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Dear Peter

Re: Grimes Re enactment Festival 2003

This letter is to express to you, and to Maribyrnong River Cruises, the grateful thanks of Melbourne's Living Museum of the West for your support of the Charles Grimes re-enactment, on Saturday-Sunday, 1-2 February 2003. We also congratulate you heartily on the success of the whole event, and acknowledge that you were the originator and inspirer of the event, in conjunction with Friends of the Maribyrnong Valley, as well as its driving force and the connecting link between four different ceremonies. You also played an important role as chairperson of the Steering Committee for the project.

We especially thank you and your sons for your sterling work on three boats and for the very substantial in-kind contribution that Maribyrnong River Cruises has made, totalling, I understand, at least \$11,000.00. I gather that you worked for many hours and I personally appreciated your taking on such a huge task. It was an enormously valuable contribution to a remarkable event.

Feedback from a range of people has shown there was great community enjoyment and enthusiasm regarding the celebrations. There was also a huge amount of local input, in terms of hours of unpaid work. All in all, we felt it was a very worthwhile event, commemorating a key moment in the history of European settlement, involving key agencies and four municipalities, and increasing awareness of Melbourne's two rivers.

We greatly value your support and look forward to your continuing involvement in the coming year. The next Committee of Management meeting will be on Wednesday, 26 February 2003 at 5.30 p.m. I hope to see you then

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Susan Jennison

President

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Dear Peter,

GRIMES EXPEDITION BICENTENARY PLAQUE UNVEILING

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the unveiling of the Grimes Expedition Bicentenary Plaque on 27 February.

The unveiling of the plaque on the Yarra River South Bank at the Turning Basin, was a wonderful function in which your participation was outstanding.

The fundamental purpose in unveiling this plaque was to help correct history and to ensure that Surveyor General Charles Grimes and his map of Port Phillip and the detailed record keeping of John Flemming receive recognition. I believe that this objective has been achieved due to the events that have been held over the past month culminating in Thursday's plaque unveiling and preview of the CD-ROM. I am very grateful for your efforts in this regard. There is no doubt that your strong participation provided the necessary success factor.

I would be most grateful if you could convey my thanks to everyone involved in the reconstruction, their participation certainly provided a great start to the event.

Once again please accept my deepest gratitude for your participation in, and support of, the bicentenary celebrations of Surveyor Charles Grimes' expedition to Port Phillip.

Yours sincerely,

Keith C. Bell, RFD
Chairman
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