

From Darren Crawford

I wish to extend our thanks and our congratulations for the outstanding success that was the 24th Annual Friends of Parks Forum, "Footsteps in the Flinders". The positive feedback for the event has been fantastic and rumours have started that this forum has set the benchmark for future events. I can only say well done and I hope you all feel the stress and effort was worth it. Whilst we have strived to make this event owned entirely by the Friends of Flinders (and rightly so) there is an element of association for the staff – that is, if the event wasn't a success, and we had no doubts that it was going to be, it would have reflected as such on the staff. The opposite couldn't have been truer and we thank you. The format of the Forum with keynote speakers and information sessions in the morning and the variety of tours kept everyone energised and interested and was a brilliant way of getting the Friends out in Park. Feedback from these tours has been excellent – well done Tony, I know this was particularly stressful for you. The Forum ran smoothly and was a credit to the team involved with every detail being covered. We extend our thanks to the Herculean efforts of Vince Monterola and the dedicated Forum organising committee. The helpful volunteers, who made sure we had food, ran the PA system, parked cars, registered delegates, acted as tour leaders, set up and pulled down marquees and undertook the plethora of other jobs that made the event an outstanding success. A note of appreciation should also go to the ever reliable Tom McIntosh for his valuable support. While I know everyone is still breathing a sigh of relief from the forum, we are still hoping to get a lot achieved on the Guide Hut Project before we break for the summer and the team and I look forward to working with you all on this valuable project. Thanks again and see you all soon.

Darren