



## Media Release

### FMANZ Award Winners Announced

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Simi Mukherjee, Head of Facilities Management at PMG, has taken out the Facilities Manager of the Year title at this week's FMANZ Awards.

Each year, the Brian Happy Award is presented to a facilities management professional who has applied their experience and knowledge to produce exceptional results within their organisation while displaying excellent personal qualities.

At the awards ceremony, held at the Glasshouse Morningside in Auckland, Geoffrey Lambert, Process Improvement Coordinator with Westpac, was recognised as the 2020 Young Achiever of the Year. This award is presented to a facilities management professional under the age of 35 who has shown a strong and on-going commitment to their personal development and that of the wider industry.

Jackson Engineering Advisers took away the Service Provider of the Year Award, which acknowledges outstanding provision of contracted-out facilities management services.

"We congratulate the winners of this year's awards who have demonstrated their outstanding skills and service to facilities management in New Zealand from a strong field of nominations in a very challenging year," says FMANZ Chief Executive Gillian Wess.

Despite the challenges of Covid, FMANZ received 40% more nominations than in 2019 – "All of a very high calibre, making this year an exceptionally strong competition," says awards committee Chair John Hutchings.

The FMANZ Awards were established to recognise and applaud the achievements of

individuals and service providers who have excelled in facilities management, to promote the FM industry to the wider community, and to highlight the significant contribution FM makes to the health, wellbeing and productivity of New Zealanders.

"This year's finalists certainly met all these criteria in spades," says John.

FMANZ extends congratulations to all the finalists.

Facilities Manager of the Year finalists: David Curry MFMANZ, Group Director Estates Operations at Auckland University of Technology; Gwynn Gilmour, Senior Facilities Manager with Mackersy Property; Leon Hewertson, Senior Facilities Manager with Precinct Properties; and Mark Squire, Property and Procurement Manager at Tāmaki Health.

Young Achiever of the Year finalists: Tash Adams MFMANZ, Facilities Manager with Cheops Holdings/McKee Fehl Constructors and Peter Fisher-Skipper, Lead Electrical Engineer at Spark.

Service Provider of the Year finalists: Aquaheat, PAE, Test & Tag Group and United Cleaning Services.

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#### About FMANZ

FMANZ is the professional body for facilities management professionals in New Zealand. Our role is to support education, networking and knowledge sharing for members and to raise the profile of the FM industry in Aotearoa.

Facilities managers oversee the strategic and operational management of facilities to ensure public spaces and workplaces are safe, healthy, sustainable, productive and fit-for-purpose. As custodians of the built environment, they make a vital contribution to the world and have an important role to play in many of the seismic shifts taking place in the world.

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