

Marion Wheatland Spinning off to Antarctica



She'll have lots of yarns when she returns.

Boronia's adventurous Marion Wheatland is sailing off to the Antarctic in December, to spin wool on her wheel on an ice flow. When asked why, Marion replied, 'Because I can, to prove it can be done and to lift the profile of spinning; plus I thrive on a challenge.'

Marion is a spinning guru. Founder and Manager of *Fancy Spinning a Yarn* and Leader of *Crossfibres*

Spinning Group who meet at The Basin Community House, anything relating to hand spinning can be resourced from Marion.

Born in Canada, 'but Australian at heart', she came to Australia to live in 1971 with her family when father, Gibby Bauld, took the position of teaching history at the late Boronia High School that was located in Tormore Road, Boronia. It wasn't until 1990, while living at Mulwala, she had the opportunity to fulfil her desire to learn to spin, which in turn led her to study and obtain a Wool Classing Certificate.

Marion thanks her Dad for encouraging her to take chances in life and face up to daring challenges. When he died two years ago part of her inheritance was some money, and it is this legacy that allows her to fulfil her long held dream to 'spin in the Antarctic'. She believes she will be the first person to do so. In the meantime she plans to do some research and have a practise spin on Mount Hotham

After flying to Dunedin, NZ, on 28th December she will join an Antarctic Expedition Cruise of nineteen days with three land stops. Even though it will be summer the temperature will not rise very much above zero. No definite plans can be made about where and when Marion will do her spinning because it will depend on the expedition leader and safety aspects, however she has aspirations to use her wheel on a block of floating ice. Preferably it will be when they go ashore at Fort Dennison, the location of Mawson's Hut. The wool she spins during her adventure will be made into a skein, eventually to be auctioned, with proceeds going to the Mawson Hut Restoration Fund.

Marion has set up a website, *Spinning in Antarctic*.

Marion's Spin on the Frozen Continent, making it possible to follow Marion as she lives her dream.

For those with a general interest in Antarctica or want more information you can look up the website now, not only to learn more about Marion, but learn more about the Antarctic. I know because I did!

Pauline Brown

Boronia

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Boronia Cookery Club - Sensible Slimming with Ann Creber

Ann Creber has had considerable experience in both nutrition and weight control and was the Food Editor of *Slimming and Nutrition Magazine*. Ann will talk about the role of sensible eating and good nutrition in weight management. Delicious recipes are a certainty! Wednesday 27th October @ 2pm
Bookings Essential Ph: 9762 4099

Storytime for PreSchoolers Tues and Thurs @ 11am

Halloween Hullabaloo for Kids

Come celebrate Halloween dressed in your spookiest costumes, for a performance of "Where are the wild things?" by Carp Productions. Finish off the night with some freaky food. Be there or be scared.

Bookings essential. Please note change of venue Knox Library October 29th @ 6.30pm Ph 9801 1422
See you at the library.....Kathy