

## Scott50 Newsletter Update No 3.

Here is a consolidated list of activities commemorating 50 years of Scott Base commemorative activities we have been advised of, plus some additional Antarctic events happening about the country which can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Further updates will follow with additional information as it comes to hand.

Please contact the relevant event organiser directly if you require further information.

This document is available at :[www.antarctic.org.nz/pages/scott50.html](http://www.antarctic.org.nz/pages/scott50.html)

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#### For updates visit:

[www.antarctic.org.nz/whatson.html](http://www.antarctic.org.nz/whatson.html)

[www.scottbase50years.co.nz](http://www.scottbase50years.co.nz)

## Commemorative Exhibitions

### New Zealand On Ice – Touring exhibition

#### Currently showing - 9 April 2007- Te Papa

This touring exhibition developed by Antarctica New Zealand celebrates 50 years of New

Zealand's presence in Antarctica. It also marks the International Polar Year 2007-2009.

New Zealand is one of Antarctica's near neighbours and has a long and strong association with the continent. This association encompasses early explorations, cooperation with the United States' Operation Deep Freeze based in Christchurch, research, and Antarctica New Zealand's programmes on environmental management operated from Scott Base.

Antarctica is a vast and hostile environment. Images and video footage in New Zealand on Ice set the scene for its spectacular visual appeal. Quotes from artists as well as scientists illustrate the impact the place has on its human visitors. Information panels give a profile of the continent, and background on the treaty that is the basis for the human presence there.

Panels also tell the story of New Zealand's activities in Antarctica. They detail the establishment of Scott Base and look at the diverse scientific programmes coordinated from there, particularly in marine biology and geological drilling. An interactive display sets out key findings from research on the "ozone hole".

As human society faces the challenges of climate change, New Zealand's involvement in international scientific research in Antarctica will become even more important as efforts to understand this most intriguing of land environments increase.

New Zealand On Ice gives visitors a chance to appreciate the continent, and an introduction to the role New Zealand people and organisations play there.

**Where:**

Wellington Venue	23 March 2007-29 April 2007
New Plymouth	4 May-24 June 2007
Palmerston North	29 June-16 September 2007
Christchurch	21 September-4 November 2007
Invercargill	9 November-30 December 2007
Auckland	3 January-3 February 2008
Dunedin	9 February-30 March 2008

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## **New Zealand Antarctic Society Exhibition to Mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scott Base**

### **23 March - 9 April 2007 - University of Canterbury**

The University of Canterbury Central Library is pleased to host the NZAS exhibition that marks this significant event. A photographic essay that documents the establishment of Scott Base is currently on display in the Central Library, Level 2 Lounge .

Access available during normal Central Library opening hours-which includes opening times on the weekend when parking at UC is readily available.

See <http://library.canterbury.ac.nz/hours> for opening hours and further information.

**Where:**

Level 2 Lounge  
Central Library  
University of Canterbury  
Christchurch

## **Antarctica: The Big Ice**

### **Currently Showing - until 29 April 2007– Otago Museum**

Commemorating 50 years of New Zealand's presence in Antarctica, International Polar Year and Scott Base's 50th Birthday, *Antarctica : The Big Ice* celebrates our strong relationships, past, present and future with earth's most extreme land.

Otago Museum's outstanding summer exhibition *Antarctica : The Big Ice* captures the true essence of the world's southernmost continent. Be captivated by the Antarctic aesthetic, delve into the history, discover the science, contemplate the politics and explore with the heroes. Most of all, be inspired by the last great wilderness.

See sledges used by Scott and Shackleton on their courageous expeditions and take a close look at the ice axe Sir Edmund Hillary used to carve steps in the polar plateau as he lead his team to the South Pole. Try out a polar tent for size, ride a skidoo or dress yourself for an Antarctic expedition.

Review evidence of the geological relationships between Antarctica and New Zealand with some outstanding fossil finds. Meet some examples of the wildlife of the big ice including an Emperor Penguin presented following Shackleton's 1909/10 expedition.

Discover the extremes of Earth's most important scientific laboratory; the incredible coping methods of the animal and plant life, the phenomenon behind awesome and pristine ice free dry valleys, and why Antarctic life models that of planet Mars! Investigate a range of international scientific research programmes aimed at knowing more about how and why, and what both the search for and the answers can mean for the future.

Be inspired by the beauty and grandeur of this engaging exhibition and take the opportunity to experience the first significant exhibition of the photography of Grahame Sydney from his recent visits south, along with a taste of the inspired works from a variety of New Zealand artists.

Breathtaking exhibition. Plan your journey today!

#### **Where:**

Otago Museum  
Dunedin

## **Reunions & Conferences**

### **International Geophysical Year 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**

#### **1 July 2007 - Wellington**

Reunion for all people who participated in IGY in 1957-58 and the subsequent few years (open to all interested people, particularly ex Geophysics Division, DSIR, staff; there may be a limit to numbers.)

#### **When:**

Afternoon/evening

**Where:**

Skyline Restaurant  
Kelburn  
Wellington (dinner)

**More information:**

Contact Fred Davey: [fdavey@paradise.net.nz](mailto:fdavey@paradise.net.nz)  
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Otaki

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**VUWAE (Victoria University of Wellington Antarctic Expeditions) Reunion****30 June - 1 July 2007- Wellington**

Reunion of people who were involved with VUWAE from the first expedition in 1957 to the present day

**Programme:**

Saturday: Registration & get together in the afternoon, followed by dinner  
Sunday: Slide shows and reminiscences - past to present

**Where:**

Cotton Building  
Victoria University of Wellington  
Wellington

**More information:**

Webpage: [www.vuw.ac.nz/antarctic/about/news/VUWAE\\_Registration.doc](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/antarctic/about/news/VUWAE_Registration.doc)  
Email: [Antarctic-Research@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Antarctic-Research@vuw.ac.nz)  
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**Antarctica: 50 Years On The Ice - Just The Tip Of The Iceberg - Conference****2- 6 July 2007 - Wellington**

Antarctica New Zealand and the Royal Society of New Zealand are proud to announce a conference celebrating 50 years of New Zealand's involvement in the Antarctic. The conference aims to present the successes of the past (International Geophysical Year to present day) and enthuse New Zealand about its future in Antarctica.

This five-day conference combines invited talks from national and international speakers, presentations from artists, media and students, film screenings, panel discussions, poster sessions, and social functions. The main conference is preceded by a day of workshops/meetings and Antarctica New Zealand sessions.

We invite those with any interests in Antarctica to join us in this conference and celebration, to build on the past and work towards the future in the spirit of the International Polar Year (2007-2009). In particular we invite Antarctica New Zealand supported events and groups with interests related to Antarctica and Antarctic research to present their work in a poster presentation.

**REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR POSTERS IS NOW OPEN.**

**Where:**

Duxton Hotel  
170 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

**More Information:**

For programme and registration is available at Antarctic New Zealand's web page  
[www.antarcticanz.govt.nz](http://www.antarcticanz.govt.nz)

## Other Commemorative Activities

### Annual Mid Winter Diplomatic Reception – Wellington Branch NZ Antarctic Society

**Friday 22 June 2007 - Wellington**

This year the Wellington Branch's annual mid winter diplomatic reception will be hosted by Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Susan Satyanand at Government House.

Attendance is by invitation only, if you are going to be in Wellington and you wish to attend please contact the Wellington Branch. Note numbers are limited.

**For more information:**

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Or write to:

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### 50 Years on the Ice 1957-2007 - Antarctic Anniversary Commemorative Weekend

**Friday 28 - Sunday 30 September 2007 - Christchurch**

**Calls for Registrations**

Anniversary celebrations marking New Zealand's 50 years of activity in Antarctica will be held during Christchurch's 2007 Antarctic Week by the New Zealand Antarctic Society, in association with Christchurch International Airport Ltd, Antarctic Link Canterbury, Antarctic New Zealand and the International Antarctic Centre.

The 50 years celebration is over Friday 28 September - Sunday 30 September 2007. The Antarctic Society seeks registrations from persons, civilian and military, previously or currently associated with New Zealand's Antarctic programmes. The event will feature special exhibitions, historic films, an informal function and an Anniversary dinner for 600 registrants and VIP guests at Air Force World, Wigram. The society's patron is Sir Edmund Hillary.

Full programme brochure available at [www.antarctic.org.nz/pdf/50 Yrs in Antarctica.pdf](http://www.antarctic.org.nz/pdf/50%20Yrs%20in%20Antarctica.pdf)

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

### **Programme:**

Friday 28 September	Registration at International Antarctic Centre Evening Reception
Saturday 29 September	Commemorative plaque unveiling Anniversary Dinner at Air Force World.
Sunday 30 September Cathedral	Commemorative Church Service Christchurch

### **For More Information Contact:**

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## **Unveiling of a HMNZS *Endeavour* Commemorative Plaque**

### **Wellington - 17 March 2008**

In December 2006 the first half of a plaque commemorating the departure of the Antarctic Support Ship HMNZS *Endeavour* From Wellington 50 Years Ago was unveiled on Wellington's waterfront.

The second half of the two part plaque will be unveiled to commemorate the return of *Endeavour* to Wellington on 17 March 1958 with the successful Trans Antarctic Expedition members, including Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary and the IGY party who also winter over at Scott Base.

Research throughout the period of the International geophysical cooperation until 1959 *Endeavour's* last voyage in support of the Antarctic programme was made during the 1960-61 season.

### **For More Information:**

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## **Other Antarctic Exhibitions etc**

### **Erebus Remembered: Flight TE901 - An Archival Exhibition and Commemoration**

#### **Currently Showing - Wellington**

A display of material relating to the fateful flight TE901.

On 28 November 1979, Air New Zealand flight TE901 crashed on the slopes of Mt

Erebus, Antarctica, with the loss of all 257 on board. It was the world's fourth largest aircraft disaster at the time, and a tragedy that touched the lives of all New Zealanders.

This commemorative exhibition has been mounted jointly by Archives New Zealand and [Antarctica New Zealand](#) to mark the 25th anniversary of the Erebus disaster. It invites visitors to reflect on the tragedy, and remember its impact on the families, friends, work colleagues and recovery crews involved.

In the exhibition you will see selected items from Archives New Zealand's Christchurch and Wellington offices, including maps and plans used for the Antarctic sightseeing flights, promotional materials given to passengers, a radio log concerning the overdue flight and photographs of the recovery team at work.

**Where:**

Archives New Zealand  
Mulgrave Street  
Thorndon  
Wellington

**Opening Hours:**

9am - 5pm Monday to Friday  
10 - 1pm Saturday

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## **Hallett Station's history from 1956 to 2005**

### **Currently Showing - Canterbury Museum**

Experience a slice of Antarctic base life. Canterbury Museum has re-created aspects of Hallett Station's history from 1956 to 2005. The history of the station is both a human and an environmental account of an important era in Antarctic exploration and science. Buildings and the weather dome, a key feature of the base, have been re-assembled, and artifacts from the original base are displayed to illustrate life in an extreme environment. There are a number of seminars that complement the exhibition. For details see: [www.canterburymuseum.com](http://www.canterburymuseum.com)

**Where:**

Canterbury Museum  
Rolleston Avenue  
Christchurch

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## **Craig Potton: Floating on Ice**

### **Currently showing - Christchurch**

Craig Potton, one of New Zealand's most successful nature photographers, displays for the first time his photography of Antarctica's sublime Ross Ice Shelf.

**Where:**

Tait Electronics Antarctica Gallery  
Art Gallery  
Worcester Boulevard and Montreal Street corner

Christchurch

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**Grahame Sydney: Images of Antarctica - Photographs from two journeys South**

**Currently**

***Where:***

Salamander Gallery  
The Arts Centre  
Christchurch

***Opening Times:***

Daily 10am - 5pm