

Peter Barrett, FRSNZ, FGS (Hon), PM, NZAM – Patron (2008-)



Peter Barrett is Emeritus Professor of Geology, Victoria University of Wellington, after being Founding Director, Antarctic Research Centre, from 1972 to 2007. He has led over 20 Antarctic geological expeditions since 1962. After sailing on the *Glomar Challenger* in 1972 for the region's first scientific drilling, he pioneered multinational drilling from floating ice for a history of Antarctic climate and ice sheet behaviour since its inception 34 million years ago. He has worked along with the Antarctic geoscience community to bring the public's attention to climate change on geological time scales and the view it gives us of Earth's future climate.

Rex Hendry, BA, MAppMgt – President (2022-)

The Ice is in Rex's blood, having travelled to Antarctica 25 times over four decades. Roles and activities have included winter-over electrician at New Zealand's Scott Base, field training instructor, mountaineer and dog handler roles for the British Antarctic Survey, search and rescue roles, serving as Scott Base Operations Support Manager for three consecutive years, with subsequent seasons in operational roles, plus working as a New Zealand Government Representative, lecturer, and field guide on Antarctic cruise ships. Rex's previous governance roles include serving as Chair of Taranaki-Whanganui Conservation Board, Council member of the Western Institute of Technology, and Chair of Land Search and Rescue NZ.



Natalie Robinson, BSc, BCA, PhD – (North Island Vice President)

Physical Oceanographer employed by NIWA, with an observation-based Antarctic career spanning 20 years (to date). Currently co-PI of a core project within the New Zealand Antarctic Science Platform, having led multiple scientific expeditions out of Scott Base. This has required proposal and report writing, project management & administration, logistics planning and liaison with Antarctica NZ, team management and stakeholder engagement. A member of the NZAS continuously since ~2003, and member of the Wellington branch committee since ~2010. Other volunteer roles include Capital City Science Educators' Committee, librarian for the Wellington City Orchestra, and past committee member and treasurer for the New Zealand Association of Scientists.



Hubertien Wichers, MBA - (South Island Vice President)



Canterbury branch member; Master of Antarctic Studies candidate, Gateway Antarctica. Chair of the Strategy Working Party of the NZAS, leading by facilitating the development of new directions and strategies. Hubertien's main interest in the Antarctic Region sits with its role and the science conducted in managing climate change. Her interest in the NZAS is to support this role and also to preserve, nurture and grow the wider knowledge, experience and lore that is held by the NZAS. Hubertien's background – MBA in Accounting; strategic procurement (research, consulting and implementation); project/event management; and Society-type leadership – serving as President for about 10 years for several organisations.

Stuart Grayson, BSc, MAS, MBA, PhD - (National Secretary 2019 -)



Stuart trained as a particle physicist at Trinity College Cambridge, and after a postdoc in Durham University moved into the IT industry, initially in Darmstadt, Germany and then in Zurich. He worked in the finance sector in Switzerland for 22 years, developing stock exchanges and securities trading systems before moving to NZ in 2013. In a NZ management & technology consultancy he specialised in project management, managed services and information security.

Stuart has a lifelong interest in the natural world, climate change and conservation, participating in a variety of volunteer projects across the world.

He fulfilled a long-cherished dream of going to Antarctica in the University of Canterbury's Postgrad Certificate in Antarctic Studies in 2016. Subsequently, he has sought to provide a platform for the public to engage with Antarctic scientists through the Auckland Antarctic Science Meetup and the NZ Antarctic Society.

Aaron Reilly, National Treasurer (2023-) Aaron Reilly has a Bachelor's in accounting, finance and taxation. He is a chartered accountant working for The Outsider in Christchurch with great experience, having been with the Christchurch Garden Festival Trust and worked alongside the NZ Flying Doctors Service, the Canterbury-West Coast Air Rescue Trust and the NZ Meditation Charities.

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