

**FLOWERS ALIVE**



**Celebrating The Floral Art Society of New Zealand Inc  
60th Anniversary Conference & AGM 2nd - 4th May 2025**

**Tākina Conference Centre, Wellington**

Please join us for an unforgettable event featuring the National Designer of the Year 2025 Competition and an Open competition for all members to showcase their floral design skills and passion. Immerse yourself in a world of creativity, explore new techniques, and witness skilled members leading exciting mini demonstrations. Engage with the public, share your knowledge and kindness, and inspire others with your interactions. Spread positivity wherever you go! Experience a captivating demonstration by a globally acclaimed floral artist and partake in a glamorous gala dinner where we will celebrate the art of floral design and the vibrant community that has thrived for over six decades.

**Let's make this anniversary a blooming success! 🌸🎉 #FloralArtSociety60YearsStrong**

## Daily Programme 2nd - 3rd May 2025

### Friday 2nd May 2025

All events on Level One - Takina Conference Centre,  
Rongomatane Foyer unless otherwise advised

**8.00am - 8.45am DOY + Open Competition Pack in**

**8.45am - 12.45pm DOY + Open Competitions**

**9.30am Morning Tea Competitors**

**11.00am - 3.30pm Public invited to observe Open Competition**

**11.00am - 3.00pm Interactive Demos**  
*'Flower Power Mini Moments'*

**11.00am - 2.00pm Registration**

**1.00pm - 2.00pm LUNCH Registrants only**

**1.15pm - 4.30pm Judging**

**2.30pm - 4.00pm Technique Stations Registrants only**  
Rongomatane Rooms B + C

**4.00pm - 4.30pm Afternoon tea Registrants + members only**

**4.30pm - 6.00pm Prize-giving + Diary Awards**

**6.00pm - Day one concludes**

### Saturday 3rd May 2025

All events on Level One - Rongomatane Foyer  
unless otherwise advised

**8.00am - 9.00am Maintenance of designs**

**8.45am - 9.15 Morning Tea Registrants only**

**9.00am - 9.20am FASNZ AGM**  
**DELEGATES REGISTRATION**  
Rongomatane Room C

**9.30am - 11.00am AGM & Presentations**  
to be seated by **9.30am**

**11.00am - 3.30pm Public Viewing**

**11.00am - 3.00pm Interactive Demos**  
*'Flower Power Mini Moments'*

**1.00pm - 2.00pm LUNCH Registrants only**

**4.00pm - 6.00pm FLORAL DEMONSTRATION**  
Rongomatane Rooms B +C  
to be seated by **3.45pm A & B Registrants**

**6.30pm - 9.30pm ANNIVERSARY DINNER**  
**A & B Registrants**

**9.30pm - 11.00pm - PACK OUT all designs**

### THE BOTTOM LINE -

**A PACKAGE : COST \$550 INCL. GST**  
Is inclusive of all events and meals as listed.

**B PACKAGE : COST \$350 INCL. GST**  
Floral Demonstration + Gala Dinner only  
Does not include T&T or lunch or refreshments

### REGISTRATION

Opens **13 January 2025**, closes **01 April 2025**  
Online only at: [www.fasnz.org.nz/events](http://www.fasnz.org.nz/events).

### CANCELLATION

We endeavour to support our members with a refund in emergency circumstances less a \$50.00 administration fee.  
Commercial requirements beyond our control impact our ability to refund and will be taken into account.  
There is no refund for change of mind.

## EVENT DETAILS



**10.00am - 3.00pm Interactive Demos - Open to registered and non-registered members and the public**

**'Flower Power Mini Moments'**

**Session times: 11.00am 12.00pm 1.00pm 2.00pm 3.00pm**

This inspiring and vibrant series uniquely offers you the chance to immerse yourself in the world of floral art through engaging and interactive demonstrations.

Our talented presenters are excited to share their tips and hints on:

- Enjoying flowers in your home
- Adding your own creative touch
- Crafting simple yet stunning designs
- Using treasured containers
- Working with colour to enhance your floral arrangements

**2.30pm - 4.00pm Technique Stations - Open to Registrants only**

**'Totally Terrific Techniques'**

Join our talented technique teachers for their take on a totally terrific technique, share in the learning, garner ideas and inspiration for yourself, to incorporate in your own designing, to share with others as is the spirit of floral art, or to extend into new opportunities.

**4.00pm - 6.00pm Floral Demonstration - Open to A & B Registrants**

Experience the exceptional artistry of an internationally renowned floral designer who has captured the admiration of none other than Gregor Lersch himself. With a unique creative vision and impeccable skill, this floral maestro combines passion and precision to craft breathtaking blooms that transcend borders and cultures. Discover the magic of floral design at its finest with this masterful artist; where each creation is a symphony of colour, texture, and form, meticulously crafted to captivate all your senses and evoke emotions beyond words.

**6.30pm - 9.30pm Anniversary Gala Dinner - Open to A & B Registrants**

**'Dine with Diamonds'**

We are each a diamond, developed under pressure, perfected by nature and design. Share your diamond's facets with flourish at our celebration dinner.

**In fields of flowers, magic blooms,  
Each petal gleaming like diamonds bright,  
Underneath the golden sun's warm light.  
Diamonds sparkling in the sun,  
A treasure known by everyone,  
But in the heart, true wealth is found,  
In fellowship and joy unbound.**

## Flowers Alive – since 1965 Competition schedule



### Open Competition Classes 1 and 2

- Registration:** Must be on the official entry via the [www.fasnz.org.nz/events](http://www.fasnz.org.nz/events) website on a first in basis.
- Open Competition:** Class 1 and 2 are open to all FASNZ financial members.
- Closing Date:** April 1, 2025
- Venue:** Rongomatane Level 1, Takina Convention Centre, Wakefield St, Wellington.

### Class 1 - Details

#### Thursday May 1, 2025

2pm – 5pm Locate space, deliver materials, set up staging. No placements of fresh plant material.

#### Friday May 2, 2025

- 8.00am – 8.45am Final pack in and briefing.
- 8.45am – 12.45pm Open Class 1 competition commences.  
**Please note:** from 11am the venue opens to registrants and the public, competitors to continue in an open engagement format.
- 9.30am Morning tea available for competitors.
- 12.45pm Competitors to complete and depart venue promptly.
- 1.15pm – 4pm Judging – viewing of designs open to registrants and public

**Final Pack Out** Saturday May 3, 9.30pm – 11.00pm

- Class 1 Judges:** Margaret Ashley, Carol Rains, Melissa Petersen
- Judging system** To be judged all around using FASNZ General Design Points System
- Prizes** 1st \$500.00, 2nd \$300.00, 3rd \$200.00
- Special Awards** Best Use of Colour and Most Innovative

### Class 1

#### Title: *'Dine Extravaganza'*

- Contemporary design to be staged on a provided oval table
- Table dimensions are 220cms length x 160cms width x 76cms high.
- Table dressed in black with skirt to the floor.
- Allocated space extends 40cms beyond the table dimensions.
- Design may extend a maximum of 30cms beyond the table dimensions.
- No height restriction.
- Design to allow for 8 diners at the table.
- No chairs will be at the table during designing or judging.
- To be judged all around using FASNZ General Design Points system.
- An entry can be one or two designers, both designers to be members of FASNZ and registered for the full Conference, names to be specified on the entry form.

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### Class 2 - Details

#### Friday May 2, 2025

12pm (midday) – 12.45pm Pre-done design to be delivered and staged

**Final Pack Out** Saturday May 3, 9.30pm – 11.00pm

### Class 2 - Details

**Title:** *'Beyond 25'*

Contemporary Garland

Garland to be 120cms in length, maximum height 30cms, maximum width 30cms.

No floral foam to be used.

Designs to be staged on provided oval table dressed in black with skirt to the floor.

May be more than one garland per table.

**Judging** by People's Choice, winner to be announced at Celebration dinner.

## General Information - applicable to all classes

### Information:

Plant material must pre-dominate, artificial plant forms are not permitted.  
Waterproof covering for carpet to be provided by the designer and used during designing.  
Steps may be appropriate for higher placements, note safety clause.  
Use of pre-prepared components in accordance with FLAIR.  
There is no storage space for replacement plant material.  
There is an onsite storage space for labelled flower boxes.  
A rubbish skip will be available at the service dock.  
Maintenance and watering for all classes is Saturday 3 May from 8am to 9am .

### Packing in and out

Access to the service dock and lift is from Wakefield Street. Please quickly unload and move your car to allow others to unload.  
Internal access to Rongomatane level is via internal lifts and/ or escalator.

### Judging

Judging to the specified FASNZ judging system for each class, the Judges' decision is final.

### Pest Plant material

No member shall knowingly display or exhibit any plant material on the NZ National Pest Plant Accord and/or Wellington Regional Council Pest Plant Management List at any public show or exhibition.

### Photography

Photographs taken may be used for personal purposes, but may not be used for commercial purposes without the prior permission of FASNZ Inc. FASNZ reserves the right to publish any photographs of designs taken.  
There is no video or motion picture approval for the event. Requests for this must be submitted to FASNZ prior to the event being subject to Takina Events approval and policies.

### Safety

Safe and good practice is paramount while designing. By entering you are agreeing to abide by the Safety and Hazard Policy in support of the NZ Health Work Act 2015.

Take all practical steps to identify, reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to employees, contractors or members of the public in the Venue and in the Building.

Maintain clear access to fire egress routes, exits or firefighting equipment in the Venue.

Immediately notify Tākina Events via our Safety Officer, Marianne Gibson, of any hazard, incident or accident which FASNZ personnel or attendees observe or become aware of and provide Tākina Events with any assistance reasonably requested by Tākina Events to facilitate any incident or accident investigation.

### For your personal Safety

Footwear during pack in, pack out and designing must be closed in, no sandals.

Tools of any kind including secateurs must be used in a safe manner. Electrical tools must have a current certification sticker. Battery powered tools must come fully charged. If recharging is needed, please check with your Steward for a power source.

Standing on chairs is not permitted at any time. Ladders or steps must meet the NZ Safety Standard AS/NZ 1982.1.1996 and be in good condition.

Smoking is only permitted outside the building on the ground level, away from the main entranceways.

You are requested to have any medication for existing health issues with you at all times

By entering this competition, you are agreeing to abide by the clauses outlined in this policy.

For the wellbeing and safety of members and the public it is the responsibility of the organizing committee to take action on:

1. All safety and hazard requirements stated by the venue
2. All safety and hazards requirements related to running a conference and show.

### Competition Convenor

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### Disclaimer

Every effort has been made to create an accurate schedule. FASNZ Inc accepts no responsibility for circumstances beyond their control.

## ACCOMMODATION CHOICES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO TAKINA CONVENTION CENTRE

### Tryp by Wyndham Wellington

Conference Saver code offers a 20% discount

Discount code is applied through the TRYP by Wyndham Wellington

website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/tryp/wellington-new-zealand/tryp-wellington-tory-street/overview>

To apply the discount select more options - > corporate code and enter the code: 9991271015

Cancel 24 Hours prior to 3pm day of arrival to avoid 1 Night charge plus applicable tax

Reservations have to be guaranteed with a valid credit card number and expiry date



### Copthorne Oriental Bay

Booking link: <https://www.millenniumhotels.com>

Delegates can book via the website using the following Promote Code: FASNZ25 Enter in your check in/out dates on the right hand side and “Check Availability” Load the Promote Code into the Promote Code cell under “Codes and Options” (on the right hand side of the screen) in order to get the negotiated group rates Select your room and proceed to check out.

Valid credit card required - book now and pay later!

Free Cancellation. Cancel by 2pm local hotel time one day prior to arrival to avoid a one night charge to the method of guarantee.

### West Plaza Hotel

10% off best available rate across all room types

Accommodation bookings can be made directly on the hotel’s website

([www.westplaza.co.nz](http://www.westplaza.co.nz)) by entering the Promo code FA25

Alternatively, bookings can also be made via phone or email:

[reservations@westplaza.co.nz](mailto:reservations@westplaza.co.nz). Phone: 0800 731 444.

This discount is only available for bookings made prior to Tuesday 1st April 2025.

All cancellations and amendments must be received in writing to

[reservations@westplaza.co.nz](mailto:reservations@westplaza.co.nz) If the booking is cancelled by 4pm 1 day prior to the arrival at the hotel, no charge will incur.

### Bay Plaza Hotel

10% off best available rate across all room types

Accommodation bookings can be made directly on the hotel’s website

([www.bayplaza.co.nz](http://www.bayplaza.co.nz)) by entering the Promo code FAS25

Alternatively, bookings can also be made via phone or email:

[reservations@bayplaza.co.nz](mailto:reservations@bayplaza.co.nz) Phone: 0800 85 7799.

This discount is only available for bookings made prior to Tuesday 1st April 2025. All cancellations and amendments must be received in writing to

[reservations@bayplaza.co.nz](mailto:reservations@bayplaza.co.nz) If the booking is cancelled by 4pm 1 day prior to the arrival at the hotel, no charge will incur.

### QT Wellington and Museum Apartment Hotel Wellington

Book via the websites <https://www.qthotels.com/wellington/> and

<https://www.museumapartmenthotel.com/>

Select Corporate ID and enter the following code: FASNZ2025

Free cancellation up to 24 hours