

January 8, 2017
Cascabel, Arizona

Dear Mick,

All of us on the board of the Cascabel Working Group send our warmest thoughts to you. It has been our great privilege and honor to work under your leadership, to share in your friendship, and to have you as a deeply valued part of our community. We are very proud of how you have managed to direct our group in a way that reflected your dignity, your vision, and your unflagging dedication to the San Pedro Valley, its people, and its wildlife.

Mick, you have been our mentor and a constant source of inspiration to every one of us. Your astonishing efforts toward protecting our valley, combined with the courage and integrity you have demonstrated when representing our group in public could have only come from a truly remarkable person like you. The vast amount of research, written documents, and more that you have produced will continue to help us preserve and protect the San Pedro Valley for a long time into the future.

Your wisdom, guidance, and involvement with so many aspects of our community has been beyond invaluable. The Cascabel Conservation Association, Baicatcan and the Community Garden, The Cascabel Working Group, our Christmas fairs and other events, and the enduring legacy of the Hobb's parcel acquisition all owe a great deal to your efforts, your generosity, and above all, your selfless and giving nature.

We would also like you to know that you have given voice to those that cannot be heard. Your heartfelt work has helped to ensure a better future for all of the wild animals, birds, and other creatures that grace our surroundings with their presence.

All of us live within the thoughts and memories of our fellow man. When we think of you, we think of a gentle and unassuming man who stands head and shoulders above the crowd. We remember the warmth of your unforgettable smile. We think of your untiring work, your many accomplishments, and how you have been such a treasure to our beloved community. We remember a man of compassion, charisma, and kindness toward all whom he met with.

We deeply regret that you may be leaving us so soon, but we want you to know that your spirit will live on in our hearts and minds, in the trees, the wind, and the animals, and in our community for which you have contributed so much. All of us pledge to continue your work and to hold your memory in the warmest place in our hearts. We love you, Mick.

With our most sincere thanks and our deepest gratitude,

[ed. Note: Obituary can be read by clicking on the yucca flower graphic on the CWG home page]