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FMANZ CEO

Ata mārie!

As we wind down for the year and head into the holidays, I would like to thank you for your continuing support in what has been a challenging year, and wish you a happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

This time last year we couldn't have imagined what lay in store for us in 2020. Everyone working in FM deserves to feel extremely proud of the role they have played (and continue to play) in keeping New Zealand's collective spaces safe and healthy and essential facilities up and running during the various alert levels. As our Rod Emerson cartoon this year portrays, you are all superheroes!

Despite the challenges of Covid, it has been a busy and achievement-full year for FMANZ, with a key highlight being the new Massey University qualifications which opened for enrolments in October. Having homegrown entry-level university qualifications in facilities management is a groundbreaking advancement for the professionalisation of the industry and marks the recognition and coming of age of FM in Aotearoa.

Other highlights for the year include our increased offering of online education, resources and catch-up sessions to keep members connected during lockdown; the launch of our new website; the establishment of a new branch in the Manawatu; a very successful awards evening (third time lucky!); a new five-year strategic plan, the inaugural intake of our mentorship programme; the re-structuring of our Branch Committees to support regional membership services; and a comprehensive review of the professional competency framework.

We are proud of the work we have done this year to improve the understanding of the role of FM professionals and the contribution they make to business productivity. My appointment to the New Zealand Construction Industry Council Executive gives facilities management an increased voice and visibility on this industry leadership group.

As a result of lobbying, the importance of FM has been recognised by the Tertiary Education Commission and the Construction and Infrastructure Interim Establishment Board, with confirmation that FMANZ has been recognised as one of the key stakeholders for the Workforce Development Council.

We were invited to review the New Zealand Construction Diploma to provide feedback from an FM perspective and to advocate for FMANZ competencies to be recognised and featured in the qualification. I also sit on Massey University's Construction Programmes Advisory Board and we were successful in our push for FM careers information to be featured on the Government's popular Careers NZ website.

Congratulations to the 28% of members who have taken the proactive step towards professionalism and applied to be assessed into a new membership category. The postnominals used by our Associate members (AFMANZ), Members (MFMANZ) and Certified members (CFMANZ) provide industry recognition of their skills, qualifications and experience. The drive for professional recognition has consistently come from members and I encourage you, if you're eligible, to **apply**. Why not end the year on a high note and put aside 15 minutes to complete your application? That way you can start the new year with the professional recognition you deserve.

Looking to next year, registrations have opened for FM Summit 2021, and we are excited by our strong programme of speakers, networking events and trade exhibition. Also on the horizon is a cadetship programme for school leavers and undergraduates, and we will be working with our Branch Committees on a membership drive to support our growth and influence.

Thank you to the Board, and the Board and Branch Committees for your support, dedication and hard work throughout 2020. The way to get the most value out of your membership is to get involved, by attending events, serving on committees, applying for your membership postnominal, and providing your feedback to surveys and consultation. I encourage you to consider ways in which you can increase your personal participation and engagement next year - you and your Association will greatly benefit.

Our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors who have firmly stood by us this year and continue to demonstrate their loyalty and support. We simply could not deliver our membership programme and services without their support and we are extremely grateful to have such strong collegial ties with our sponsorship family.

Finally, I express my pride and deep appreciation to the Management Team - Wayne, Lynda, Sara, Marjolein and Briar.- for everything you have achieved in this extraordinary year. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia!

Gillian

Registrations Now Open for FM Summit 2021



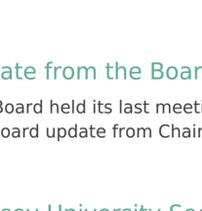
Registrations are now open for **FM Summit 2021**. If you want to stay current, develop professionally, broaden your networks, and deepen your understanding of the ever-evolving FM industry, make sure you're at Cordis Auckland on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 July.

Our speakers will reflect the theme 'The Way of the Future' by exploring new ways of working, sustainability, future technologies, economics, change management, digital transformation, climate change, how we interact with each other, and the vital role facilities managers can play in the 'new normal' we find ourselves in. There will also be plenty of practical sessions and workshops to keep you abreast of developments in legislation, health & safety, asset management and more. And as well as the many formal learning opportunities FM Summit offers, we've made sure there are more opportunities than ever to network with colleagues, including an informal gathering on the eve of Summit, and a first-timers' breakfast on day one. Need more convincing? Click here for **12 reasons** you need to be there! Find out more and register **here**.

A Round of Applause For ...

Congratulations to the following FM professionals who were approved into their new member categories at last week's Board meeting. They can now start using their post-nominals as their badge of professionalism. They are Michael Ashe (MFMANZ), Jonathan Barrell (MFMANZ), Paul Clough (MFMANZ) and Karen Nunes (AFMANZ). **Click here** to learn more about the various membership categories, and the level of skills, qualifications and experience needed to qualify.

Membership Survey Closing Today



You have until 5.00pm TODAY to complete a short member survey to help us make 2021 the best year yet for our members and the FM profession in New Zealand.

CLICK HERE TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

Update from the Board Chair

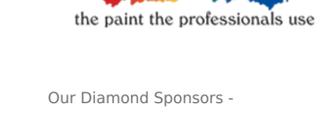
The Board held its last meeting for the year on 10 December. You can read the Board update from Chair Bruce Kenning **here**.

Massey University Seeks FM Lecturer

Massey University's School of Built Environment is looking for someone with a strong background in construction and facilities management to join their team as Lecturer in Facilities Management. This is a full-time permanent role based at the Auckland campus. While a preferred PhD qualification is preferred, candidates with equivalent industry experience and standing are also encouraged to apply. Closing date: 22 January. **Find out more here**.



Out of Office ... See You Next Year!



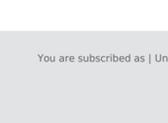
We're shutting down our computers and taking a break from **Wednesday 23 December to Monday 11 January**. If you need to contact us urgently during this time, please email Gillian at **ceo@fmanz.org**. Happy holidays!

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