



DID YOU KNOW



IRL distinguished scientist and Hector Medal winner Dr Tim Haskell has joined an elite group of Antarctic explorers and scientists who have had geographic features in the region named after them.

Haskell Strait lies beneath the permanent McMurdo Ice Shelf and has Scott Base on its shores. With two operational airfields located above it, the Strait is a busy area in the Antarctic research effort. Its size and significant currents mean it ranks in importance alongside Cook Strait and the Straits of Gibraltar.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

With the challenges represented by climate change looming large, the importance

of research into Antarctic sea ice cannot be underestimated.

The choice of name recognises Dr Haskell's long association with New Zealand's Antarctic research programme and his standing as a leading figure in New Zealand's oceanographic science community.

It is also a rare honour and exemplifies IRL scientists' world-leading expertise not only in the laboratory but in some of the harshest environments on Earth.

