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Maker's mark

A manufacturer
stakes a Green Star first.



Do you deserve ARBS recognition?

Nominations have opened for the ARBS 2018 Industry Awards.



Australia's leading HVAC&R trade exhibition has opened nomination for the ARBS Industry Awards.

The awards recognise excellence in Australia's HVAC&R and building services industries across a range of areas including:

- ARBS Young Achiever Award
- ARBS Product Excellence Award
- ARBS Software/Digital Excellence Award
- ARBS Project Excellence Award
- ARBS Outstanding Service & Maintenance Provider Award
- ARBS Industry Education/Training Award
- ARBS Hall of Fame.

A panel of industry experts will evaluate the nominations based on criteria such as leadership, sustainability, performance, and innovation.



The awards attract nominees from across the industry, and are endorsed by the major industry associations of AIRAH, AMCA, AREMA, CIBSE, RACCA and ARWA.

“The ARBS Awards program has continued to grow and attract more participants,” says ARBS events organiser Sue Falcke.

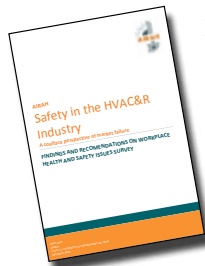
“The Awards are an opportunity for industry participants to showcase their skills, products and performance across all sectors of the HVAC&R and building services industry. It's important that we identify, encourage and congratulate the talent and endeavour that sustains our industry.” ■

For more info, go to www.arbs.com.au

The safety survey

AIRAH has released its Safety in the HVAC&R Industry report.

AIRAH has produced a report on the findings of an independent and anonymous survey carried out to discover and review safety issues within the HVAC&R industry.



The Institute conducted a five-week survey with the intention of reaching out to technical service providers on the topic of safety in the HVAC&R industry. After collecting and reviewing the responses, AIRAH has produced its Safety in the HVAC&R Industry report, which

pinpoints the main safety issues as highlighted by industry respondents.

Importantly, the report also lists recommendations and a proposed “next step” to help address increasing concerns regarding the safety risks in the HVAC&R sector.

According to respondents, the four main areas of concern are quality and training, access to plant, working fluid hazards, and electrical hazards. ■

To access the Safety in the HVAC&R Industry report go to www.airah.org.au/safety



Sydney-based Bruno Kerber, M. AIRAH, is a project engineer at Thermo King Rail Australia.

Responsibilities

My role involves developing engineering specifications and work instructions for maintenance, service and overhaul of rail rolling-stock HVAC. I also assist with different aspects of HVAC rail projects, such as quality, procurement, engineering, service, production and warranty.

Specialty

I have five years' experience with project engineering. Within HVAC, I've worked with chillers, air handlers, split systems and now with rail air conditioning. Perhaps one day, if I'm lucky, I could call myself a specialist in HVAC.

Passions

I enjoy exploring Sydney by bike. I am also passionate about learning new things and understanding different mechanical systems. I have a curious nature, and I fulfil it by exploring different systems and researching them.

Challenges

Keeping up to date with technological developments in our industry is always challenging. It's amazing to see how fast systems are developing to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly. I find it very easy to feel small when I look at the level of complexity involved in our industry.

Professional development

I use online platforms and social media to keep updated. I'm doing the online AIRAH-accredited Graduate Diploma in Building Services – HVAC&R. Also, I can't forget to mention my mentors at Thermo King Rail, who are always happy to share their knowledge and experience.

Inspiring words

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

Future plans

Keep developing my career within the HVAC industry, learn to sail, and visit Japan. ■