



As 2025 draws to a close, it is important to recognise and celebrate the many anniversaries celebrated by Clubs and Areas throughout the year. These collective milestones highlight the dedication and enthusiasm that make our Society.

A standout of the year was our own national Diamond 60th anniversary, marked at the AGM and Conference held in Wellington in April. Despite challenging weather conditions that tested everyone's resolve, the spirit and resilience of Kiwi floral art enthusiasts shone through. The majority of the registrants were able to brave the elements and gathered to create a stunning Designer of the Year exhibition, showcasing their creativity and collaboration at its finest.

A special highlight of the conference was the presence of our guest international designer, whose captivating floral theatre left a lasting impression on all attendees. The stunning beauty and artistry of the creations were truly mesmerising. The event culminated in a memorable dinner, where guests sat amongst a visual feast of designs and celebrated together. Neither age nor mobility proved a barrier, as everyone embraced the joy of the evening and danced into the night.

Throughout the year, we have taken joy in recognising the progress and achievements of members at every level, from novices to advanced designers. These shared experiences have allowed us to appreciate the beauty of nature, the lightness that fun brings to our lives, and the deep meaning found in the friendship of flowers.

As you gather with family and friends during this festive season, may the Joy, Love, and Peace of Christmas be with you all. Let us look forward to another year filled with friendship and the continued celebration of flowers in 2026.

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