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### Industry Awards celebrate facilities management high achievers

Facilities management professionals from around the country came together on 21 November at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne to celebrate innovation and leadership in the management, operation and maintenance of Australia's built environment at the 2013 FM Industry Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner.

Presented by the industry peak body, the Facility Management Association of Australia, individuals, teams and organisations that have excelled over the past year were recognised across nine Award categories. The night culminated with the presentation of the Facilities Manager of the Year, to Sally Odgers, Facilities Manager QLD, Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

As part of her role in coordinating the operational management of the CBA Groups Retail tenancies within Queensland, Sally has also shown excellent leadership skills through the instigation of innovative Process Excellence projects and sustainability initiatives that improve asset lifecycle efficiencies and achieve carbon emissions targets.

On congratulating Sally, FMA Chief Executive Officer Nicholas Burt said, "Facilities management now employs over 200,000 people and contributes more than \$20 billion annually to the economy, so to stand out as Sally has done, is a great achievement. Sally is not only a highly skilled professional, who successfully meets the many complex challenges of our built environment on a daily basis, but she is also representative of the pleasing shift that is now occurring within the industry as more women enter the industry, and increasingly take on more senior roles."

The Awards attracted close to 400 industry professionals who were recognised by the Prime Minister with a letter of congratulations that was read aloud, and the Victorian Leader of the Opposition Andrew Daniel's MP who delivered a brief statement of support for the industry and its value to the health, safety and wellbeing of the community.

Mr Burt said, "The Awards continue to grow in status and recognition. The support shown by Government and our sponsors, who are some of the biggest FM companies in Australia, not only reflects the respect they have for this important industry night of nights, but for the great work all FM professionals do every day. The nominations we received were of the highest calibre, the judges did not have an easy time, and I congratulate every nominee, but in particular the winners in each category. I urge them to keep striving for excellence."

"In addition, I would also like to thank everyone who dug deep, helping to raise \$6,000 in support of our Corporate Charity Partner Whitelion/Open Family Australia."

Entertainment on the night included MC Dave O'Neil, Australian singing icon Kate Ceberano, the highflying Three Belles and, for getting everyone up and dancing, The Funky Film X Press. Special Guest and football legend Kevin Sheedy, who also presented an Award, created a buzz that even the non-footy fans enjoyed.

This year's winners of the FM Industry Awards for Excellence were:

- **Facilities Manager of the Year**  
Sally Odgers, Facilities Manager QLD, Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- **Young Achiever of the Year**  
Troy Chaplin, Facilities Manager VIC, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Award Partners:



- **Consultant of the Year**  
Telstra Account procurement team, Jones Lang LaSalle
- **Impact on Organisation & Workplace**  
Road to Zero Harm project, Programmed
- **Service Provider of the Year**  
FM Plus: DEXUS account, CBRE  
Five D Holdings (Highly Commended)
- **In-House Client Team of the Year**  
The Look & Feel Project Delivery Team, Insurance Australia Group
- **Industry Innovation**  
Smart Blocks, City of Melbourne
- **Sustainability & Environmental Impact**  
WorkSmart@420George, Jones Lang LaSalle
- **Contribution to Energy Efficiency**  
Mirvac Group

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