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Dear Suzie

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend Andy Farrant's farewell function on 28th March 2008.

Unfortunately I will be with my Board of Trustees in Streaky Bay on that day and unable to attend the function.

I would, however like to place on record the respect and admiration I have for Andy. His commitment to working tirelessly in raising the profile of the arts across regional Australia, and importantly, his efforts in increasing the level of resources available for regional arts have been very much appreciated.

As we have worn out shoe leather marching around Parliament House talking up the arts in regional Australia, Andy always represented the sector with professionalism, integrity and, most importantly, great passion.

It is also true to say that whenever Andy and I were in Canberra promoting the arts there was never a 'short' meeting. Andy never ran out of words in his eloquent descriptions of the needs of the arts in regional Australia.

Andy has always led from the front and in doing so has played a significant role in ensuring that both Country Arts WA and Regional Arts Australia have enjoyed a high profile and a reputation as achieving organisations.

The arts across regional Australia will be the poorer for Andy's decision to move on to greener pastures. Although I should report in South Australia, where it stopped raining several years ago, there are no green pastures.

As someone who has shared a room with Andy on a number of occasions, and as a consequence has got to know him better than most, I can say with authority that it has been an absolute pleasure to have worked with him over the past 10 years.

I trust Andy enjoys the next chapter in his life and I look forward to staying in touch with him as our paths cross in the months and years to come.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'K' and a long, horizontal stroke for the 'L'.

Ken Lloyd

Chief Executive Officer