



## Media Release

### World FM Day: Celebrating the Vital Role of Facilities Managers

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While facilities managers continue to work hard to ensure our buildings are safe for people to return to as we move through the various Covid-19 alert levels, they will pause today to celebrate the important role their industry plays in ensuring the collective spaces we live our lives in are safe, healthy, sustainable and productive.

The theme for this year's World FM Day - 'Celebrating Our Environment' - focuses on the important role facilities managers play in promoting practices that support sustainability.

"Facilities managers lead the way in the built environment in climate change initiatives, sustainability and the management of water, waste and energy," says Gillian Wess, CEO of FMANZ, the association representing facilities management professionals in Aotearoa.

"As we celebrate World FM Day with our global partners, we also recognise how facilities managers are providing essential professional services to enable the health and safety of our work and public places in order to regenerate economies and livelihoods as we move out of lockdown and towards a new normal."

"As a profession, we want to demonstrate our achievements in the areas of environmental practice where we work in harmony and balance with our world," says Duncan Waddell, Chairman of Global FM. "This is a significant FM responsibility and something that facilities managers can be proud of in their day-to-day roles."

An initiative of Global FM, World FM Day is an opportunity to highlight the contribution of facilities management to business and society.

Facilities management is a US\$1.15 trillion global industry, employing more than 2,000,000 professional and industry practitioners worldwide.

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### About FMANZ

The Facilities Management Association of New Zealand (FMANZ) represents Aotearoa's community of FM professionals and supports professional development, networking and knowledge sharing for members. Members include in-house facilities managers, FM contractors and external FM consultants working to ensure our public spaces and workplaces are safe, healthy, sustainable, productive and fit-for-purpose.

Definition of Facilities Management: 'An organisational function which integrates people, place and process within the built environment with the purpose of improving the quality of life of people and the productivity of the core business.' (ISO 41011:2017)

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