle.co.nz)

Reference: 'ANTSOC'

- Scenic Circle Cotswold Hotel  
88-96 Papanui Road, Merivale
  
- Scenic Circle Fino Casementi  
All-Suite Hotel  
87-89 Kilmore Street, Central City
  
- Scenic Circle Russley Hotel  
73 Roydvale Ave, Burnside

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**KEEN DEMAND IS EXPECTED AND NUMBERS WILL BE LIMITED**  
**PRIZE DRAW FOR REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO 30 JUNE 2007**

Fax: 03 365 4255 OR Mail to "50th Anniversary",  
P.O. Box 414, Christchurch, New Zealand, OR leave contact  
details on Freephone (0800) 80 88 98

I/WE wish to attend the Anniversary:

(PLEASE PRINT).

Name(s): (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$150.00 including GST per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase the Anniversary Medallion (bronze in  
collector's case) for collection at The Anniversary.

Medallion(s): @ \$80.00 each (including GST) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYABLE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed

(Please make your cheque out to: New Zealand Antarctic Society)

I hereby authorise you to debit my  
AMEX/VISA/DINERS/BANKCARD

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature. \_\_\_\_\_

Direct credit to NZ Antarctic Society bank account number  
(Please code as: "50th Event")  
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**For catering purposes only please advise:**

I/WE will be attending the Friday Opening / Informal Function

YES/NO

I/WE will be attending the Anniversary Dinner

YES/NO

**CANCELLATION POLICY :**

Registration payments will be subject to a full refund if cancellation of attendance is notified prior to 30 July 2007. Beyond that date the Organising Committee reserves the right to retain the full payment for medallions and deliver same and \$50 related to event charges.

**ALL ENQUIRIES TO:**

Organising Committee, NZ Antarctic Society, P.O. Box 404, Christchurch  
8140, New Zealand.

OR Email: headconsultants@xtra.co.nz OR call Freephone: (0800) 80 88 98