

Message to Friends of the Pinnacle AGM from Mary Porter AM MLA
2pm 24 July 2011

I am sorry that I am unable to attend the fotpin AGM this afternoon, as I am interstate, however I wanted to send you this short message on this important occasion.

Firstly I would like to thank the current Committee for all their hard work and secondly to congratulate the incoming Committee members, being elected this afternoon. As a person who has sat on numerous committees of not for profit groups over the years, I know that being a member of one is often very time consuming, demanding and sometimes frustrating, when, after all your hard work it seems the desired outcomes are still a way off.

Of course it does bring its rewards, as any form of volunteering does. I am sorry that my volunteering has been minimal to put it mildly, but hopefully with 2 “bionic” hips now I can contribute more on the practical side.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who have been involved in any way this year, and in the past, helping fotpin to realize its long list of achievements. You should all be justifiably proud of your successes.

Even though I haven't been out in the field wielding a mattock of late, I know that there are things that I can contribute even when I am not physically able to chip weeds etc. I see one of my most important roles is to keep lobbying for the inclusion of the Bottom Pinnacle and North Kama in the nature reserve, so that fotpin can carry out remedial and restoration work in that space.

Also I continue working with the Minister regarding the establishment of a parkcare focal point at the shearing shed on the former North Kama leasehold, and, with the permission of the Committee, can approach likely sponsors for in kind or financial support for the project.

Things sometimes take longer than you would want of course, however I am sure that your determination to make a difference will pay off in the long term.

I look forward to hearing from you after the AGM, to see where else I can most usefully direct my efforts as a fotpin member.

Thank you.

Mary Porter AM MLA.