

Tēnā koe ,

At the end of another working week at increased alert levels, a huge thank you once again to our fabulous FM's for going above and beyond to keep NZ's collective spaces safe and healthy. We've said it before and we'll say it again - as does [this article](#) in the inaugural issue of Aged Care New Zealand - you're the unsung heroes at the frontline of Covid. Kia ora rawa atu - your important work doesn't go unnoticed.

Ngā mihi maioha,
The FMANZ team

Awards Open with Announcement of New Team Award



knowledge to produce exceptional results as well as demonstrating excellent team qualities. If this sounds like your team, or a team you know, you have until 2 May to get your entry in to us. We're also calling for entries for Facilities Manager of the Year, Young Achiever of the Year, and Service Provider of the Year. Make 2021 your year to shine! [See here](#) for more information and to enter and [here](#) for some helpful tips from the judges.

In response to feedback from members, we opened entries on Monday for the 2021 FMANZ Awards with the announcement of an exciting new award for Facilities Management Team of the Year. This award recognises the outstanding performance of a team working in FM – a group of professionals who have applied their experience and

Honours & Service Awards Revamped

Each year at the gala awards dinner we recognise members' service to the Association (such as Anthony van Meer, pictured right) by awarding them with a Service Award or Fellowship. The existing Service Award system was not recognising sufficient numbers of worthy members who have made a significant contribution to FMANZ so this year, on recommendations of the Board-appointed Service Awards Working Group, we are introducing a number of changes. To place more emphasis on the value or positive contribution made by a nominee (as opposed to simply recognising the duration of service), from 2021 nominations will include both a points score (as in the past) and an endorsement describing what the nominee has done to benefit FMANZ, such as securing new members, innovations introduced, advocacy, securing significant sponsorship, contributing to learning, mentorship, FMANZ brand ambassadorship, ethics and personal qualities.



"The revamped Service Awards will recognise worthy and hard-working members who contribute to the growth and success of the Association," says Gillian Wess, CEO.

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recommendation from the CEO would be helpful instead, or as well as a whatever we can to ensure you're at FM Summit 2021. Be sure to put getting sign-off on your 'To Do' list for March as you need to register before midnight on 1 April to save with our early bird discount. Head to our [FM Summit page](#) to find out more.

We know that for many organisations, training budgets are tighter than usual this year - which is why we've drafted a letter you can modify for your manager explaining why attending FM Summit makes good business sense. [See here](#) for the template. If you think a letter of

Upcoming Events

Thanks to technology and the adaptability of the team at NZGBC and our members in Manawatu, Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Canterbury and Otago, we have been able to go ahead with our series of breakfast seminars this week, albeit in a slightly different format. If you're in Wellington, be sure to register for next Thursday's seminar to learn about the new CarboNZero certification and how you can play an important role in reducing carbon emissions in the buildings you manage. [See here](#) for more information and to register.



Keep an eye on our [Learning & Events](#) page over the coming week as we have a number of new events coming your way, including a two-hour online commercial cleaning workshop and a webinar about asset data and information, presented by Muru Mohan, Asset Manager at the University of Auckland.

On **Thursday 18 March**, the Asset Management Council's - New Zealand Chapter invites FMANZ members to attend their inaugural one-day technical symposium in person or online. The symposium brings together representatives from various industries to share their asset management experiences and challenges and provides a forum for networking and information sharing. [Click here](#) for more information.

Update from Board Chair Bruce Kenning



Originally scheduled as the first face-to-face meeting for 2021, the Board moved its meeting on 18 February to a virtual one in response to the change in alert levels. [Click here](#) for a report from Board Chair Bruce Kenning. (You will have to log in to the member portal to access it under resources/ association resources). All Board reports are filed here and are a great way to stay informed. In this update Bruce refers to the survey conducted in December. [Click here](#) for a summary of results.

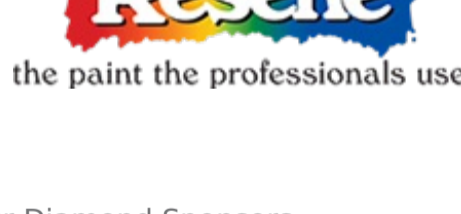
Congratulations Tracy Massam CFMANZ

Whakamihia ki a Tracy Massam of Tāmaki Regeneration Company on becoming the first Māori woman to become a certified member of FMANZ (CFMANZ). Tracy has deservedly received a lot of recognition this week, which includes a radio interview with Waatea 603AM. [Listen here](#). Tracy hopes the interview will encourage more Māori and Pasifika who work in the industry to join FMANZ, encourage people thinking about a career in FM to give it a go, and "encourage others to aim for CFMANZ too".



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