

Welcome to the new committee members. I look forward to working together with you over the next 12 months.

I thought as incoming president, I should speak very briefly about my vision for the group, and what I would like to see the group explore in the foreseeable future.

I reviewed the Friends objectives:

- To provide voluntary assistance to National Parks and Wildlife SA
- Publicise and raise funds for specific projects
- To provide for the enjoyment of members, staff and the public and to stimulate public awareness for our national parks and the State's flora and fauna.
- To develop improved attitudes in the community towards outdoor recreation and the preservation of our natural environment
- To cooperate with other community groups or organisations having similar interests.

I don't want to lose sight of the achievements the group has made to date, and I would like to see some work done on recognizing and documenting our achievements, to acknowledge the value of individuals knowledge, expertise and contribution to the group, and to foster a climate in which this history can be passed on to new members of the group.

- To look at new ways to engage and mobilize existing non-active members of the group.
- To engage with the community, especially with a view to attracting new membership.
- To engage with other groups, to share ideas, strategies, successes and possibly resources.
- To continue to explore opportunities to fund our activities.

Now, I realize that each of these broad concepts require a great deal of clarification, expansion, discussion and work to put them into action, and not all of the ideas I have will be accepted by all members of the group, nor indeed they pass "reality checks" that will challenge them. But I hope that we can all work cooperatively together to maintain and enhance the excellent work the group has achieved to date.

John Fleming