

Summer Conservation Season



At Cape Evans, the 2025-26 Conservation team use the tools of their trade to send a message of thanks to the generous donors who enable the Trust's work protecting Antarctica's important cultural heritage. © AHT/Zack Bennett

This season saw two teams of conservation specialists deploy to the Ross Sea Region of Antarctica to undertake critical work programmes at the historic huts of Scott, Shackleton, Borchgrevink, and Hillary. The season included exciting finds, site mapping, and a deep dive into the way each hut's construction is affected by the local environment.

Archaeology

It was a team effort at Cape Evans, the site of Scott's *Terra Nova* hut, to support the Trust's archaeology programme during the second of two planned seasons.



Archaeologist Emma St Pierre (left) and Artefact Coordinator Shannah Rhynard-Geil (right) excavate a pony blanket. © AHT/Margot Murray

A key priority was excavating to record cultural material in areas along the shoreline, where it is increasingly at risk of being washed away. Some material was further assessed for conservation and collection,

including a pony blanket that had slowly surfaced from the frozen ground over many years and had become vulnerable as seals frequently move through this area.

"The pony blanket was hand-quilted and still held pony hair, which holds future interest for researchers as well as making it obvious what this textile was for. Treatment involved ensuring the hair remained in place, and stabilising the stitching, before re-locating it inside the stables," said Artefact Coordinator Shannah Rhynard-Geil.

Photographic developers used by Herbert Ponting, photographer on the British Antarctic *Terra Nova* Expedition (1910-1913) were also excavated.

The team then completed the most detailed heritage survey of the hut environment to date. Using new differential GPS technology, they mapped the broader cultural landscape and built a spatial data set supported by comprehensive photographic and written documentation.

Archaeologist Emma St Pierre says the team also set up a new monitoring programme for items most at risk, particularly those with high levels of organic material.

"Establishing these monitoring sites gives us a crucial baseline for understanding how environmental change is influencing the broader cultural heritage around the huts. The environment surrounding these huts is central to what makes this place so extraordinary. The extent of cultural material here and the level of preservation is remarkable," said Emma.



The ski pole discovered this season belonging to Patrick Keohane, with the initials PK visible. © AHT/Zack Bennett

Unearthing a Link to Scott's Expedition

One of the most remarkable discoveries from the archaeology survey at Cape Evans emerged when Archaeologist Emma St Pierre uncovered a ski pole with hand carved initials on it, belonging to Patrick Keohane, a Petty Officer on Scott's *Terra Nova* expedition.

"Finding this ski pole was the highlight of my season on the Ice. It is rare to uncover an item that can be directly linked to an individual, so this felt incredibly special. To find it amongst all the bamboo scattered around the site was a real moment. Thinking that this pole may have been used during Scott's journey to the Pole is both exciting and deeply meaningful," said Emma.

Patrick Keohane was one of several Irishmen selected by Captain Robert Falcon Scott for the British Antarctic *Terra Nova* expedition (1910-1913), and one of 15 men chosen to set out with Scott from their Cape Evans base on the 900-mile journey to the South Pole.

Keohane initially assisted with the ponies before moving into the man hauling sled teams once the ponies had been put down. Although disappointed to be turned back 350 miles short of the Pole, this decision ultimately saved his life, as the small polar party that continued sadly never returned. Keohane later joined the search party that found the bodies of Scott, Dr Edward Wilson and Lieutenant Henry Bowers in their tent.

Keohane's ski pole has been stabilised for interim storage and will be scheduled for conservation work in the upcoming season.

Looking Deeper

Structural investigations and building health assessments at Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut at Cape Royds and Scott's *Terra Nova* hut at Cape Evans helped the team understand how each structure is responding to the environment and where targeted intervention may be needed. A small camera probe allowed conservators to see inside the walls, enabling them to plan for future works to roof and walls.

At Cape Evans, the programme included conditioning the stables roof with a protective bitumen layer to strengthen the cladding and improve its durability. Inside the stables, stabilisation mats were installed to reduce gravel movement and airborne dust created by foot traffic, to reduce the impact of dust-exacerbated mould and corrosion.

At Hillary's TAE/IGY hut several artefacts were repatriated to the hut after being donated to the Trust, including a map, clothing, bags, tents and food tins.



Heritage Carpenter Martin Herrmann investigates the building at Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut. © AHT/Zack Bennett

Regular annual monitoring continued at all sites, further strengthening the Trust's long running data set.

Building Capability

A central focus going into the season was succession planning to ensure the Trust can continue safeguarding Antarctica's remarkable cultural heritage well into the future. Sharing knowledge with a wider group and strengthening the pool of skilled heritage specialists is vital to this work.

As part of this, Heritage Manager Lizzie Meek mentored Artefact Coordinator Shannah Rhynard-Geil through field life, establishing field camps, and further developing conservation skills on the Ice.

"Lizzie has such a broad range of knowledge and extensive experience in Antarctica. To learn from her was a very special experience," said Shannah.

Shannah and Field Team Lead Zack Bennett enjoyed introducing new team mates this season, including Heritage Building Conservators Dale Perrin from the United Kingdom, Martin Herrmann from the Netherlands, and Conservator Margot Murray from Australia. The Trust values the conservation, fieldwork, and extreme climate experience each of them brought to the team.



Lizzie Meek (left) and Shannah Rhynard-Geil (right) inside Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut. © AHT/Lizzie Meek



Aerial shot of the Cape Adare huts showing their position on Ridley Beach. © AHT/Gord Macdonald

Collecting Critical Data to Protect Cape Adare’s Historic Sites

Earlier in the season, a team of three successfully collected critical data at Cape Adare to support the upcoming multi-year conservation programme for Borchgrevink’s hut, Scott’s Northern Party hut, and Hanson’s Grave.

Borchgrevink’s hut is the only Antarctic explorer base under the Trust’s care yet to receive major conservation work, largely due to its extremely remote location. The site is remarkable not only for its role in the early exploration of Antarctica, but also as the only surviving example of humanity’s first building on any continent.



L-R: Architect Field Support Lucy Hayes-Stevenson, Heritage Consultant Gord Macdonald, Antarctica New Zealand Field Safety Officer Doug Henderson at Hanson’s grave. © AHT/Gord Macdonald

Event Lead Gord Macdonald, Antarctica New Zealand Field Safety Officer Doug Henderson, and Architect Field Support Lucy Hayes-Stevenson worked together to assess both the environment and the historic structures. With only a short weather window available, the team achieved an impressive amount of progress.

Key achievements included capturing aerial photogrammetry using drones, completing the first laser scanning and survey of the huts and surrounding environment since 1972, and a full review of infrastructure and stored materials at the field camp established to support the Trust’s conservation work.

“We were able to carry out an hour of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System flight time across Cape Adare, capturing high-quality digital images and completing the first aerial photogrammetry of Carsten Borchgrevink’s hut, Scott’s Northern Party hut, and their surrounding environment,” said Gord Macdonald.

The condition of both Borchgrevink’s hut and Scott’s Northern Party hut was closely examined. The team assessed the structures and the materials held on site to inform future conservation work.

Another major achievement was a full condition assessment of Nicolai Hanson’s grave, the first since 2003. Hanson is believed to be the first person to have died on the Antarctic continent and the first to be buried there. Using digital

Major conservation of this site will be happening in future seasons. If you would like to help ensure this historic site is conserved for future generations, please consider supporting our work. nzaht.org/donate

recording techniques, the team created a detailed three-dimensional model of the site, providing a clear record of its current condition.

The findings gathered during this season will support the finalisation of the Trust’s revised Conservation Management Plan.

Reaching Cape Adare requires complex logistics and significant international collaboration. The Trust is grateful to Antarctica New Zealand, the Italian Antarctic Program, and the United States Antarctic Program for their support.

The Trust’s drone operations are permitted through the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in collaboration with Antarctica New Zealand and the United States Antarctic Program.



2026 Inspiring Explorers™ on deck of the *Bark EUROPA* with Mount Scott in the Background. L-R: Sam Dunlay, Matthew Lynch, Eliza McCracken, Libby Manning, Margot Martin-Babin, Precious Tupou, Josiah Tualamali'i, Meleki Schuster. ©AHT/Mike Barber

Next Generation Charts the Heroic Era

The Drake Passage made its power known, revealing the resilience that defined the heroic era of Antarctic exploration.

A group of eight young Kiwis stepped into the world of heroic era exploration as they sailed on an historic tall ship to one of the most remote places on Earth — the Antarctic Peninsula — with the Trust's Inspiring Explorers™ programme.

The team included Margot Martin-Babin (28), Precious Tupou (18), and Eliza McCracken (23) from Auckland. Josiah Tualamali'i (30) and Sam Dunlay (28) from Christchurch, Matthew Lynch (26) and Meleki Schuster (21) from Wellington, and Libby Manning (24) from Dunedin.

This was the first expedition of its kind for the Trust. The team took the helm, handled the sails, stood watch, and learned about traditional navigation aboard the three-masted tall ship *Bark EUROPA*.

Built in 1911, she was similar in age to the ships that carried legendary Antarctic explorers Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton south on their expeditions.

The journey began in Ushuaia, Argentina before sailing across the infamous Drake Passage, experiencing the full force of a 'Drake Shake' with swells reaching more than six metres.

"The Drake Passage pushed me far outside my comfort zone, testing me mentally and physically, but your mindset changes everything. Leaning into the chaos and staying positive turned it into one of the most memorable parts of the trip," said Inspiring Explorer Meleki Schuster.

During the four-day crossing the team rotated across three watches, completing four hour shifts on with eight hours off while the ship rolled and tilted.

"In the Drake there were days when getting to tomorrow felt like its own test. I learned, as Amundsen led, to focus on what is possible each day and to keep some energy in reserve for the unexpected. It made all the difference," said Inspiring Explorer Josiah Tualamali'i.

Once in Antarctic waters, the team sailed along the Antarctic Peninsula, learning what makes this place so special through landings at various locations.

"Snow was falling and beginning to settle on the deck of the ship, and four humpback whales were feeding right beside us. It felt magical," said Inspiring Explorer Margot Martin-Babin.

The team were fortunate to be mentored by world-record-breaking solo-sailor and environmental activist Lisa Blair, who witnessed their growth every step of the way.



Inspiring Explorers Margot, Eliza, Matthew, and Sam on the mast. ©AHT/Lisa Blair



Inspiring Explorers Meleki Schuster and Matthew Lynch with Trust Expedition Leader Mike Barber during their crew watch, helping to put up a sail. © *Bark EUROPA*/Jordi Plana Morales



Expedition Mentor Lisa Blair brought her skills on board Bark EUROPA, mentoring the Inspiring Explorers™ every step of the way. © AHT/Lisa Blair

“It’s been an incredible journey watching the Inspiring Explorers™ grow and develop their ‘Explorer Mindset,’” said Lisa. “They’ve been truly tested, and in every challenge, they’ve shown remarkable resilience, teamwork, and leadership. Their curiosity and willingness to get involved in every aspect of the expedition has been inspiring to see.”

The Inspiring Explorers™ brought their interests and skills together to capture content for their outreach project, a video journal series connecting how their experience both mirrors and differs from those who crossed oceans and explored Antarctica in the past.



Inspiring Explorer Eliza McCracken taking sextant readings. © Bark EUROPA/Jordi Plana Morales

“Filming our journal series in an environment out of your control was challenging, but the stories we captured feel true to our journey. I’m really looking forward to the final result,” said Inspiring Explorer Sam Dunlay.

As part of this, Inspiring Explorers Eliza and Matthew compared ocean navigation methods and the equipment used by heroic era explorers to now.

“We were fortunate to learn how to take a noon sight with a sextant, a traditional navigational equipment used to determine your position at sea, from the second mate, Clara,” said Inspiring Explorer Eliza McCracken who was also representing Spirit of Adventure Trust as part of a new partnership.

“It really struck me how much patience, resilience, and navigational knowledge early explorers would have needed. They had none of the technological backups that we rely on today.”

EXPEDITION PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

The Trust is deeply grateful to our Inspiring Explorers™ Fund donors for giving the team this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The team faced cold conditions, strong winds, and large ocean swells. With support from our expedition Sponsor Burnsko, they were fitted with high-quality sailing gear suited for these conditions.

The Trust also thanks expedition partner Spirit of Adventure Trust, supporter *Bark EUROPA*, and the ship’s crew, who generously shared their expertise and guided our team as they learned to sail a historic tall ship.

Inspiring Explorers Josiah, Precious, and Meleki captured a Pacific perspective of exploring by boat, while Inspiring Explorer Libby compared the wildlife and environment of the Antarctic region in the heroic era with what it is like today and looked to the future.

“I felt so proud as a Cook Islander, especially being the first from my island of Rakahanga to reach Antarctica on a tall ship. At times I was overwhelmed with emotion feeling blessed, grateful, and deeply privileged to experience something so many people dream of,” said Inspiring Explorer Precious Tupou.



Inspiring Explorer Precious Tupou holding the Rakahanga flag and Inspiring Explorer Meleki Schuster holding the Samoan flag. © AHT/Sam Dunlay

Journaling their experiences, the team discovered the true heart of Antarctic Exploration.

“Coming back home, I find myself seeking new experiences that put me in that feeling of unfamiliarity again. For me, the trip doesn’t end in Antarctica, it carries into how I live afterwards and hopefully inspires others to see that stepping into the unknown can be worth it,” said Inspiring Explorer Meleki Schuster.

A Special Visit to Port Lockroy

Our friends at UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT) welcomed the team to Port Lockroy, one of seven historic sites cared for by UKAHT, who also oversee the wreck of Shackleton’s ship *Endurance*.

Base A, Port Lockroy was established in 1944 as part of a wartime mission code-named Operation Tabarin. Since 2006, UKAHT has looked after the site and continues to share the site with visitors from around the world.

Our team learned firsthand about the conservation projects underway at the site. The visit highlighted the strong connection between the two Trusts recognising the

shared challenges both organisations face in conserving Antarctica’s remarkable cultural heritage.

The visit was especially meaningful for Inspiring Explorer Josiah Tualamali’i, who would have happily stayed longer to absorb even more of the extraordinary stories held here.

“As a historian, visiting Port Lockroy felt profoundly special. Seeing firsthand the realities of conserving Antarctic cultural heritage deepened my respect for the people who live and work in this environment,” said Josiah.



Inspiring Explorer Josiah Tualamali’i at Port Lockroy. © AHT/Josiah Tualamali’i

COMING SOON...

77 DEGREES SOUTH



A podcast journey to the edge of the world.

Eight young explorers ventured to one of the most remote places on Earth – the Ross Sea, Antarctica on the Trust’s 2025 Inspiring Explorers Expedition™

Over six episodes, join their journey to 77 degrees South at Scott’s *Discovery* hut as they dodge icebergs, battle the elements, and follow in the footsteps of heroic era explorers Scott, Shackleton, and Borchgrevink, to return a precious historic artefact.

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Made possible by donors to the Trust’s Inspiring Explorers™ Fund, expedition partner Heritage Expeditions, and supporter Cheshire Architects.

Governance Updates

Welcoming Dame Jane Harding and Hubertien Wichers to the Trust’s Board



Dame Jane Harding

Distinguished Professor Dame Jane Harding has joined the Board in her role as President, Royal Society Te Apārangi. Jane is a neonatologist based at the Liggins Institute, University of Auckland (NZ). Her research concerns growth before and after birth, blood glucose regulation in the newborn, and the long-term consequences of treatments given around the time of birth. Amongst her many awards are the Howard Williams Medal (Royal Australasian College of Physicians), the 2019 Women of Influence Supreme Award, the Rutherford Medal (Royal Society Te Apārangi) and Prime Minister’s Science Prize.



Hubertien Wichers

Hubertien Wichers has joined the Board in her role as President of the New Zealand Antarctic Society. Hubertien holds a Master of Antarctic Studies from the University of Canterbury (NZ) and brings valuable experience in strategic governance and organisational leadership.

Her governance experience extends beyond Antarctica, with roles on sporting and environmental boards where she contributed her expertise in strategic planning, organisational governance, membership, and event management. Her professional background includes senior roles in procurement and project management within the Queensland Government.



Farewelling Georgina Archibald

Georgie has been an Independent Trustee since February 2023 following on from being part of our governance intern programme. As part of our Inspiring Explorers™ alumni, Georgie has made a valuable contribution to the Trust, driven by her passion for Antarctica and its work. She has shared her expertise in environment and sustainability, supporting the Trust as it advances its strategy in these areas. We’re incredibly grateful for Georgie’s voice advocating for the next generation of explorers. While we’ll miss her around the Board table, we know she’ll continue to inspire others and advocate the work of the Trust in everything she does.

Governance Intern

Welcoming Lawrence Rothwell



The Trust recently welcomed Lawrence Rothwell as a Governance Intern. Lawrence was part of the Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to South Georgia in 2023 and

has remained closely involved with the Trust ever since, contributing to Explorer Conferences and most recently supporting the team on the Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ 2026 to the Antarctic Peninsula, drawing on his sailing background and time on the water assisting the community with the New Zealand Coastguard.

He also brings governance experience from his previous role as a Policy Analyst with the New Zealand Defence Force giving him valuable exposure to high level decision making and appreciation for the policies and processes that underpin effective governance. Lawrence brings strong leadership and is deeply committed to inspiring the next generation of explorers to grow their own leadership potential.

Alumni News



Sarah Bouckoms

(Former Trust Staff)

Sarah has recently completed a summer season working at the Amundsen Scott South Pole station. She was

the safety officer and part of the drill team for the Upgrade of the IceCube Neutrino Observatory. While helping to deploy six strings of 650 instruments she additionally completed an Explorer Program virtual exchange with Reach the World students. Over 12 weeks she taught students about detecting neutrinos and the challenges of polar fieldwork. Through her articles and live video calls she offered students a clear view of how scientific investigations unfold at the South Pole, as well as exploring STEM careers.

David Harrowfield

NZAM (Inaugural Trust Executive Officer).

David has completed a substantial memoir reflecting on his work in physical geography at the University of Canterbury,



along with a shorter personal memoir about his early years in Oamaru, NZ, which explored his lifelong interest in geology and archaeology. He published a paper in the New Zealand Journal of Archaeology and supported four authors in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom with research for their own publications. David also contributed his expertise to the Trust's revised Conservation Management Plan for Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds, which is currently in development.

Kelsey Waghorn

(Inspiring Explorer 2023)

Kelsey has recently published her new book *Surviving White Island and everything that came after*, which shares her remarkable physical and mental recovery following the eruption of Whakaari White Island in New Zealand. She has also been busy recording the audiobook version, bringing her own voice to the project, which has been an important part of sharing her story. The book is available to purchase through major booksellers.



Brendan Wade

(Conservation Season 2023-24)

Brendan has recently contributed to the RNZ series *Kelly Tarlton's Final Treasure Hunt*, which has gone on to receive multiple awards including Best Podcast in December 2025. The series follows the rediscovery of a 256 year old relic connected to early European contact with New Zealand and brings to life one of the final expeditions planned by Kelly Tarlton.



Gord Macdonald

(Trust Design Team Member and Conservation Alumni)

Congratulations to Gord who recently published a PhD thesis on the Impacts of global climate change on polar heritage: assessment of imperilled polar heritage sites. "I am indebted to the Antarctic



Heritage Trust who graciously provided me with access to their records and data as part of my doctoral research. I have had the good fortune to work with the Trust for over twenty years now, and during that time I have had the privilege of working alongside a remarkably talented group of people who have been drawn from all quarters to conserve the legacies of Scott, Shackleton, Borchgrevink, and Hillary. I would especially like to acknowledge the support of Executive Directors Francesca Eathorne and her predecessor Nigel Watson."

Ethan Morphet

(Young Inspiring Explorer 2023)

Ethan has recently become the leader of the Science Buskers at his school. This is an after-school club which allows students to do experiments they wouldn't be able to do in class and practise presenting them in shows. Ethan leads a small team and works closely with teachers to help run the club each week, as well as organising shows and events.



Kaitlyn Martin

(Inspiring Explorer 2023)

Kaitlyn has an exciting new position as Kaihautū o Ako Education Lead at Te Whatu Stardome planetarium and observatory in Auckland New Zealand. She will be in charge of the education team, who connect 40,000 young people with the night sky every year.



Staff Updates

Stephen Wilkinson

Partnerships & Philanthropy Manager

Stephen joins us from the UK, bringing with him a decade's experience in philanthropy. He holds degrees in Modern Languages and Music and began his career in the classical



music sector, working in Paris, Cambridge and London. Most recently, he was Head of Philanthropy at the Royal College of Music in London.

Covering Patricia Mackenzie's maternity leave, Stephen will be connecting with supporters and partners to secure funding for the Trust's conservation work and the Inspiring Explorers™ programme. Having recently embarked on his own adventure by relocating to Christchurch with his husband, Stephen is enjoying exploring Aotearoa New Zealand's amazing landscapes with his dog, Schnapps.

Patricia

Mackenzie

(Philanthropy and Development Manager)

The Trust is delighted to share the wonderful news of a new addition to Patricia Mackenzie's family. Baby Montgomery "Monty" Ross Mackenzie arrived in early February. Mum and baby are doing well, and big brother Stirling is very excited to welcome his new little brother.

Our warmest congratulations to Patricia and her whānau (family) as they celebrate this special moment.



A supporter story by Beverly Shipka

Long term supporter Beverly was first introduced to the Trust during a voyage to the Ross Sea Antarctica in 2011 and has been a dedicated donor and supporter ever since.

My love affair with Antarctica and the early explorers began after my first trip there in 2008. Since then, I have travelled to the white continent three more times with the highlight being my voyage on a Russian icebreaker leaving from Lyttelton (NZ) en route to the Ross Sea in 2011.

That's when I first became aware of New Zealand's Antarctic Heritage Trust through then Executive Director, Nigel Watson, who was aboard.

I learned of the Trust's mission and the ongoing work to preserve the huts of these early explorers. I will never forget being inside the huts of Shackleton and Scott. Seeing Scott's iconic long table and standing at its head, just as Scott did, gave me goosebumps. I saw the utensils used,



Scott's 'Discovery' hut taken in 2011. © Beverly Shipka

their bunks, clothing hanging from a line, Ponting's dark room and the boxes and boxes of stores. I felt like a time traveller back in Scott's time.

After returning, I devoured all the books I could find on Captain Scott and the other explorers. Scott's diary was particularly moving as he wrote from the heart. I felt that I knew a little more about the inner man.

When I visited the Trust's Christchurch office in January 2025, I was treated to their newly developed virtual reality device depicting Scott's Hut and penguins. It was so real I thought I was petting a penguin when, in actuality, I was stroking the back of a chair. What a great educational tool!

I wholeheartedly believe in the Trust's mission and am so glad to be a supporter. I plan to continue to do so for many more years and eventually leave my estate to

The Trust values every chance to meet with our supporters, hear their personal connection to Antarctica's remarkable cultural heritage, and share stories from the Ice. If you are visiting Christchurch New Zealand, or would like to learn more about the Trust's work and ways to support it, you are welcome to contact Stephen Wilkinson at s.wilkinson@nzaht.org.



Beverly Shipka beside Vince's Cross during her voyage to the Ross Sea in 2011. © Beverly Shipka

the Trust. Their work is most important for current and future generations to know about Antarctica's history. I would like to see this work continue for decades.

Yours very truly,
Beverly D Shipka

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the legacy of Antarctic exploration and creating opportunities for young people to be inspired by the heroic explorers that you admire.

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2025 Antarctic Parliamentarians Assembly

In December, the Trust took part in the third Antarctic Parliamentarians Assembly in Wellington, New Zealand, the first time it had been held in the Southern Hemisphere. Delegates from twenty-four countries discussed Antarctica's significance, the impacts of climate change, and the shared responsibility to protect the continent.

The Trust's Executive Director, Francesca Eathorne, presented at a session on polar heritage alongside UK Antarctic Heritage Trust's Chief Executive Camilla Nichol. Francesca highlighted the Trust's role caring for five historic sites and emphasised the importance of conserving Antarctica's remarkable cultural heritage, so the stories of the early explorers continue to inspire future generations. Her themes included the

importance of international collaboration to protect polar heritage and the spirit of innovation that was critical to working in the world's most extreme environment.

Francesca noted it was a privilege to be involved in such a special event that highlighted the global interest in protecting Antarctica. "It was inspiring to hear many perspectives from the different delegates but overall to see the commitment to the Antarctic Treaty from the many countries present."

The Trust also had the opportunity to showcase its virtual reality experience of Scott's *Discovery* hut, giving delegates a chance to step inside one of Antarctica's historic bases.

Thank You

to our new Antarctic Explorer Members:

GOLD

Richard Bowen (USA)
Michael Smith (NZ)
Annette Cunningham (NZ)

BRONZE

George Colbath (USA)
Victoria Manning (UK)
Rodney M Severn (AUS)

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