

## **Chairman's Report August 2014**

### **Is Facilities Management continuing to grow?**

Absolutely, the recruitment market has a clear and growing demand for competent Facilities Managers, in a range of roles and an ever broadening number of industries. This industry will only continue to grow, particularly if properly lead. FMANZ plays a key role in that leadership and your continued support is essential to FMANZ's vitality.

The association has grown a long way from its humble roots. It seems an age ago that a small group could see a vibrant Facilities Management Association as critical to Facilities Management becoming what we all wish it to be - a recognised, valued and regarded industry. Last year, probably more than any other, saw the association take large strides toward this collective goal.

Key successes from the year:

- The quality of the association's "front door", its annual conference, has once again been lifted. The result was an event that presented an association and the industry that is growing in its professionalism and genuinely has value to offer on a national scale – think indoor health, operational effectiveness, risk management and many more.
- A Waikato and Bay of Plenty branch has recently formed, an important step in servicing members in this area and a significant step in the life of the association. We look forward to this new branch crafting and delivering local events, as well as contributing to the association's efforts nationally.
- We have retained all key members of our professional team, Des Brennan, Marjolein de Graaf and Nicola Happy, as well as adding a professional editorial capacity. I'm sure you all have noticed and are enjoying the quality of the association's newsletters. This is a great tribute to an initially pro bono editorial service offered by Wendy Moffett and now being capably delivered by Sara Carbery. The Board is confident the breadth and depth of the professional team will be a key component to the association scaling new heights over the coming years.
- Take up of the associations professional competency has progressed substantially over recent months with now 10 members having attained PFMANZ. Situation vacant columns are now featuring a desire for PFAMNZ and/or membership of FMANZ.
- At the Summit we were able to acknowledge, via an award of Fellow of the FMANZ, the huge contribution made to the association by a collection of individuals over the course of many years. The association would simply not be in the position it is in today without the contribution of these people.
- The education stream has made great progress over the course of the year. A jointly promoted and coordinated set of Master Classes are being offered by AUT and the association. We are also extremely close to providing a formal education pathway to help professionalise our industry. It is also expected that such a course will allow "accidental" Facilities Managers to become "deliberate, fully informed" Facilities Managers.

### **Board Changes**

Two long term Board members are stepping down, Craig Nicholson and myself. Craig has provided a greatly valued contribution since joining the Board in 2011. Lately Craig has been part of a dedicated group

reinvigorating the Christchurch branch which is now, like Christchurch itself, rebuilding its activities locally and its contribution nationally. My own retirement brings to an end 6 years of Board service, something I have greatly valued and feel very proud of what has been achieved. I would like to thank all members of the current Board and am confident the association's leadership is in strong and capable hands.

So to the year ahead, it again looks to be an exciting one. We have vital momentum on a number of key fronts, we are supported by a highly professional motivated team and the Facilities Management star is definitely very much on the rise. Keep an eye on the education program and watch the demand for a professional Facilities Management industry grow.

I would like to thank the FMANZ Sponsors, FMANZ Board, Branch Committee and Special Interest Group members and the fine support services team for their contributions over the year. Finally thank you to the FMANZ Members, your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

*Regards*

*Jason Happy*  
*Chairman FMANZ*