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NEWSLETTER OF THE MAWSON'S HUTS FOUNDATION

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## Wendy Sharpe & Bernard Ollis exhibition at the Maritime Museum for the Foundation and Chimu Adventures.

Exhibited in the Tasman Light Room, the **Painting for Antarctica** exhibition is getting a great response. This is the first time that the Australian National Maritime Museum at Darling harbour has exhibited works for sale in their exhibitions. The works were inspired by a cruise sponsored by Chimu Adventures in February last year which traced Sir Ernest Shackleton's famous voyage in 1916 featuring the wild life and geographical images. All profits from the works sold from this collection go towards the conservation of Mawson's Huts at Cape Denison. The works are on our website and available for purchase .



[www.mawsons-huts.org.au/ollis-sharpe-painting-for-antarctica/](http://www.mawsons-huts.org.au/ollis-sharpe-painting-for-antarctica/)

## Volunteers make museum

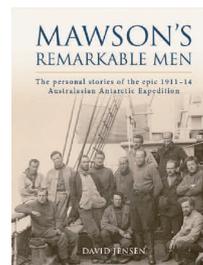
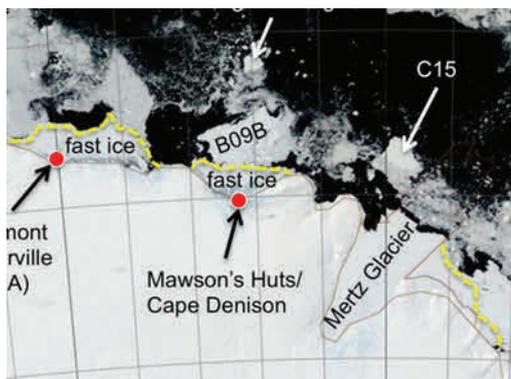
**Volunteers make museum**  
We have just issued a very warm welcome to a new group of volunteers who have joined the team welcoming and sharing their knowledge with visitors.

The Replica Museum now has a group of about 40 volunteers who help to make the museum the best in Hobart according to [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com) which has just awarded it a Certificate of Excellence. As at May 22 it was rated No1 of 14 museums in Hobart

## Planning for the next conservation expedition.

By Expedition Manager, Rob Easter

The sea-ice conditions in Commonwealth Bay remain a major factor in our planning. Of course the sea is now frozen and we won't see any movement there until October at the earliest. Discussions have been held with the French Antarctic program and the Australian Antarctic Division and the level of support has been outstanding as usual and a range of options are being formulated that could see us resuming the conservation work at the Historic Site as early as late October if the cards (including funding) fall our way over the next few months. The use of a ship, helicopters and fixed wing aircraft form the basis of our planning at this stage with the intention of putting a team of 4-6 conservation specialists on the ice for a couple of months to continue clearing snow and ice from the interior of Mawson's Huts and conserving and re-instating items to their original positions inside when Mawson last visited the huts in 1931. We hope to have more details by the next newsletter.



**David Jensen's book released in March has enjoyed strong sales. It is available in good bookstores, in our Replica Museum shop and on our website**



# sponsors Antarctic Exhibition in Melbourne

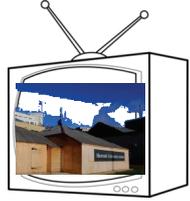


Knight Frank Australia is staging an Antarctic exhibition and auction at one of its Melbourne, properties to raise funds for the Foundation. The world's leading independent commercial and residential real estate consultancy, is using **234 Collins Boutique Place** to display about 70 Antarctic paintings, all of which are for sale, benefitting the Foundation. The company is turning the three level arcade in an Antarctic experience for shoppers and members of the public. They include many of Wendy Sharpe's paintings from her visit to Mawson's Huts in January 2012 and photographs from Doug Thost. They will be part of a large silent auction available online, which runs until the main event mid June with ABC entertainer James O'Loughlin. Over 200,000 visitors go through Boutique Place every month. On-line bidding is available from end of May 2015 <http://collins234.com.au/events/experience-antarctica-art-exhibition/>



## Television advertising

Clennetts Mitre10, Tasmania's leading buildings supplier and hardware company, is sponsoring television advertising on the Replica Museum throughout Tasmania starting in June.



A 30 second advertisement featuring the huts at Cape Denison and the Replica is aimed at helping to attract more Tasmanians to visit the museum. "Of all of our visitors only about 15 per cent live in Hobart and elsewhere in Tasmania and we'd like to see the percentage increase" said Foundation chairman David Jensen. "Clennetts support is stunningly generous."

Clennetts "Mighty Helpful" Mitre 10 played a major role in building the replica providing all the building materials and encouraging sponsors to be involved. CEO Ken Pierce: "The Replica Museum is great for Hobart and Clennett's is very pleased to support it in every way we can. It can be one of Tasmania's great museums."

## AAE MUSIC RESEARCH



The music sung and played by the men who occupied Mawson's Huts is to be put onto CD. It is being researched by ANARE stalwart Bill Burch who has a long and fascinating link with the huts.

Bill first visited Mawson's Huts in 1961 and returned the following year when he replicated some of the work carried out in Magnetograph House by the AAE's Eric Webb whom he met several years later on.



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## New documentary production

The finishing touches are being placed on a 6 minute documentary on the history of Mawson's Huts and the building of the Replica Museum which will be launched on YOUTUBE. Narrated and edited by David London who visited the huts at the official photographer with the 2011 expedition, it was produced by David Jensen who co-wrote it with Jon Harker. It includes a short segment by the Governor General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove who is Patron of the foundation. It is designed to help promote the Replica Museum and the Foundation. "It is planned to disseminate the video as widely as possible to help increase visitor numbers, promote the work of the Foundation and attract sponsors and donations." said David.

## Chimu Adventures PINKTARTICA

Chimu Adventures is offering three exciting voyages to the Antarctic during the next 18 months, with two of them to Cape Denison and Mawson's Huts. The third is to the Antarctic Peninsular with well known artist Ken Done and the McGrath Foundation Ambassador Tracey Bevan. Pinktartica as Ken Done's voyage is known, departs Ushuaia on November 18 this year for 12 days and is currently on special. The visit to Commonwealth Bay in January 2016 and December the same year, will mark the first cruise ships to visit Commonwealth Bay since 2010. The first voyage is already sold out and the second is filling fast with only about 15 of the 48 passenger berths remaining. Chimu is donating some of the proceeds from both these voyages to the Foundation. **For all cruises see [www.chimuadventures.com](http://www.chimuadventures.com)**



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