

## HEARTFELT THANKS

Although it seems a long time ago that the decision to cancel the WAFA NZ World Show was made, at the Management Board meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the accounts of WAFA NZ were finalised, approval granted for the donations held in trust to be offset against the outstanding FASNZ loan, and for the balance of the WAFA NZ account to be consolidated into the FASNZ year-end accounts.

It was a bittersweet moment realising it truly was the end of the  dream.

And so the time has come for closure with sincere and heartfelt thanks on behalf of the FASNZ Inc. Management Board to every member who was involved in the planning and organisation of both the WAFA NZ Seminar and the WAFA NZ World Show; every member who accepted the invitation to help in aspects of the seminar and show; every member who helped to fundraise; and all Clubs, Areas and Academy for their donations. From the smallest to the largest amounts, every dollar was very much appreciated, and it's thanks to the generosity of our members that FASNZ did not suffer a greater loss. Our gratitude and thanks to you all.

The biggest thank you goes to all the ladies who were members of the WAFA NZ Planning Committee and WAFA NZ Host Management Committee. From the Inaugural meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to the last meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021, it was a turbulent time with many highs and lows - the excitement of winning the bid to host, the fire on the rooftop of the Auckland Convention Centre, a wonderful hand-over in Jaipur India ending with members scrambling home to avoid the COVID-19 lockdown; suffering another two weeks in isolation when they eventually did get home; and Delta - which is still very prevalent throughout the world.

We admire and appreciate how positive everyone remained, and how they continued with goodwill and enthusiasm despite the odds.

From beginning to end, everyone involved with WAFA NZ was a wonderful ambassador for the Floral Art Society of New Zealand. We salute you!

In the spirit of comradeship, and the love of flowers.

Marianne Gibson  
FASNZ President

