

Friends of Kurth Kiln

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A group of people concerned with the preservation of this beautiful site, and in promoting greater public awareness of its historic value.



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Dear Program Team,

Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations Completion Report Application 2011/12

Referring you to our funding application under this Grants Series of 19 July 2011 we would have liked funding to establish a Heritage Walk at Kurth Kiln. The proposal was to create a Self-guided Heritage Walk through historic artefacts at Kurth Kiln with the aid of a series of Interpretation Panels explaining the function and the history of the equipment on display. It would have improved the effectiveness of our activities in promoting greater public awareness of the uniqueness and the historic significance of the Heritage that is Kurth Kiln, the first charcoal kiln capable to operate continuously.

The project had been costed at \$22,880 and the funding sought for was \$17,380.00, with \$1500.00 Administration costs. The Hon Tony Burke MP in his letter B11/2177 explained that the department had been unable to give us the \$17,380.00, but would provide the \$1,500.00 towards administration cost of our organisation: for example, administrative staff salaries, utilities and office rental. The Friends of Kurth Kiln are a voluntary organisation with no administrative staff or office rentals to cater for. So, as advised at that time, the group decided to apply the \$1,500 funding toward the publication of a promotional calendar, highlighting the cultural heritage of Kurth Kiln and some of our activities in promoting greater public awareness.

It is with great pleasure we now advise the completion of this project and include with this letter a copy of the calendar so produced. The calendar will be on display at our upcoming Heritage Festival on Sunday 14 April and will be a valuable asset as a gift to dignitaries and contributing volunteers for the services they provide to the Friends of Kurth Kiln activities.

Our annual Kurth Kiln Heritage Festival this year is part of the National Trust's Heritage Celebrations during the month's of April and May.

Publishing costs of the 300 copies of the Calendar produced amounted to \$1,679.70 which is slightly above the \$1,500 funding provided by you, the difference being made up by members contributions. A copy of the publisher's Invoice "Courtney Colour Graphics" is attached for your information.

May I again thank you for your ongoing contributions of our volunteering activities in our quest for greater public awareness of Australia's Cultural Heritage.

Kind regards,
Alfred Klink
Friends of Kurth Kiln Public Officer