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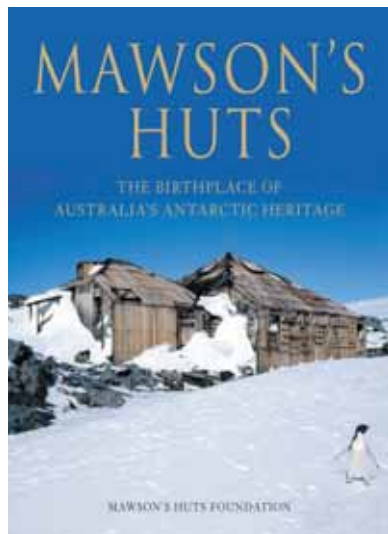
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Produced by the Mawson's Huts Foundation in partnership with the Australian Antarctic Division, the book is also a stunning visual record of the conservation programme that is underway. All proceeds from this book will go directly to the conservation programme of the huts and the thousands of artefacts that are a priceless reminder of the heroism of the men of the AAE.

# MAWSON'S HUTS

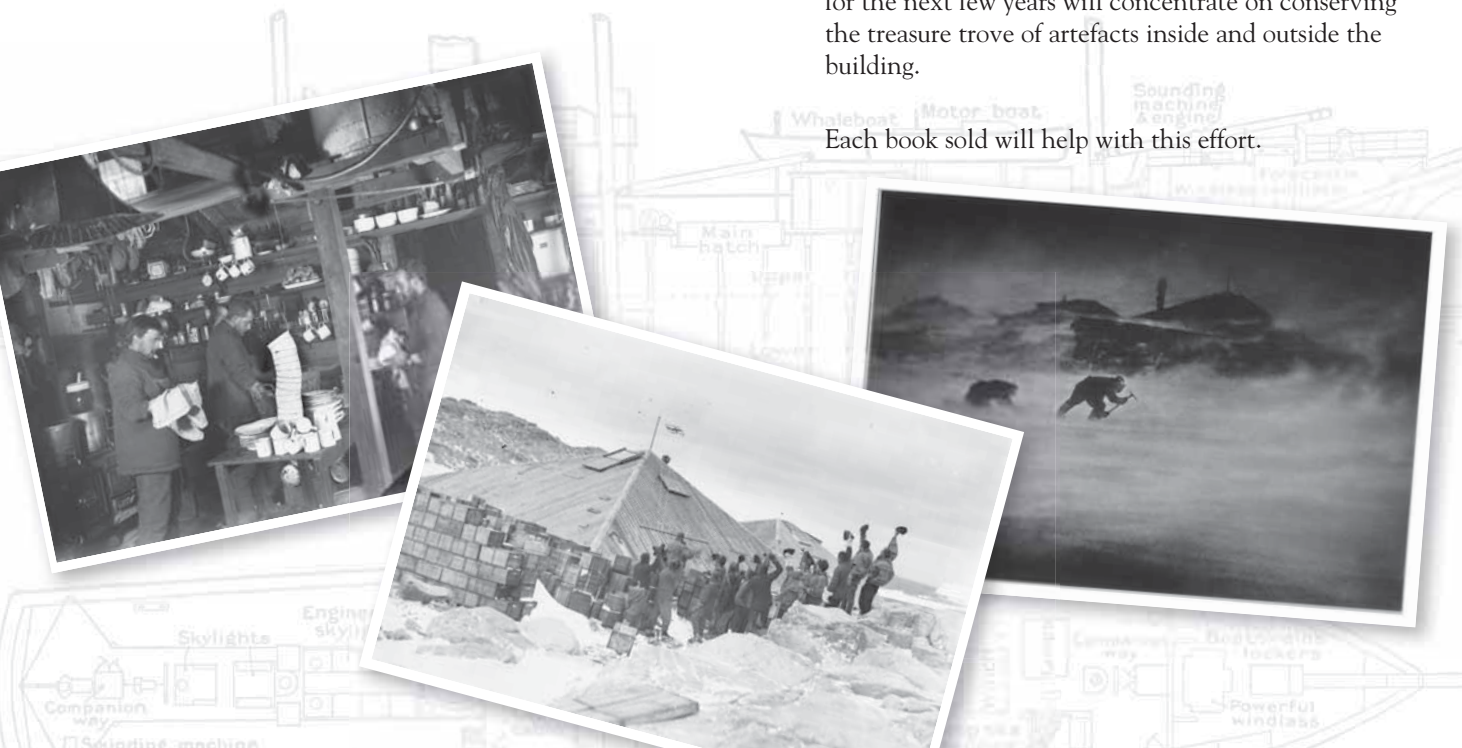
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In addition to the extraordinary story of the expedition itself, *Mawson's Huts* recounts the planning of the AAE, the battle for funds and sponsors, and includes brief biographical details and photographs of the 32 expeditioners who accompanied Mawson on one of the greatest Antarctic expeditions in history.



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Working closely with the Australian Antarctic Division, the Foundation has financed and organised a series of major expeditions with heritage specialists. The first, in 1997-98, possibly saved the main hut from almost certain destruction by replacing one of the main wooden beams supporting the apex of the building. Both the roof of the living quarters and the workshop area have now been reclad using Baltic pine from the exact same source in Finland and to the same specifications that Mawson used to build the huts in 1912. The original materials remain untouched and secure under the new layer. With the huts now protected from the further ingress of ice and snow, work for the next few years will concentrate on conserving the treasure trove of artefacts inside and outside the building.

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