

Science in the Bush, Mt Gambier Friday 16 August, 2002

Topic: Spare Parts for Humans

Scientist: Professor Sue Serjeantson, AAS

ABC Presenter: Mr Alan Richardson, Manager, ABC South East SA

Host co-ordinators: Ms Elaine Pollock, SE ACC and Nancy Withers, Women in Business and Regional Development

Programs

The excellent program put together by the Mt Gambier team saw a number of very valuable spin-offs from the Science in the Bush event. See Mt Gambier program for the Barn activities and report; the ABC itinerary and Science in the Bush itinerary. The feedback was for the dinner presentation held in the Barn during the evening.

Feedback

36 forms were returned from audience of around 60

The feedback forms ask

- Did you learn anything new? Heaps 18; Quite a lot: 17 ; Nothing much: ; no response: .
- Did the evening meet your expectations? Exceeded: 24; Met: 11; Failed: ; no response:
- Was the evening entertaining? Very: 35 ; Somewhat: ; Not at all: ; no response;

The maximum possible score is 9 points (response for 1=3 points; 2=2; 3=1)

Score	#
9	14
8	16
7	6
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1	
0 (no resp)	
Total	36

Not all respondents commented on the event. The comments of those who did are listed below. The responses to the three items above indicate that the majority of those present really enjoyed the evening. All those responding found the evening very entertaining. Of those who learnt 'quite a lot', some explained that they had already studied genetics. This is a remarkably consistent set of responses for a Science in the Bush event. Sue, Alan and the organisers are to be congratulated on its success.

Comments

- A most interesting evening. Thank you.
- Very good presentation—a treat!
- Good speakers who really knew their subjects well and communicated not only their knowledge, but also their interest in their subjects. (also commented that rating '2' for learning was 'only because I have already studied genetics!')
- A most interesting evening, thank you!
- More of these exposures would be appreciated, please!
- Sue is a great speaker. Very entertaining and presents her topic in an easily understood manner.
- Excellent presentation of the Barn itself, i.e. Posters, exhibits, multimedia.
- Very well done. It was considerate to offer a choice of menu.
- Guest speaker Sue Serjeantson was most interesting and was fascinating in her line of profession. It is great to get speakers (such) as these to the country areas. Genetics is 'so happening' in the world today, so was most relevant
- Very good to have so many questions from the floor
- Very interesting and topical subject—well chosen
- Thank you. Informative and entertaining. Job well done for planning team and presenters.
- It is great to have an opportunity like this in the South East. I particularly liked the way in which the young people were included.
- A great presentation that encouraged further thought and answered many questions.
- I found the presentation very informative and on a humanistic level; for all to understand.
- Terrific effort
- Sue was excellent. Could (have) listened to her for twice as long.
- Relaxed environment. A very sincere and genuine person. Good food, good venue. Pity about service in relation to drinks.
- Very informative and entertaining. Thank you for this session of sharing your knowledge with us all at a level that we could understand
- Very worthwhile and interesting
- (Responses) one and two are not meant to be negative (responded '2' for both). It's just that I listen to the ABC and Alan Richardson often enough that I was actually fairly conversant with what Sue said. Sue is an excellent speaker and I really enjoyed the presentation. Keep it up and good luck for more funding. It's a great concept.
- It was great to confirm that everything I had interpreted for my senior biology students was spot on.
- Professor Serjeantson spoke in a very natural, easy to understand manner. I hope that this was not the last occasion on which such cutting edge topics are able to be presented with such authority and honesty
- Very interesting, well explained and thought provoking. Excellent!!

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