



## HILLARY'S HUT CONSERVATION APPEAL

With the publishing of the Trust's Conservation Plan for Hillary's Trans-Antarctic Expedition Hut, the Antarctic Heritage Trust's campaign to conserve Sir Edmund Hillary's legacy in Antarctica was launched at New Zealand Parliament on 17 March 2015 by Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key.

More than 120 Antarcticans attended the event hosted by Hon Maggie Barry, Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage, including the surviving members of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-58 and International Geophysical Year 1957-58, and representatives of Sir Edmund Hillary and other expedition members' families.

Known by many names over the years, the hut was the original mess, kitchen and Hillary's office at Scott Base. It is designated as a Historic Monument under the Antarctic Treaty in recognition of its importance in the history of exploration and science in Antarctica.

The detailed and extensive Conservation Plan was written by a team of authors under the leadership of Conservation Architect Chris Cochran. Copies are available from the Trust.

Conservation work on the building and collection will be undertaken in the Antarctic summer of 2016-17 subject to the Trust securing the funds necessary to do the work.



Antarctic Heritage Trust Chair, Rt Hon Paul East, Lady June Hillary, Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key, Peter Hillary and Antarctic Heritage Trust Executive Director, Nigel Watson.

The Trust is grateful for the significant donation received from the Carnaby family in memory of Dr Trevor Hatherton (1924-1992), leader of the International Geophysical Year party, who was also instrumental in establishing the Trust.

We are seeking to raise NZD960K to conserve

and waterproof the building, remove the asbestos lining, conserve the artefact collection and maintain the building and collection for an estimated 25 years. We would greatly welcome your support. You can donate online at [https://www.nzah.org/AHT/Membership\\_Donation\\_form/](https://www.nzah.org/AHT/Membership_Donation_form/)

## INSPIRING EXPLORERS EXPEDITION 2015

In October 2015 the Trust is providing an opportunity of a life-time for three young people to participate in a sponsored ski mountaineering trip, attempting to repeat Shackleton's crossing of South Georgia from King Haakon Bay to Stromness.

The expedition aims to help achieve the Trust's vision of *Inspiring Explorers*, and to mark the centenary of Shackleton's crossing of South Georgia.

The expeditioners will need to identify with either Britain, New Zealand or Ireland as they will nominally represent the nationalities of Shackleton, Worsley and Crean who famously undertook the crossing a century ago in May 1916. Eligibility requirements and the application form are at [www.nzah.org](http://www.nzah.org)



Inspiring explorers. © Colin Montearth/Hedgehoghouse.com

The opportunity also exists for supporters and friends to join One Ocean Expeditions and participate in the circumnavigation of South Georgia by ship at their own cost, with a percentage of the cost being donated to the Trust. See [www.oneoceanexpeditions.com](http://www.oneoceanexpeditions.com)

## UK-NZ RELATIONS

We are delighted to strengthen further our close relationship with the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust. Over summer the new UKAHT Chief Executive, Camilla Nichol, visited Ross Island as our guest to view the conservation work achieved, and later in the season the offer was reciprocated with our Executive Director, Nigel Watson, viewing the Peninsula sites under UKAHT's care.

## STILL LIFE

*Still Life: Inside the Antarctic Huts of Scott and Shackleton* is currently showing at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney.

The immersive audio visual experience created by New Zealand photographer Jane Ussher and the Antarctic Heritage Trust opened on 2 April 2015 and will run until 1 September 2015.

*Still Life* in Sydney is part of the Trust's outreach to commemorate the centenary of Shackleton's 1914-1917 *Endurance* and *Aurora* (Ross Sea Party) expeditions and complements the Museum's *Shackleton: Escape from Antarctica* exhibition.



## CAPE ADARE

Subject to a logistics platform, this coming Antarctic season, 2015-16, will see the Trust implement the first of a three-year planned conservation programme to conserve the first building on the Antarctic continent at Cape Adare, established by Norwegian explorer Carsten Borchgrevink.

The detailed planning, including the preparation of a Conservation Plan and Implementation Plan, required to save this site and its collection of more than 1,000 artefacts, has been completed.

A conservation team which will include the Trust's two Programme Managers, Al Fastier

and Lizzie Meek, and Norwegian heritage Carpenter Torbjoern Prytz will undertake emergency repairs to the accommodation building, schedule future carpentry work and relocate the majority of the artefact collection temporarily to New Zealand for conservation.

The Trust team will also include two filmmakers from NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation) who are producing a documentary on Carsten Borchgrevink, including the Trust's work to conserve his legacy.

Due to its remote location, the site poses a number of logistical challenges.



View of the huts at Cape Adare taken by Scott's Northern Party 1912. Note the Northern Party's hut in the foreground is no longer standing. © Canterbury Museum

## TAE TRACTOR

The Trust has formed a public private partnership with Canterbury Museum and the Commodore Hotel Christchurch to secure the last of five tractors used by the Trans-Antarctic Expedition Ross Sea Party. This tractor remained in and around Scott Base rather than journeying to the South Pole.

The Ferguson tractor auctioned in March 2015 was secured under the partnership by Canterbury Museum. It is currently on display at the Commodore Hotel Christchurch as an attraction for hotel guests, many of whom are en route to Antarctica, until the Museum has space to display it permanently.



The Ferguson tractor in the foyer of the Commodore Hotel Christchurch.

## PRESENTING OUR WORK

In June 2015, the Trust's Chair, Rt Hon Paul East, presented to the Committee for Environmental Protection as part of the New Zealand delegation to the Antarctic Treaty Committee Meeting in Bulgaria on the Trust's Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project and its potential as a model for extreme heritage conservation. [www.polarheritage.com](http://www.polarheritage.com)

In May 2015, the Trust's Programme Manager, Lizzie Meek, took part in a heritage themed PechaKucha event organised by Heritage New Zealand and PechaKucha Christchurch, New Zealand. The challenge: 20 slides in 20 seconds. Her presentation, *Icy Heritage*, won presentation of the day and addressed the power of place and the value of heritage in its original context. <http://www.pechakucha.org/cities/christchurch/presentations/icy-heritage>

## GOVERNANCE

We welcome ex-officio trustees Mark Gilbert, US Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa, and Brook Barrington, Chief Executive and Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

We also welcome Rob Fenwick returning as Chair of Antarctica New Zealand and acknowledge the support of Brian Roche as Acting Chair in Rob's absence.

## A YEAR ON ICE

Filmmaker Anthony Powell's award winning feature film, *A Year on Ice*, a visually stunning depiction of living and working in Antarctica, is now available on DVD and Blu-Ray and includes a clip on the Trust's work. *Saving Scott's and Shackleton's Huts*, was shot by Anthony over the Antarctic 2014-15 season as a record of the Trust's achievements to date. Order the DVD or watch the clip on <https://www.youtube.com/user/AntarcticHeritage>



## CONNECTING ONLINE

There are a number of new ways to connect with us online and to keep up with our conservation project and outreach. The Trust has added twitter and Instagram to its existing Facebook and You Tube channels. If you haven't watched it, our *Conserving Levick's Notebook* clip on You Tube has received more than 70,000 views.

[www.facebook.com/antarctic.heritage.trust](http://www.facebook.com/antarctic.heritage.trust)

<https://instagram.com/antarcticheritage>

<https://twitter.com/InspireExplore>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AntarcticHeritage>

## SUPPORTING THE TRUST

We are very grateful for the support we receive from our donors and Antarctic Explorer members.

We welcome the following new supporters: Gold Explorer Dr Pinelopi Biza (Greece); Silver Explorer Paul Dykzeul (NZ); and Bronze Explorers Helen Ahern (NZ), Alison Boyes (AUS), Patrick de Nys (Belgium), Dylan Flicker (USA), Janet Harlan (NZ), Michael Hojnicky (USA), Richard Marmolego (USA), Allison McCarthy (USA), James Morris (NZ), Stephen Wilson (USA), Robbie Buchanan (AUS), Elizabeth Mornin (NZ) and Mary-Anne Schaab (NZ).

If you would like to support our work, we would welcome your donation or support as an Antarctic Explorer Club member. More information on how to support the Trust can be found at [www.nzah.org/support](http://www.nzah.org/support)

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