



# BLOOM PUKEKOHE

**Bloom Pukekohe is a Charitable Trust, our purpose is to support and grow the work skills of youth and individuals with learning disabilities. Our products: 'seasonal flowering hanging baskets, trendy planters, herb pots and crafts'. We are based at 52 Franklin Road, Pukekohe**



## **Kia ora Bloom whānau and friends,**

Last Friday our participants, their support workers and whānau came together to celebrate another amazing year. Smiles and laughter filled the air as everyone enjoyed playing games, getting their faces painted and dancing. It was all made possible by our hard working team, amazing volunteers and dedicated board members, who throughout the year give their time and energy to ensuring our programme is a success.

Our participants have continued to thrive and learn new skills throughout the year. Some budding bakers emerged and provided delicious scones and muffins for morning tea, all year round. A number of our participants discovered their ability to knit and a knitting group formed, many scarves were made over the winter months. Our sewing group, made over 100 material bags of all shapes and sizes to be used as book bags and pencil cases. These bags were then taken to Nepal by the amazing **Active Hearts Foundation** and gifted to the children of Salme village in the Nuwakot District and to the children of the Banepa Orphanage in Kathmandu. An incredibly heartwarming moment for our participants to see photos of their creations being gifted to children living so far away.

With the support of friends, whānau, the local community and businesses we have had another very successful year. The concrete extension around the greenhouses was completed, increasing the accessibility for our participants in wheelchairs. A hydroponic system was installed and our participants have been enjoying watching the vegetables grow. We have attended multiple market events and hosted garden clubs, coffee groups and school visits. Every interaction creating awareness and an opportunity for our participants to engage with the wider community.

We will be re-opening on **Monday 3rd February 2025** and our team will confirm enrolments, days available and time slots in January. If you have any questions regarding 2025 enrolment please contact us via email, [bloompukekohe@gmail.com](mailto:bloompukekohe@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year and are excited to see what 2025 brings! Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

*Happy Holidays!*

