Hi, my name's Roger Sexton and, like you, I'm fortunate enough to be a member of the Flinders alumni. I completed my Economics (Hons) degree there in 1971. The experience had a huge influence on me. My prior schooling had really only prepared me to obey rules and rote-learn. Flinders, however, did much the opposite. Rather than just demand I memorise answers, it challenged me to ask questions and try new things. And importantly...

It imprinted the fundamental value of applying my skills in ways that would benefit our community.

I'll never forget, for example, the time I spent coaching some Yatala Gaol inmates in debating during my final year, so that they might be better able to contribute to society upon their release. A Flinders lecturer came up with the idea after doing some counselling there and asked for volunteers. It didn't fit the “economist” mould. But as the lecturer pointed out, I had the skills and I knew it would do good. So why not?

That spirit has stayed with me ever since. Throughout my working life I've assisted various community groups, such as the Service to Youth Council and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, led fundraising for Flinders Marine Science Centre, Chaired the Flinders Cancer Centre (1997-1999) and am now Chaising the University’s fundraising arm, the Karmel Endowment Fund.

I'm far from an exception, either. I've met and worked with many Finders alumni over the years, all of whom felt the same drive to contribute. And I continue to see it in the students of today.

But we mustn’t take Flinders influence for granted. Broadening and inspiring young minds, as effectively as Flinders does, requires a lot of resources. So although current needs are being met, if it’s to do more it must raise more. So... Will you help extend the gift of a Flinders education to future generations?

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Kind regards

Roger Sexton AM
Chair, Karmel Endowment Fund

P.S. I recently met a current Flinders PhD candidate in Creative Writing, Ms Hannah Kent (with me in the pic' above), who reminded me of another vital Flinders gift - entrepreneurialism. As a result of the support and connections Flinders has given her, Hannah’s already been able to establish a business of her own. That energy and self-belief drives communities forward.

“At a time when society’s faced with so many challenges, the broad, community-minded perspective imparted by Flinders is more important than ever. Your contribution couldn’t be more valuable.”

Professor Michael N Barber FAA FTSE
Vice-Chancellor and President

I agree, we can’t take Flinders positive influence for granted.

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