

## News Release

### Fisher & Paykel Healthcare celebrates '50 years of care'

Auckland, New Zealand, 1 November 2019 – Fisher & Paykel Healthcare celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by hosting a 'World Fair' event for 2,500 employees at their facility in East Tamaki.

Teams from Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and the Philippines provided lively and colourful musical entertainment, along with employee performers selected for the company's international talent showcase. Awards were given for long service, upholding the company values, continuous improvement and reducing the environmental impact of the business. Comedian and actor Pio Terei served as the master of ceremonies.

"This event is about celebrating our people and recognising their hard work and commitment to our success," said Lewis Gradon, CEO of Fisher & Paykel Healthcare. "Fifty years is something we can all be proud of. We've grown into a globally trusted brand, and our products are now used by more than 14 million patients each year."

Originally founded in 1969 as a division of Fisher & Paykel Industries, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare was built on a vision to emulate the body's natural humidification processes. The company's first humidifier originated from a prototype made from a modest fruit preserving jar.

"Today, we still have a growth mind-set. We seek out the world's best experts and learn about world-class practices, but then we go above and beyond to do something different, something better. We're looking ahead 'beyond fifty' and how we can improve care and outcomes for millions more patients over the next 50 years and more," said Mr Gradon.

The healthcare division of Fisher & Paykel Industries was separated in 2001 and listed on the New Zealand stock exchange. Today, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare has around 4,800 employees, and its products are sold in over 120 countries worldwide.



## **About Fisher & Paykel Healthcare**

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of products and systems for use in respiratory care, acute care, surgery and the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea. The company's products are sold in over 120 countries worldwide. For more information about the company, visit our website [www.fphcare.com](http://www.fphcare.com).

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