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Facilities management high achievers recognised at industry awards

Once again the Grand Hyatt Melbourne hosted the very best in facilities management as professionals from around the country celebrated innovation and leadership in the management, operation and maintenance of Australia's built environment at the 2014 FM Industry Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner.

On 20 November the industry peak body, the Facility Management Association of Australia, presented the fifth annual Awards, acknowledging the individuals, the teams and organisations that have excelled over the past year across ten Award categories.

The night culminated with the presentation of the Facilities Manager of the Year to Rebecca Yearsley, Contract Manager for Transport Shared Services, DTZ.

Rebecca is a talented FM professional with a wealth of information - not only in relation to her contract, but about the business and the industry. Having worked her way up the facilities career ladder, she has become a well-respected member of the DTZ NSW team and a great mentor within the company. Rebecca's desire to do better in all that she does is reflected in her work and her relationships, both internal and external.

On congratulating Rebecca, FMA Chief Executive Officer Nicholas Burt said, "This is a great achievement, and I congratulate Rebecca who is not only a highly skilled professional, but on a day to day basis is successfully meeting the many complex challenges of our built environment."

The Awards attracted close to 400 industry professionals including Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister Josh Frydenberg.

Mr Burt said, "The Awards continue to grow in status and recognition, representing the vital work of an industry that employs around 200,000 people and turns over \$20 billion a year. 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 event, but for the great work all FM professionals do every day. I congratulate every nominee, but in particular the winners in each category. I urge them to keep striving for excellence."

It was also pleasing to see the industry support for the FMA's Corporate Charity Partner Whitelion/Open Family Australia in support of homeless youth, with the Awards raffle raising \$8,350 in just three hours.

Entertainment on the night included MC Dave O'Neil, magic man extraordinaire Matt Hollywood, singer Dami Im and for getting everyone up and dancing, Big City Beat.

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Award Partners



2014 FM Industry Awards for Excellence recipients

FM of the Year

- *Rebecca Yearsley, Contract Manager for Transport Shared Services* DTZ

Young Achiever

- *Basel El-Ahmadieh, Facilities Manager* Commonwealth Bank

Collaborative Partnerships

- *Indigenous Employment Partnerships* Programmed & GenerationOne

Provider of FM Services - Outsourced

- *Five D and Goodstart Early Learning Partnership* Five D Holdings Pty Limited

Provider of FM Services - In-house

- *Mirvac Facility Management* Mirvac Facility Management

Sustainability & Environmental Impact

WINNER

- *The Great De-Clutter; moving to Activity Based Working* Brookfield Johnson Controls

HIGHLY COMMENDED

- *Charter Hall Victorian Office Buildings, Building Energy Optimisation Project* A.G. Coombs Group

Government Facilities Management Services

- *Centennial Parklands Technology Initiative* Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

People & Productivity

- *Group Property - Commonwealth Bank of Australia* Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Energy Efficiency

WINNER

- *The GPT Group energy efficiency program* The GPT Group

HIGHLY COMMENDED

- *Crown Melbourne Complex Energy Efficiency Upgrade* Crown Melbourne Limited

Occupant Safety & Wellbeing

- *VIC Department of Education and Early Childhood Development* DTZ