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Kia ora koutou,

I hope you and your loved ones are keeping safe, well and connected in these unsettling times, particularly following the Prime Minister's announcement today.

Covid-19 has thrown immense challenges in our paths. Our FM members, the ultimate enablers, are as always at the forefront of responding to these challenges, ensuring our public spaces and workplaces remain safe, healthy, productive, and fit-for-purpose. As we move into a new phase of this crisis, our members will be taking on even more responsibilities under very challenging conditions.

Here at FMANZ, we have been talking about 'the Big Shift' - the theme of our 2020 Summit. We had foreseen this phenomenon as a series of future events and major transformations for which we were educating and preparing ourselves. But here we are now, facing the greatest health, economic and societal shifts that most of us have ever experienced.

Regrettably and inevitably, all our in-person events have now been canceled until further notice, and we are forced to postpone our FM Summit in June - at least in its traditional format. The Summit Committee has worked long and hard to bring together a fantastic programme and line-up of speakers, so we're feeling optimistic that all is not lost. We remain committed to delivering professional development, and opportunities for networking and knowledge sharing, albeit in different formats. Walking the talk of the Summit, we are embracing the ideology of 'the Big Shift' and exploring innovative ways to deliver our services and remain connected with our members, sponsors and allied organisations. Watch this space - we will update you on developments as soon as we can. If you have any queries in the meantime, please get in touch with Marjolein at events@fmanz.org.

While we are dealing with the immediate challenges facing us, we have the utmost confidence in your resilience and effectiveness to see your organisations through this trying time and know FMANZ's core values will hold fast as we continue to connect, unite, collaborate and, ultimately, thrive.

We want to stay in close contact over the coming weeks, and to hear from you. Please share your experiences with us, your problems solved, your opportunities gained, so that we can exchange knowledge with other members and our sponsor partners, and identify how we can be of assistance. Please email me at ceo@fmanz.org or keep in touch via our [LinkedIn group](#) and [Facebook](#). Our FMANZ Team is continuing with business as usual and can all be contacted to answer queries and respond to your needs.

We may not be gathering together for a while, but we can still communicate, stay connected and gain strength from each other.

Noho ora mai,
Gillian

PS Here's an interesting [podcast](#). It features a number of people whose job it is to think about the future - Mark Honigsbaum historian of epidemics, literary scholars Lisa Mullen & Sarah Dillon, UNESCO's Riel Miller and philosopher Rupert Read.

Useful Information

Official Government Information
Government's Unite against Covid-10 website
Ministry of Health website

NZCIC Information
NZCIC - Construction and Building Industry Toolbox Talk and Advisory

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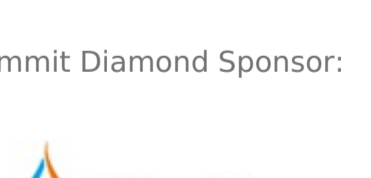


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