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**Facilities management celebrates its leaders and innovators at Industry Awards sold out Gala Dinner**

Nearly 500 facilities management professionals from around the country came together to recognise the industry's leaders and innovators at the 2015 FM Industry Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner, held on 19 November at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne.

For the first time the Awards was a sell-out event, highlighting its rapidly escalating importance as both a celebration of the industry and as a valuable way to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the designers, creators and managers of the built environment.

Presented by the industry peak body, the Facility Management Association of Australia, Awards are presented across ten categories, culminating with the Facilities Manager of the Year Award, won by Matthew Harrison of CBRE.

Matthew is Associate Director of Technical Services within CBRE's Asset Services division. During his 15 years in the property industry, Matthew has managed and delivered on all facilities related services for his clients. Matthew combines his market expertise, commitment to clients and work ethic to deliver exceptional results.

On congratulating Matthew, FMA Chief Executive Officer Nicholas Burt said, "Matthew is an outstanding facilities manager and true ambassador for the industry. He exemplifies the skills, professionalism and dedication to the industry that help raise standards at every level."

The Awards also welcomed the Victorian Minister for Industry, Energy & Resources, Lily D'Ambrosio and the Victorian Shadow Minister for Planning, David Davis.

Mr Burt said, "We were delighted with the number of professionals attending this year's event. It was a clear reflection of the industry's escalating respect for the Awards and the focus it provides the vital work of an industry that employs around 200,000 people, turns over \$20 billion a year and contributes significantly to the health, wellbeing and productivity of Australia's community.

"It is also a credit to our many sponsors whose ongoing support is invaluable to the success of the Awards.

"I congratulate every nominee, but in particular the winners in each category. I urge them to keep striving for excellence."

Once again attendees dug deep for FMA's Corporate Charity Partner Whitelion in support of homeless youth, with the Award raffle raising just over \$8,000 in three hours.

Entertainment on the night included MC Judith Lucy, a surprise Flash Mob, the hilarious Tripod, singer Clare Bowditch and for getting everyone up and dancing, The Reverend Funk and the Horns of Salvation.

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# 2015 FM Industry Awards for Excellence recipients

## **FM of the Year**

*Matthew Harrison, Associate Director-Technical Services, CBRE*

## **Young Achiever**

*Richard Pratten, Operations Manager, La Trobe University*

## **Collaborative Partnerships**

CMC Property Services and Cushman & Wakefield/Australia Post  
*CMC Maintenance Application-ECRM*

## **Provider of FM Services - Outsourced**

JLL  
*JLL Telstra Account Team*

## **Provider of FM Services - In-house**

ECH  
*Change in FM service delivery model*

## **Occupant Safety & Wellbeing**

Intact Group  
*Watch\_Dogs initiative*

## **Sustainability & Environmental Impact**

JLL  
*Commonwealth Bank Place at Darling Quarter Outstanding Asset Performance*

## **Government Facilities Management Services**

Airservices Australia  
*The changing face of FM in Airservices Australia*

## **People & Productivity**

Collaborationhub  
*Collective Social Intelligence: Visualising Property*

## **Energy Efficiency**

Mirvac Real Estate  
*Sirius Building*

