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July - August 2026

Series 5
A Taste of Antarctica

Series Organisers

Pam Butler
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Venue:	Windsor Community Church 19 Windsor St
Time:	10.00am
Cost:	\$30 per person



A Taste of Antarctica

Session 1 : Friday July 24

The Most Beautiful Place that is trying to Kill You : Stories from the end of the Earth

Presenter: **Stephen Davis**



Bio: Stephen Davis has been on the front lines of journalism for four decades — as a newspaper editor, foreign correspondent, war reporter, TV producer, documentary filmmaker, author and podcaster.

“Along the way I have encountered lying politicians and corporate comen, spies and special forces soldiers, and secret policemen. Among those who have tried to dissuade me from reporting: men with Kalashnikovs, government lawyers, corporate PRs, senior police officers, billionaires, and newspaper owners.”

He was part of the launch team that set up The Independent on Sunday, where he served as News Editor and Foreign Editor. He worked for the Insight investigative team at The Sunday Times and as an investigative reporter for The New Statesman. He has worked as a US correspondent, a war correspondent, and an editor of The New Zealand Herald.

In television, Davis has been a producer for 60 Minutes and 20/20, and a documentary filmmaker for the BBC and Discovery. He has won multiple awards for his investigative reporting, including a silver medal at the New York Film and Television Awards.

Davis's most celebrated investigation exposed one of the longest-running government cover-ups in modern British history, the story of British Airways Flight 149.

His book Operation Trojan Horse brought the full story to light at last, and has been described as one of the most important pieces of investigative journalism of the decade.

In his first book Truthteller, Davis drew on his years on the front lines of journalism to expose the full toolkit that governments and corporations use to suppress truth — from legal threats and spin to outright fabrication. He is a leading voice in the global fight against fake news and misinformation.

Session 2 : Friday July 31

Frozen Expressions

Presenter: **Georgia Sanson**



Synopsis: This two-part lecture explores the history of art and architecture in Antarctica, from early exploration sketches and historical paintings to contemporary creative and environmental collaborations. It examines how the continent's landscapes have inspired artistic expression, alongside the evolution of Antarctic architecture - from early expedition huts to today's innovative research stations, shaped by extreme conditions and cutting-edge design.

Bio: Georgia is a New Zealand-based pencil artist and architectural designer with industry experience spanning Auckland, Wellington, and Queenstown, where she currently resides. Her diverse creative skill set has contributed to the successful delivery of numerous architectural developments in New Zealand. As an artist, she

specializes in detailed pencil drawings portraying historic personalities and wildlife of Antarctica, along with iconic New Zealand memorabilia. Growing up surrounded by nature, Georgia first visited Antarctica in 2000. As an architectural enthusiast, she has actively studied the history and modern applications of architecture and technology in running remote field stations across the Antarctic continent. Her passions lie in art, the outdoors, and Earth's wild places.

Session 3 : Friday August 7

Terra Australis Incognita

Presenter: **Lou Sanson**



Synopsis: Two Hundred Years of Exploration and Geopolitics in Antarctica Lou will cover the discovery of the world's last continent and some of the bizarre geopolitics that have gone on leading to the creation of the Antarctica Treaty System

Bio: Lou Sanson has worked his entire career in conservation and is currently IUCN Vice Chair for Oceania for the World Commission in Protected Areas.

He helped set up the Dept of Conservation in Invercargill in 1987, became Southland Regional Conservator before taking on the role of CEO of Antarctica NZ from 2002 to 2013 before leading Dept of Conservation as Director General from 2013 to 2021.

He has done over 70 trips to Antarctica and still visits annually leading expedition lecturing teams on the Antarctic Peninsula.