

WANGANUI  
GLASS GROUP



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On behalf of the Wanganui Glass Group, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Wanganui Festival of Glass such a great success.

This success began with tickets selling out for 'A Fragile World' – the festival opening night and prestigious glass art auction held at the Sarjeant Gallery. The funds raised will prove invaluable for Wanganui's glass industry and for Hospice Wanganui.

Locals and out-of-towners alike flocked to the talks and workshops delivered by our local and visiting international glass artists, to the fun activities run by Chronicle Glass Studio, and to the schools programme events held at Wanganui Glass School.

This year the Glass Group worked hard to publicise the festival nationally – to show how Wanganui's growing reputation as New Zealand's glass capital puts it very firmly on the national arts map, and to ensure that Wanganui's glass artists got to showcase their talent to as wide an audience as possible.

And this really paid off, with people travelling to Wanganui from all around the country to take part in the festival, and to buy Wanganui-made glass art pieces.

Glass artists and students sold more work at The Hub (the glass festival information centre) than ever before, and sales from the Mainstreet glass exhibition were unprecedented.

As a non-profit group, we're always extremely grateful for the local support for these festivals, and this year's event in particular has shown how Wanganui's glass art scene really does add to the cultural and economic enrichment of this city.

Let's now look forward to celebrating Wanganui's unique glass industry for many more years to come.

Yours sincerely,

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