

Case Study GenU's Adoption of FMClarity for Enhanced Facilities Management

Introduction

GenU, a national disability support and community health organization, operates over 400 sites across Australia, providing a wide range of services including counseling, mental health consulting, disability services, aged care, training, business counseling, and employment services. With a facilities management team of five staff members, projects and leasing teams, an in-house maintenance team, and 74 contractors, GenU sought to streamline their operations and improve service delivery.

The Challenge

In 2018, GenU managed 185 properties and was rapidly expanding, putting a strain on their facilities team. They needed an additional two FTEs to handle reactive repairs and coordinate preventative maintenance. GenU faced issues with transparency, slow response rates, and a lack of proactive risk and compliance management. Their accommodation services, including residential and aged care homes, often had faults going unreported due to slow and arduous administrative processes.

Objectives

The project aimed to implement a tool to:

- Improve service delivery and care quality for GenU's customers.
- Facilitate streamlined, transparent, and centralized communications and workflows.
- Automatically manage contractor coordination across their national portfolio.
- Free up the facilities team from administrative burdens.
- Ensure role-based access control for all users.
- Onboard all in-house maintenance personnel and external contractors.
- Ingest all digital documents with metadata for reporting.



Methodology

FMClarity co-designed the outcomes with GenU and ensured adoption by staff and contractors through a phased approach, starting with a few locations before scaling to the entire portfolio. This strategy emphasized stakeholder buy-in and change management.

Results

The implementation of FMClarity led to:

- Increased efficiency in issue reporting and resolution.
- Enhanced confidence in the FM department and systems.
- Improved service delivery and care quality for residents.
- · Deferred hiring of two additional FTEs.
- Freed up existing personnel to focus on higher-value activities.
- Enhanced decision-making capabilities for executive leadership.

Client quote

"This changed the way we do business."

Conclusion

The collaboration between FMClarity and GenU brought significant improvements in connectivity, collaboration, compliance, confidence, customer-centricity, clarity, and overall business agility. The implementation of FMClarity's solution transformed GenU's facilities management processes, providing better service to their customers and enhancing the quality of their sites.

Impact and Outcomes

Connectivity: Leveraging technology for faster real-time information to all stakeholders.

Collaboration: Increased access to information and open system visibility, improving responses across the business and its partners.

Compliance: Improved quality and safety standards through consistent information.

Confidence: Right information to the right people, encouraging the right response at the right time.

Customer-centric: Enhanced experience for the end-user.

Clarity: Improved accountability, business agility, and problem resolution.

Change: Reframing the way business is conducted in the FM sector.