



The Directors of
Collins Street Gallery

have much pleasure in inviting you to a sale
and auction of Antarctic paintings by

Neil Roberts

Please join us with the artists on

Wednesday March 28, 2012

From 6.00pm – 8.00pm

to be officially opened by

Dr Graham Robertson

**PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST OF THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC DIVISION (AAD)
at 6.30pm.**

Exhibition and sale of works until April 2012
Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Works may be viewed prior to the opening by appointment.

RSVP March 26

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Neil Roberts

Former AFL footballer for St Kilda and Brownlow Medallist, showcases his amazing paintings, inspired by his travels to Antarctica, both with Peregrine and when he was Officer-in-Charge of Mawson Base, Antarctica, from 1971-73.

Neil is also one of the honoured few to be awarded the Polar Medal.

Passionate about the conservation of the Albatross, Neil is holding this night to raise funds for Peregrine's; **Get Albatross off the Hook-Fund.**

All proceeds from Neil's paintings (less costs) will be donated to the Fund.

On the night Peregrine will be auctioning a **10 day Introduction to Antarctica voyage - for two people in a Twin cabin onboard the Ocean Diamond.**

Departing from Ushuaia on November 21-30, 2012

(does not include any local or international air fares).

For more details of this amazing voyage go to:

<http://www.geckosadventures.com/antarctica/antarctica/introduction-antarctica-2012/trip-notes>

Total value \$11,990 (\$5,995* per person)

All proceeds will go to the

Get Albatross off the Hook-Fund.

*highest bid can pay difference between twin cabin and higher cabin categories to upgrade.



**COLLINS STREET GALLERY
& PEREGRINE FUNDRAISING EXHIBITION
AND AUCTION**



Get Albatross off the Hook

by Neil Roberts

with showings by Antarticans Rod McKenzie OAM and Fred Elliott

Albatrosses are under threat from long-line fishing operations which frequent the same nutrient-rich seas favoured by the birds. Over 100,000 Albatrosses needlessly die each year.

The Albatross is one of the planet's most potent symbols of majesty and freedom. It's unthinkable that they are on the verge of being wiped out - particularly by a practice that with minor modifications can be rendered virtually harmless to the birds. This solution requires research, co-operation and urgent action.

Through holding auctions and other fund raising activities on board our ships in Antarctica, Peregrine have raised over A\$600,000, which has been channelled directly into research and conservation projects that we have developed in conjunction with our partners. They include WWF Australia, the Seabirds Funds Advisory Group (chaired by Dr Graham Robertson, Principal Research Scientist at the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)) and Sally Poncet of South Georgia Surveys.

Our current funding is going towards Seabird Mortality Research Project in developing a bait setting capsule. Peregrine is currently working with Graham Robertson (AAD) in designing, building and testing this underwater capsule which it is planned to be eventually mounted on to fishing vessels, most likely on those in Uruguay, which are known to have caused a very high mortality rate in Albatross (in particular wandering Albatross from South Georgia) and Petrels. If successful this one project could have an immediate and significant impact on the plight of these magnificent birds.

Graham will be joining us on the evening and you'll have the opportunity to talk with him about his ongoing research and work.

This is an ongoing project and the plan is to bring to realisation a real and practical solution to long-line fishing by-catch, which is believed to have caused an alarming decline of 10% in the population of wandering Albatross on South Georgia in one year.

Key objectives

1. To eliminate, within a reasonable period of time, the capture of wandering Albatrosses, Northern and Southern Royal Albatrosses and Tristan Albatrosses in the Uruguayan pelagic long-line fishery,
2. To greatly reduce, within a reasonable time frame the mortality rate of other species of sea birds, by the fishing industry.
3. To develop seabird by-catch mitigation methods that are effective in other pelagic long-line fisheries in the world (e.g., Chile, New Zealand, and South Africa).