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Facility Management Association changes at the top

The Facility Management Association of Australia Ltd (FMA Australia) has announced its new office holders and Directors following recent elections.

FMA Australia's outgoing Chairman, Stephen Ballesty, welcomed the election of two new Directors to the Board, Steve Taylor, CEO, Tungsten Group and Bryon Price, Director, AG Coombs Group. Those departing the Board, Steven Gladwin, Managing Director, Adsum Solutions, concluding his term as Immediate Past Chair, and Geoff Parnell, Managing Director, Aquamen Consulting, were thanked for their service and commitment.

Mr Ballesty also congratulated Andrew McEwan on his appointment as FMA Australia's Chairman, saying "it has been a privilege to serve the membership and the profession and I wish Andrew all the best as he leads the organisation into its next exciting phase of growth".

Mr McEwan, Director, Smart Planning Solutions Branch, Queensland Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation said "the skills and experience of the new directors will complement the existing Board and greatly assist FMA Australia in dealing with the many challenges facing us in 2007". These challenges include:

- implementing the Australian Government's Facilities Management Action Agenda
- providing expert advice to government policy makers on the need for any new government regulation
- ensuring that all facilities adequately address the issue of sustainability in managing the built environment.
- improving the FM capabilities of our membership base through the development of education and training strategies and providing access to innovation and best practice in FM.
- continuing to build FMA as the "association of choice" for FM professionals.

Mr McEwan also thanked Stephen Ballesty, Managing Director, Rider Hunt Terotech, for his Board service over the past six years and leadership over the past two years as Chairman of FMA Australia.

"Stephen has steered the organisation through a period of increasing professionalism and recognition", Mr McEwan said. "He has worked tirelessly for the membership in his representation and advocacy role". Mr McEwan added that Mr Ballesty, along with the Board, FMA Australia's CEO and staff, are to be congratulated for the significant membership growth and improvement to operations and member services.

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

The Facility Management Association of Australia (FMA Australia) is the professional body representing the facility management profession. Members are involved in the strategic, managerial and operational aspects of significant facilities in public and private sector organisations.

Facilities include commercial, educational, industrial, government and landmark buildings or infrastructure. Facility Managers either manage all aspects of these facilities or provide services to them.

Some facts about FMA Australia:

- operating for 18 years with Branches in each State
- has over 1,700 members
- provides a range of member services including networking and professional development opportunities and a national annual conference
- runs an accreditation program to accredit facility managers and encourages the development of tertiary courses in facility management
- takes a leading advocacy role on behalf of its members representing the interests of the industry to government and regulatory bodies
- promotes the facility management profession to senior management and the media to increase understanding of its important contribution to business and the wider community.

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