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Dear Forum Steering Committee

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Steering Committee and all the volunteers who contributed to the Friends of Parks Forum held at the Old Wilpena Homestead.

Events such as the Forum cannot be achieved without the investment of considerable time and energy, and I would like to offer my personal thanks for the enormous effort that the Committee has invested over the past two years to bring the Forum to fruition.

The Forum was well organised and thoroughly enjoyable - clearly a highlight of the Friends of Parks calendar.

The opportunity to inform and engage Friends of Parks volunteers in key Departmental initiatives through staff presentations was welcomed. The ensuing discussions over the weekend indicate that this was well received by the Forum participants, and reflected the strong partnership between the Friends of Parks network and the Department.

Once again, congratulations on the delivery of a highly successful Forum. I wish you all the best with your future volunteering endeavours.

Yours sincerely

John Schutz

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