



NEW ZEALAND ANTARCTIC SOCIETY (Inc.)

New Zealand Antarctic Society – Oral History Project

Background

The New Zealand Antarctic Society's oral history archive includes 50 oral histories documenting the experiences of New Zealanders working in Antarctica predominantly in the 1950s and 1960s. The archive provides an important historical review of the period from a New Zealand perspective. The purpose of the Oral History Project is to record the memories of those whose Antarctic stories would otherwise be lost to future generations, and to encourage researchers to make use of oral history in their work.

Usage

The Antarctic Society is committed to making sure that interviewees have trust and confidence in the interviewers, that recordings are available for research, and that the interests of interviewees are protected.

The oral histories are available to bona fide researchers. We ask that researchers respect the integrity and generosity of everyone who has made their Antarctic history available.

The table below lists the location of each oral history. Please check with each institution about any restrictions on access to, and appropriate use of, the oral histories. If you are unsure of what is considered appropriate use, or would like to speak to someone about the histories, please contact the New Zealand Antarctic Society. oralhistory@antarcticsociety.org.nz

#	Name	Antarctic contribution	Status	Interview date	Resident in <i>(unless stated otherwise these are in NZ)</i>	Interviewer	Deposited in	Funded by
1	Frank Ponder	Designer, Scott Base	Deceased	11.3.97	Blenheim	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
2	Selwyn Bucknell	Cook TAE/IGY Scott Base	Deceased	12.3.97	Havelock	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
3	Guyon Warren	Field geologist TAE/IGY	Deceased	13.3.97	Nelson	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
4	Murray Ellis	Engineer TAE	Deceased	10.4.97	Dunedin	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
5	George Lowe	British TAE (NZer)	Deceased	7.5.97	Belper, UK	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
6	John Claydon	Flight Commander TAE	Deceased	8.7.97	Christchurch	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
7	Bill Cranfield	Pilot TAE	Deceased	10.7.97	Christchurch	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997

8	Ron Balham	Met/Biologist TAE/IGY	Deceased	29.9.97	Wellington	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
9	Vern Gerard	Geophysicist IGY/TAE	Deceased	30.9.97	Wellington	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
10	Wally Tarr	Aircraft engineer TAE	Deceased	2.10.97	Coromandel	Julia Bradshaw, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 1997
11	Bernie Gunn	Field Geologist TAE/IGY	Deceased	23.9.04	Wanaka	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
12	Sir Ed Hillary	TAE Leader NZ party	Deceased	4.10.04	Auckland	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
13	Lady June Hillary	Wife - P. Mulgrew TAE		5.10.04	Auckland	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
14	Dorothy Orr	Wife – Herb Orr		3.11.04	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
15	Peter Macdonald	Geophysicist IGY		1.12.04	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004

16	Randel Heke	Foreman Scott Base		2.12.04	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
17	Helen Cranfield	Wife – Bill Cranfield		12.2.05	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
18	Douglas McKenzie	Journalist / tractor driver		21.3.05	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
19	Noela Claydon	Wife – John Claydon	Deceased	22.3.05	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
20	Shirley Ellis	Wife – Murray Ellis		23.5.05	Dunedin	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
21	Jean Bucknell	Wife - Selwyn Bucknell		5.6.05	Havelock	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
22	Sally Warren	Wife – Guyon Warren		4.6.05	Nelson	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
23	Jean Ayres	Wife – Harry Ayres TAE		9.8.05	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004

24	Margaret Wright	Wife -Derek Wright TAE		3.8.05		Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Lottery grant, Environment & Heritage 2004
25	Bill Ingram	Cape Hallett IGY		8.8.07	Otahi	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Canterbury Museum Grant 2006-08
26	Richard Brooke	TAE – northern party		15.8.07	UK, telephone interview	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Canterbury Museum Grant 2006-08
27	Neil Sandford	IGY Scott Base	Deceased	23.10.08	Australia (interviewed NZ)	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Canterbury Museum	Canterbury Museum Grant 2006-08
28	Baden Norris	Ant Historian and historic hut worker		31.8.10	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
29	Norman Hardie	Climber with Hillary, Mt Herschel; Scott Base Leader 1983		18.9.10	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
30	Arnold Heine	Summer party 1957-58		16.12.10	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
31	Art Brown	US NSF New Zealand liaison		7-8.2.11	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
32	Erick Chiang	Director NSF Antarctic		24-26.3.11	Virginia, USA Telephone interview	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ

		Infrastructure & logistics						Donations 2010
33	Bill Johns	Both trips on <i>Endeavour</i>		11.8.11	Rangiora	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
34	Malcolm Laird	Early deep field with dogs; recently Andriill	Deceased	16-17.9.11	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
35	Bruce Alexander	Early deep field		30.11.11	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Private and Antarctic NZ Donations 2010
36	Alec McFerran	Electrician at Scott Base early 1970s – old base		22.2.13	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
37	Peter Webb	Long term work in Dry Valleys & drilling progs. Key Antarctic scientist		15-17.4.13	Ohio,USA, Telephone interview	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
38	Larry Harrington	Fieldwork NZGS late 1950s – early 1960s	Deceased	29-30.4.13	Canberra, Australia	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
39	Barrie McKelvey	Important work in Dry Valleys		1-2.5.13	Armidale, Australia	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage

		late 1950s & later.						grant, 2012-14
40	Euan Young	Research on penguins & skuas, mainly at Cape Bird, from 1959 onwards. Ex. RDRC.		13.8.13	Nelson	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
41	Peter Otway	Extensive sledging with dogs Transantarctic Mts.		16-17.9.13	Tauranga	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
42	Frank Graveson	Wintered 1963; in field with northern party NVL		19.9.13	Auckland	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
43	Graeme Claridge	Soil scientist, extensive fieldwork from 1959; Transantarctic Mts & Cape Hallett		13-14.11.13	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
44	Dave Skinner	Extensive fieldwork Transantarctic Mts 1960s-1989		15.11.13	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14

45	Peter Barrett	Extensive fieldwork TAM since 1960s. Key research figure & Antarctic scientist. Ex. RDRC		3-5.2.14	Wellington	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	Alexander Turnbull Library	Lottery Environment & Heritage grant, 2012-14
46	Shaun Norman	Extensive field support BAS, NZARP and US		25.8.14	Twizel	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	<i>To be deposited</i>	NZAS-funded 2014-15
47	Colin Monteath	NZARP, shipboard visits, mountaineer, prominent Antarctic author and photographer		16.1.15	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	<i>To be deposited</i>	NZAS-funded 2014-15
48	Murray Mitchell	Design Engineer with Opus for Scott Base rebuild, Cape Roberts tractor Train and Wind farm		7-8.5.15	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	<i>To be deposited</i>	NZAS-funded 2014-15
49	Trevor Chinn	Prominent Dry Valley glacial scientist		18.8.16	Hawea	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	<i>To be deposited</i>	Private donation
50	Bill Lucy	Helped establish Vanda Station – led sledge train		28.7.16	Oamaru	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	<i>To be deposited</i>	Private donation

		over sea ice. Wintered over.						
51	Michelle Rogan - Fennimore	Wintered over twice at South Pole Station; worked Gateway Antarctica, U of Canterbury. Currently Sec. COMNAP		In progress	Christchurch	Jacqui Foley, Oral Historian	<i>To be deposited</i>	Private donation