

Farewell Phil

You will be missed!

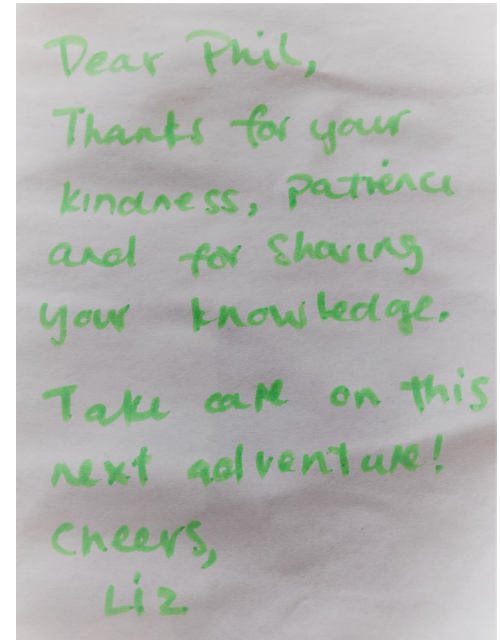


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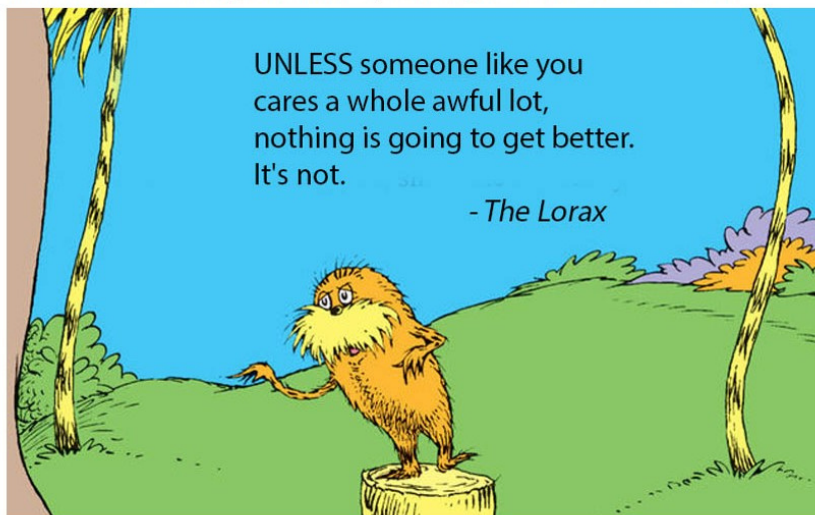
Great Forest Picnic 2017

There was a fine bruiser called Phil
Whose fists were remarkably still
With words and good sense
And an eye for pretence
He fought with wit and will
- Adrian



It been great ride Phil,
congratulations on your work.
Enjoy your well-deserved
retirement.
Matt

Happy retirement Phil,
Thanks for caring and for speaking for the trees! Sera



Phil!

It has been a pleasure getting to know you over the past 6 months. In that short time, I was able to see what a huge role you have played in nature conservation with the VNPA. I can only imagine how much influence you've had over the years. Well done on being a persistent advocate and never giving up, even when things get complicated. I wish you the best of luck for your retirement and the adventures you'll come across in the future. Looking forward to catching up at the work Christmas event and beyond.

Take care, Rachel N

Dear Phil,
It has been a absolute
pleasure working with
you over many years.
You will be greatly
missed! I wish you
all the best for the
next phase in your life.
Enjoy!
Cheers,
Charlotte.

Dear Phil,
What a treat to work with you and your wisdom over
the last 3 years. You will be missed, but thank you for
dedicating your life to nature, it is truly inspiring to
many of us. Enjoy your time 'off.'
Cheers, Shannon

Dear Phil,
Congratulations on your contribution to
the VNPA and the resulted impact and
efforts in conserving our natural
environment.
I hope your next step are exciting and
hopefully provides the right amount of
time to hang out with the birds and trees!
All the best
Simon



Dear Phil,

Thank you so much for all you've done to protect Victoria's environment throughout your time here at the VNPA. We're all very lucky to have worked with someone with as much knowledge, passion and integrity as you. I especially appreciate the advice you gave when it comes to foraging the media during my first couple of Fish Counts and Sea Slug Censuses!

Wishing you all the best for whatever comes next,

- Nicole

P.S. I wouldn't think of a sea slug named after a "Phil" but I got pretty close.



*Phyllodesmium
macphersonae*

To Phil,

Enjoy your retirement and thank you for your care and persistence for our parks and the natural world.

I never had a conversation with you that I didn't learn something new and made me a better campaigner.

I hope to learn more from you over the years

Thank you and I hope you spend plenty of time out bush

Jordan

Dear Phil,

Thanks for everything you've done for national parks, nature and the VNPA.

*Some memories and thoughts from me, according to your name! **P-H-I-L** stands for:*

P*rom* – you've been one of the guardians of our beloved Prom. The 'Shine a Light' event you organised in 2013 was such an inspiring event for me and all involved. Remember you lost your voice using your megaphone to keep the spirits up of the supporters spelling out HANDS OFF PARKS!

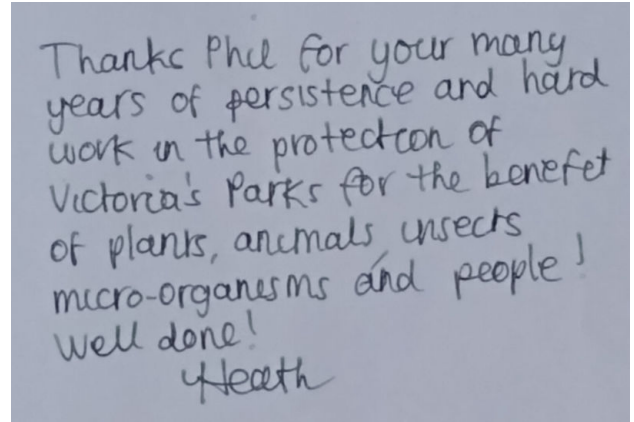
H*elpful* – you've provided me and the team helpful advice on many things, including how to write something with just the right words and tone, and also how to approach a tricky situation. I remember you gave me much needed support preparing for a speech I had to give at a funeral for one of our donors.

I*nteresting* (and amusing) stories and experiences you shared from your life, travels and campaigning adventures – you've got so many, and I loved hearing them and learning from them.

L*ucky* to have you! VNPA has really benefited from your knowledge, networks, experience and hard work. You'll certainly be missed.

All the very best for the next chapter and let's keep in touch.

Warm wishes, Emily



Phil, thanks for being the nudibranch among the trees. By that I mean, thanks for being able to talk about something other than terrestrial campaigning. The marine team are slightly outnumbered at VNPA so it has been refreshing to hear about your love of nudibranchs and share a few salty tales with you. I will miss your sense of humour and encyclopaedic knowledge of many things. Enjoy the windy path ahead. Cheers, Kade

Phil – I've been here for such a short time, however your knowledge, passion and impact is so clearly evident. I hope you can now take the time to wander through the places you have fought to protect, and just be in their loveliness.

Luce

Dearest Phil,

All my warmest wishes for a wonderful retirement. After all that you have done for nature in Victoria - especially for the Alps and The Prom - it's well deserved! I so look forward to seeing what you get up to in the future.

Your deep knowledge and wit
will be greatly missed,
Amelia

Dear Phil

It has been a privilege working with you the past few years. Both your knowledge and care for nature is truly impressive. I have most enjoyed your writing for Park Watch – you really have a beautiful and precise way with words. So many of your pieces have transported me to Victoria's natural places and I'm sure other readers feel the same. And you have such a skill for clearly explaining complicated policy (and on multiple occasions making me chuckle out loud with your turns of phrase criticising government ineptitude and bad decisions). Thank you for all you have done for nature over your career, and all the best for your retirement!

Meg

Phil,

What a lucky duck I am to have worked with you. I've only just scratched the surface of your knowledge - which impresses and inspires me on a daily basis.

What a terrific legacy you leave (and I am sure will continue to grow) with us and for the conservation movement in Victoria.

Thanks for all your time, humour and insight. It really has been an edifying experience working with you. I hope you stay close to our orbit and continue to influence parks protection in our state.

Jessie





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