

Mawson 100 years on: how things have changed

The Royal Society of Tasmania plans to host a symposium to contribute to celebrations of the Antarctic Centennial Year (ACY) and to commemorate the sailing of Dr (later Sir) Douglas Mawson from Hobart to the Antarctic on 2 December 1911 as leader of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition (AAE).

You are encouraged to attend and help celebrate the commencement of the serious involvement of Australia in ongoing Antarctic exploration and science.

Scope: The scope for speakers is broad and includes papers on the origin of Australia's Antarctic interests, the history of Mawson's expedition, its people and how they did their work, drawing out contrasts with the modern way. Changes in publication media would also be welcome discussions. History is an important element, be it personal and of the disciplines involved in Antarctic research.

Dates: 30 November/1 December 2011.

Venue: To be finalised depending on numbers registering. Two venues on the Hobart waterfront, close to many Antarctic memorials, are available.

Registration: \$150 before 1 July 2011; \$200 after that date.

Registration will cover abstracts, morning and afternoon teas, symposium satchel. Lunch is expected to be at registrants' cost. There are many establishments near either venue and it is hoped to allow 90 minutes for lunch to foster informal discussions.

To register, please fill in the attached form and send by mail or email to:

The Royal Society of Tasmania
GPO Box 1104
Hobart, 7001

info@rst.org.au

Abstracts: A one page abstract, using The Royal Society of Tasmania Instructions to Authors (info@rst.org.au) should be submitted by 1 September 2011 to the same address.

Publication: There are no plans for formal publication of the proceedings of the symposium but authors wishing to publish papers should submit texts to:
Honorary Editor, The Royal Society of Tasmania
GPO Box 1166, Hobart, Tasmania, 7001.

Such texts will then be subject to normal peer-review and can be expected to be published in November 2012 in the Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania. Guidelines are available in the Instructions to Authors contained in recent volumes or at info@rst.org.au

Program: The program should be finalised by approximately 1 October 2011 and will be made available on the Royal Society of Tasmania website (www.rst.org.au).

Already speakers are contributing the following topics:

- The origins of Australia's Antarctic interests
- Mertz
- Mawson's Huts Foundation
- Changes in medical practice since Mawson's day

Papers should be prepared for 15 or 20 minute presentation. Either venue has provision for a variety of presentation styles but Powerpoint is the preferred illustrative medium.

