

**To the Carnarvon team —**

25 June 2024.

**F**or those of you who remain with us, I would like to offer my personal appreciation for the work you did so many years ago, on what is now the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the station.

When Colin reached out to me to share the video of what life was like at the station during the Gemini program, it brought back fond memories. Not of the station itself, of course — I was never there — but of the era and its promise. I was 16-17 years old during the Gemini Program and on my way to becoming, eventually, part of the American space effort. I was deeply attentive to every launch in Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. In those long-ago days when a spacecraft had to pass over a tracking station to be heard, I remember hearing of Carnarvon so many times that it seemed to me to be an integral part of what my country, and yours, were doing in space. And it was.

I salute your work in a time when we were, all of us, much younger and believed that we would never stop looking, and going, outward to space. You made a difference.

*Michael Griffin*

Administrator, NASA, 2005-09.

