



THE ANT

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Welcome to the resurrected ANT.

After a long holiday, we are hoping to be able to publish every 3 months. Copies will be sent by email or if you don't have email, several printed copies will be available at the shed.

However, this is your newsletter and we need your contributions to make it interesting. We will be asking members to tell us a little of their story as a means to get to know each other a little better.

Everyone has a story, even if you think 'no one will want to know about it!'

It is amazing what gems people's lives are once known.

So offer your profile for a coming edition of the Ant.

DON'T ALL RUSH ME AT ONCE!

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Here is the First Profile - Thanks to Jeff for being the first ‘victim’

***JEFF WILSON’S STORY* (interview by Laurie Mason)**

Jeff first of all thanks from all of us for taking on the job of Secretary, we wish you well in this important role.

I had not counted on becoming the Secretary but Simon is a sweet talker.

Perhaps we can begin by asking you a little about your early life before moving to Anglesea?

Before moving to Anglesea Kaye and I lived in Switzerland. She ran a lactation consulting business for English speaking new mums and I worked for the World Meteorological Organisation (a UN Technical Agency). Before moving to Geneva we lived in Brunswick for over 20 years progressively renovating an old Victorian weatherboard house.

Kaye and I both grew up in the country, she in Gippsland around Sale and Licola and me in Blackwood Forest (near Wonthaggi), Ballarat and then Camperdown. Dad was a primary teacher and I originally thought to teach maths and physics at high school. Like many others our family came here for summer holidays, camping initially, so it was no real surprise that Anglesea was one of the places we started looking at for retirement.

Meteorology seems a fairly exotic pastime, what did it involve doing?

It was originally an avenue to get to the Antarctic but then became a lifetime career in 1980 after realising I did not wish to become a high school teacher. I ended up spending nearly 23 years (1986 to late 2007) in the Bureau’s education and training centre as a lecturer specialising in the use of satellite data and products and training in the application of the Bureau’s IT systems.

In addition to training I worked as a junior weather forecaster in Tasmania for five years (1981 to early 1986) including a couple of trips to the Antarctic forecasting weather for shipping, helicopters and field trips. One of the most challenging forecasts was for Dick Smith and Giles Kershaw who flew a twin engine Otter aircraft from Hobart to Casey (on the Antarctic coast below Perth). We identified a time window for the flight, they got in okay but some hours later the weather closed in earlier than forecast! The Bureau had a diversity of job roles so as a generalist the Bureau suited me to the ground, jack of all trades and master of none!

Very few people are privileged to have worked in the Antarctic can you tell our members a bit about your work down there?

I am fortunate to have been to the Antarctic in three different roles, first as a boy scout for the two week changeover at Macquarie Island in 1971, then as a glaciologist (wintered 1977 and summer 79/80) and finally as a weather forecaster in the summers of 84/85, 85/86 and 88/89.

In the 1960’s and early 1970’s the Antarctic Division allocated two spots a year on the Macquarie Island changeover voyage to the Scouting Association of Australia for individuals receiving the Queen Scouts Award that year. On becoming a Queen Scout in 1971 and following an interview process I was selected to go to Macquarie. This was a great opportunity but it coincided with year 12 exams so my parents and school worked with the Victorian Education Department to get permission for me to do my exams on the voyage. Fortunately, the weather and seas were good when I was doing the exams. except the day I did the English exam, the sea was very rough and I was badly seasick. Probably a first time for a request for special consideration due to sea sickness!

In 1977 I had the chance to winter in the Antarctic as a glaciologist (my Hons degree subject). What 22 year old would not want to travel to Antarctica, get to operate bulldozers, cranes, and other heavy equipment, occasionally get to fly around in helicopters, live out in the wilderness for extended periods with three others and be able to experience the wildlife and Antarctic, and get paid whilst doing this? Obviously it is not quite as rosy as this and a 22 year old learnt a lot more about living in isolated conditions with 22 other people of very different backgrounds.

In late 1979 I was fortunate to go south again, this time by plane via New Zealand and McMurdo back to Casey. We re-instrumented the 1977 boreholes and some earlier ones from 1974 to identify the ice movement

over the depth of the bore holes. Whilst away I was offered a full time position at the Bureau of Meteorology. I took this as the Fraser Razor gang was cutting numbers at the Antarctic Division including my job.

After a few years working in Tasmania an opportunity came up to provide weather forecasting services at Casey. This was a six month trip over the height of summer and whilst the work was very demanding it was great being back down south. It would not happen now but on one leisure field trip we were dropped on an offshore island for an overnight stay. A blizzard developed late that day and so we were stuck on the island. Initially this was not too much of an issue as we had tents etc, but then the tent ripped so we opted to dig an ice cave and shelter in it overnight. The blizzard cleared the next day and the choppers came out to pick us up. So all okay in the end. On another trip I was supporting a marine and biology cruise on the Nella Dan and we ended up getting beset in the sea ice for more than eight weeks to the South of Southern Africa. In the end the Japanese ice breaker Shirasee had to come in and cut us out of the ice. Lots of other interesting incidents happened, but shouldn't really be committed to paper.

I still am not quite sure why I did it but there were another two lengthy summer trips down south. Great for me but much harder on Kaye being at home with young children and not a lot of family support as both of our parents were up in the country. Fortunately, our neighbours in Brunswick were a great support for her and the girls. So Antarctica can really get into your blood, but how you see it and experience changes from year to year with your expectations and interaction with the others in the group at the time.

Any particular hobbies/ interests?

Whilst retired from full time work I have undertaken a couple of contracts to do work in Australia and overseas. It has been good to keep some involvement, but I am finding that work, even part time contract work does get in the way of retirement.

As both Kaye and I are from the country we knew it would be very important to join a number of community organisations when we moved to Anglesea to get to meet people and know more about the community. We are both in the Anglesea Community Garden which is very good, I joined the CFA which is bringing in new skills and demands at all times night and day and children and grandchildren all take time. I have purchased some new wood working equipment but am finding it tricky to get sufficient time to really use them. The Shed has been great place to meet new people and learn new skills.

Thanks Jeff for sharing with us some very unique life experience. I'm sure our guys will want to know more about them.

STEPS TO BETTER JOINTS

Healthy joints are the key to a mobile life.

- 1. Stretch every day, especially if you have been sitting for long periods of time. Spend a few minutes at the end of each day doing static stretches (where you hold one position for about 20 seconds)**
- 2. Watch your weight.**
- 3. Monitor your stress levels.**
- 4. Exercise. It is one of the main forms of treatment for musculoskeletal conditions.**
- 5. Come to the Men's Shed more often.**

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Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica?... Where do they go?

Wonder no more!!!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life..

The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

Then they kick him in the ice hole!



Do You Need a Shed UNIFORM?

Make sure of your Shirt and Cap – Is it worn out?

Replacement/New caps and shirts available for members to purchase.

Price: Cap - \$15.00 Shirt - \$30.00

Contact:

Doug Philipson at the Shed or 5263 1922 or 0421 635 380.

TEXTING FOR OVER 40's

The kids have all their little SMS codes, like **BFF, WTF, LOL** etc.

So here are some codes for the more mature....

ATD—At the Doctors

BFF—Best Friends Funeral

BAFW—Bring a F..... Wheelchair

FWIW—Forgot Where I Was

GGPBL—Gotta Go, Pacemaker Low

GHA—Got Heartburn Again

HGBM—Had Good Bowel Movement

IMHO—Is My Hearing Aid On?

WAITT—Who Am I Talking To?

GGN2P—Gotta Go, Need To Pee!

Dates to Remember

Shed Christmas Lunch @ YMCA Thursday 20th December BYO drinks 12noon for 12.30pm

Men's Shed closing Thursday 20th December **Reopening Tuesday 15th January**

Roo Run Thursday 27th December - Drinks table - At Shed around 6.15pm.
Contact Jeff Wilson if you can help

Recycle Shed Saturday 19th January 2018 10am -2pm.
Contact Jeff if you want to help

Lions Christmas Carols Saturday 22nd December 2018 7pm Anglesea Village Green
BYO chair

Movie for 2019 Make a note in your Diary Now!

COMEDY	LAST ORDERS	FEB 28th	Book now
DRAMA	HIDDEN FIGURES	MAR 28th	
WAR	BREAKER MORANT	APRIL 18th	
COMEDY	AS GOOD AS IT GETS	MAY30th	
DRAMA	KING OF THIEVES	JUNE 27th	
DRAMA	WORLDS FASTEST INDIAN	JULY 25th	
COMEDY	THE DEATH OF STALIN	AUG 29th	
WESTERN	OUTLAW JOSEY WALES	SEPT 26th	
ADVENTURE	MAN WHO WOULD BE KING	OCT 31st	
COMEDY	THE LEISURE SEEKER	NOV 28 th	



We've Got Christmas All Wrapped Up as We Announce the First of our Shows for 2019!

There's barely been time for us to catch our breath since our huge November weekend, but you'd better believe we're gearing up to do it all again. And how! We're going for a bumper March weekend next year with three separate shows on offer. And we are super excited to announce two of those artists now.

Drum roll please...

On Saturday 23 March we welcome to the stage at Anglesea Memorial Hall Australia's legendary elder statesman of song - [Archie Roach](#). Then on Sunday 24 March we're lucky enough to have the divine [Katie Noonan](#) stopping by with her trio Elixir to perform music with lyrics by Michael Leunig as part of their national Gratitude and Grief tour.

Because we value your support and we're full of Christmas spirit, we'd like to reward you with a special early bird offer for both these shows. Simply book your tickets by Monday 24 December and you will get a 10% discount just by entering the word Xmas in the promo code box. Why not treat yourself to a little Christmas gift? Or finally find something for that hard-to-buy-for music lover in your life? Be quick as not only will this offer run out once Santa's on the way, these shows are sure to sell out.

Stay tuned for all the details of our Friday night show too!

Happy Holidays!

The Sound Doctor Presents team. Tickets through **TRYBOOKING**

On behalf of Ross and the shed committee, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and may the New Year be one of health and lots of good times with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you down at the Anglesea Men's Shed in the near future

**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year**