



# THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

## Monthly Webinar – Wednesday 16 March 2022

An ongoing one hour ACTM sponsored webinar event series in Tropical and Travel Medicine. Registration is open to all Medical, Veterinary and other Healthcare professionals.

### “What freezings I have felt, what dark days seen”



**Dr Natasha Behrendorff**

#### **Guest Speaker Bio – Dr Natasha Behrendorff**

Dr Natasha Behrendorff was born and raised in regional Queensland and attended the University of Queensland for her Bachelor of Science (Honours), PhD and MBBS. While an ACRRM Registrar, she optimistically responded to an advertisement looking for doctors to go to Antarctica.

After surgical separation from her appendix, she would undertake 4 months of training before flying on an *Airbus* to Wilkins Aerodrome in October 2019. While the rest of the world would descend into a pandemic in 2020, the Antarctic stations closed their doors for winter for the ultimate lockdown.

Dr Behrendorff wouldn't leave the continent until March 2021, some 504 days after she arrived. During this time she nurtured life in hydroponics, swam in the ice-cold ocean, participated in a medical evacuation from Davis station with the help of a USAP flight crew and plane, won an Antarctic bicycle race, chased Aurora Australis and boated around looking for leopard seals. Although she thought she wouldn't return to Antarctica for some time, 9 months later she would find herself returning to Casey Station on the heavy-lift cargo ship the *Happy Dragon* as ship's doctor.

In her Australian life, she is a General Surgical service registrar in regional WA and is currently working on her Masters of Healthcare in Remote and Extreme Environments.

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**Webinar will be held at 7.00PM AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT) time – Wed 16 March**