

From Vince

It's over. After living with the Forum preparation for more than 2 years we can now look back and agree it was a job well done. Those among us who had reservations about our Group's ability to host a Forum will now know that nothing is too difficult for a team working well together. In addition to the feedback many of you received at the Forum we have received letters and emails and phone calls. All say much the same thing, delegates very much enjoyed the Forum and the Flinders, and we have set a new benchmark for Forums in the future. Delegates liked the friendliness, the program, the tours, the marquee decor, the overall organisation, the meals, and the location. Many people seem to have assessed the event from our position and have commented on the extensive range of things they realised we needed to purchase or hire, the intricate planning we needed to do, and the detail to which we needed to organise. They seemed surprised we could do it. That reflects directly on the incredible amount of work done by each of our members who accepted responsibility for a particular function either on the Committee or in a special role during the days of Forum. Few of us can be aware of all the effort put in behind the scenes by some of our Flinders Friends. Because I was in constant contact with them all I can tell you that without their readiness to stick with the job, and their attention to making sure things were done just right, we could not have hosted such a successful Forum. Every member of the Forum Committee has earned the highest commendation and all the gratitude we can express. And without the wonderful support of other Friends, some from Groups other than our own, our standard of hosting would have been less than we were able to offer over the weekend. These Friends rightly share the commendation and gratitude offered to Committee members. Among the many highlights of Forum was the constant example of volunteers and staff achieving greater success when working together. No better example of a genuine on-Park working relationship could be expected than what Forum delegates witnessed at Wilpena. Thank you all most sincerely for your contribution to our Forum. I trust you will agree that all of the frustrations, the tensions, the hard work and hours committed, were in the best interest of promoting the Park with which we each have such close affinity.

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