



Remembering a Special Friend

Michelle Faram

1963 to 2025

With deep sorrow we report the news of Michelle's passing early on the 5th June 2025. We honour her memory with this short tribute.



I can truly say that Michelle is the most observant person I've ever known. Whether it was noting changes in the nursery plants, spotting a different bird, insect or animal in the bush or noticing that something was out of place, Michelle observed deeply and took it all in. This made her exceptional at gauging people and what made them tick which meant she was a great manager and teacher of people and a joy to be with. An all round sports person and Jill of all trades, she could always turn her hand to whatever she tried, and do so with great success.

So many of us will be missing her as she touched with meaning everyone she made contact with. A formidable knowledge of plants combined with those outstanding observational skills meant she is, was and will always be a powerful presence in our nursery. Her skills in presentation, her acumen and knowledge of the horticultural industry has grown our enterprise exponentially. Michelle's management of the nursery introduced many small and large innovations that have made a huge difference to the quality and capacity of the nursery and the comfort and care of the volunteers.

Over her 20 years with FOHH, Michelle and I have talked often, laughed often and toiled often. We are very different in so many ways, but the differences only added to our friendship and strengthen its bond. Her respect for all of us was written large and demonstrated every single day.

Marita Hanigan June 2025

