Dear Friends of the Academy,

I have been very fortunate enough to fulfil my secondment with Acting Consulting and

Training Australia and New Zealand (ACT Australia). The entire experience was incredibly

unique and rewarding; I feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to work with

such an incredible company and team of people.

I have learnt an immense amount through my practical experience and gained valuable

insight into the Arts and Theatre industry. It was definitely challenging at times however not

a day went by that I was not eager nor enthused to go back! I am so grateful my involvement

with ACT Australia was so fulfilling and worthwhile.

Without a doubt I believe I am now more than ever equipped and confident to enter the Arts

Industry as a professional with the combination of my theoretical education and practical

work experience – with many thanks to the guidance and support of WAAPA and Friends of

the Academy. The grant provided by Friends of the Academy offers support with utility bills,

fuel and food amongst other life necessities that can be challenging to stay ahead with given

the lack of available time to attend paid work outside of secondment. Thank you endlessly for

your kind generosity which encourages the education of future Arts Managers and enables a

fruitful career in the Arts industry.

Simone