

Update from the Chair – Mary Lou Simpson OAM, June 2022

Developments at the Nilpena Ediacara National Park

The Foundation Board recently toured the Nilpena Ediacara National Park with Ross Fargher the former owner and present caretaker of the park along with Department of Environment and Water (DEW) managers. What has been achieved at the fossil site, the visitor precinct and the Blacksmith Shop is unique and a world first. The landscaping, revegetation, irrigation, signage, roadways and parking facilities are impressive.

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO) – the world premiere of Cathy Milliken's, *Earth Plays V: Ediacaran Fields*

The ASO is performing *Symphony Series 4 – Serenity*, on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 June at Adelaide Town Hall.

Young conductor, Benjamin Northey with violin soloist, Emily Sun will take us on a journey of serenity. Composer, Cathy Milliken visited the South Australian Museum to learn about the Ediacaran fossils which represent the dawn of animal life and was greatly moved by their story which she has captured in the world premiere of *Earth Plays V: Ediacaran Fields*.

The concerts will also include the much-loved Vaughan Williams, *The Lark Ascending*, Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and Saint-Saëns *Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso*.

Tickets are available - [buy tickets](#)

Here are some photos of what is happening at the site. You can see more pictures from our visit [here](#).



The Nilpena Ediacara National Park entrance with a \$5,000 contribution from the Foundation



The Blacksmith's Shop repurposed into an immersive educational interpretation centre with a contribution of \$360,000 from the Foundation. Since this photo was taken the landscaping has been completed, incorporating a range of plants and shrubs that are native to the location.