



Year In Year out 2015

A message from the CoreNet NZ team





Leading the way with innovative ideas

As 2016 is now well and truly underway, it's time to look back at what CoreNet Global New Zealand has achieved over the past year - and what a remarkable year it has been.

2015 was a year in which CoreNet Global New Zealand cemented our position as one of the corporate real estate industry's most influential networks, with a community of some of the country's finest industry professionals and the industry's most talked-about events.

As we did the year before, we started 2015 with our ever-popular Predictions and Resolutions event in February, where some of the most in-the-know property professionals shared their thoughts on what the next 12 months holds for those of us in commercial real estate.

Keeping our mission to 'advance knowledge, connect people, and promote personal excellence' in the centre of our view, CoreNet Global New Zealand sponsored and organised almost 20 events and activities throughout 2015, keeping our growing community of more than 220 members busy.

Some of our most popular events of the year included our Talk and Tour series, showcasing some of the country's most innovative work spaces, such as:

- Auckland Council Building
- Central Rail Project Presentation
- Old Public Trust Building
- BNZ's flexible office spaces
- Icebreaker new headquarters

Last year we held numerous information-packed events

and presentations, including Jim Taylour's presentation to the government on mobile technology and new ways of working, and Bell Gully law firm's talk on how the new health and safety reforms affect building owners and occupiers. We also saw The Clarity Business host a members-only presentation at Generator in Britomart, sharing how professionals in the corporate real-estate sector can communicate better online.

We also provided our members with the opportunity to gain a Master of Corporate Real Estate (MCR) designation. This year we held a two day course on Real Estate Transactions: Impact on Corporate Financial Statements (RETI).

We also know how to show our members a good time, from valuable networking events to our Christmas Drinks at the ever-stylish Hotel DeBrett, and the festive drinks held at Wellington's BizDojo.



ANTHONY FLANNERY ONCE AGAIN MODERATED THE CORENET NZ SYMPOSIUM

At our AGM meeting in December, CoreNet Global New Zealand's Chapter Chair, Bob Bull, stepped down from his position after three years doing a superb job at taking our organisation to brand new heights in the corporate real estate sector. However, CoreNet is still in safe hands, with Rod Aitken succeeding Bob as Chapter Chair. Rod is currently the Head of Workplace, Design and Delivery for Corporate Property at ASB Bank.



PAST CHAIR BOB BULL (RIGHT) WITH NEW CHAIR ROD AITKEN

A memorable Symposium

It's fair to say that last year's Symposium has been our most memorable event to date.

Held at Shed 10 on Auckland's Queen's Wharf, the CoreNet Symposium 2015 was our largest by far, with more than 350 attendees from a wide variety of industries.

As CoreNet is all about thinking outside of the box, last year we decided to choose a theme for the Symposium that was a little leftfield: Wellness & Wellbeing.

While wellness and wellbeing may not seem directly related to people working in the commercial real estate sector, the topic is growing in importance as more and more businesses are looking for innovative work spaces to benefit human health and wellbeing, especially when these improvements also offer a major productivity upside.

To draw in the crowds, the Symposium featured some truly inspirational speakers from all different backgrounds, including:

- **Jim Taylour** of Orangebox who spoke entertainingly and knowledgeably about the growing demand for office ergonomics
- **Owen Zachariasse** of the Delta Development Group, who discussed Delta's 'cradle to cradle' approach

and industry-leading development work in Holland

- Motivational speaker **Steve Gurney** who spoke about five key things he learnt in his life as a champion endurance athlete

Covering a wide range of subjects including office productivity, innovative workplaces, ergonomics, design and architecture, energy efficiency, international office health standards and employee motivation, there was a buffet of topics on the table – and in the breakout sessions - to cater to all tastes. And the circus 'street' of stalls and entertainment received considerable praise from attendees.

As wellness and wellbeing proved to be such a thought-provoking topic last year, we have chosen another major issue this year - The Century of The City: Corporate Real Estate in the Changing Urban Environment.

The symposium will be held on Thursday 16 June, 2016 at Shed 10, Queen's Wharf, Auckland, and will focus on the big issues facing our cities in the 21st Century, the likely impacts these issues will have on business and how, as corporate real estate practitioners we can use these changes to benefit our businesses, clients and customers.

As well as the Symposium, we have a number of exciting events on the radar for 2016, and our members have already expressed a lot of enthusiasm for the year to come.

With all the exciting commercial projects currently taking place at Christchurch, we are looking forward to holding a CoreNet event down in Christchurch in April 2016, with details to be announced shortly.



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Looking forward

Being part of CoreNet has never been better or offered more. With a worldwide community that exceeds 9,000 members, and a growing New Zealand membership base, CoreNet is one of the largest and most influential networks in the commercial real estate space.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our amazing sponsors - without their support we would never have been able to achieve all of the things we did in 2015.

We look forward to another year of exciting events packed full of innovative ideas, networking opportunities and a few well-deserved drinks.

To keep up to date with all our upcoming events and to be a part of the latest online industry discussions, check out our LinkedIn and Twitter accounts.

Yours Sincerely,

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