

WIZO NEW SOUTH WALES AGM MESSAGE
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Dear Nilly, Executive and Members of WIZO New South Wales,

For the first time in my capacity as President, I would like to congratulate you on behalf of WIZO on your AGM for 2023.

I want to thank you Nilly, and the Executive of WIZO New South Wales for your leadership and for all your outstanding achievements and successful outcomes from the Membership Campaign, Gala Event, SAC Campaign and Raffle, brought about by the dedication, passion and commitment of your team over the past year. I would also like to thank all your donors and volunteers who feel so passionately about the importance of the work that we are doing. This is what makes WIZO strong both in Australia and worldwide.

In January this year I was extremely grateful to attend the World WIZO MOR conference in Israel and was so proud of what WIZO Australia has achieved.

As we move into 2023 – WIZO in Israel, is facing some financial challenges, struggling with chronic underfunding by the government for the services they provide to tens of thousands of children, women and families, as well as, a slowing of government payments, and in some cases – non-payment – on services already provided, and on existing government commitments that are not being honored.

Much of this is due to the instability of governance in Israel, with new governments and new elections every year. This situation is not helped by the fact that the new government is, as you all know, heavily preoccupied

with other public issues and sadly the needs are growing.

As WIZO members we need to remember that we are ambassadors of good will- we should present the Israel we know and love to the wider community. We need to recognise the power of our voice - 250,000 members world-wide, and we need to stand together to support Israel, as we have since the formation of WIZO in 1920.

Thank you WIZO New South Wales you for your commitment and passion – the work you are doing touches the lives of 1 in 4 Israelis every day.

I wish you and your incoming Executive success in your endeavors. I look forward to working with you – we are “One WIZO”.