

Thank Your Cleaner Day

They work when offices are empty, trash cans are full and coffee cups need washing, but most of us never get a chance to meet our cleaners and thank them.

In a bid to recognise the efforts of cleaners nationwide, the Building Service Contractors of New Zealand — the only trade body representing the cleaning industry — has launched an inaugural “Thank Your Cleaner Day”, held yesterday.

BSCNZ chief executive Lillian Small said 1000 New Zealanders were surveyed online to gauge their thoughts on office cleanliness, and the results showed a clean office was essential to “mood and productivity”.

“Clean environments are a major contributor to our overall health and wellbeing,” she said.

CLEANING FACTS

- ★ 3250 germs per square cm exist on your mouse, keyboard and chair.
- ★ A typical desk has 10 million bacteria, which is 100 times more germs than the average kitchen table and 400 times more germs than the average toilet seat.
- ★ Men’s work spaces are 20% dirtier than women’s.
- ★ The dirtiest surfaces include keyboard and mouse, kitchen and fridge handles, microwave, vending machine and drinking fountain buttons.