Positive step
Embedding health in design.
Established in late 2016 and recently ratified by the board, the Women of AIRAH (WOA) group will work to develop AIRAH’s strategy for supporting women and increasing their participation in both AIRAH and the HVAC&R industry.

“Moving forward, it is of great importance that the women within our industry are both acknowledged and supported,” says AIRAH CEO Tony Gleeson, M.AIRAH. “The Institute understands that women are underrepresented in HVAC&R, and we believe that the creation of the Women of AIRAH group is an important step forward if this is to change.

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The Women of AIRAH group will work with local divisions to run events, networking sessions, mentoring, support and other initiatives. AIRAH has now finalised the group’s state committee representatives, and is delighted to announce Ura Sarfejoo, M.AIRAH, as the inaugural WOA Chair.

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The Women of AIRAH state committee representatives are:

**Australian Capital Territory**
Nithiya Mohan, Affil.AIRAH – WOA Secretary

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**New South Wales division**
Sponsor: Grosvenor Engineering Group
Ura Sarfejoo, M.AIRAH – WOA Chair
Mikaila Ganado, M.AIRAH – WOA Vice Chair

**Queensland division**
Jessica Holz, M.AIRAH

**Northern Territory chapter**
Jenny Smith, AM.AIRAH

**South Australia division**
Susan Tohu, Stud.AIRAH

**Tasmania division**
Expressions of interest invited

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Victoria Totten, AM.AIRAH
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Cara Ryan, Affil.AIRAH

**Western Australia division**
Peta Blight, M.AIRAH
Ying Han, Affil.AIRAH

If you are interested in becoming involved in Women of AIRAH at a national or state level, go to www.airah.org.au/WOA or email membership@airah.org.au

Women and men welcome.

Visit the Women of AIRAH LinkedIn page at www.linkedin.com/groups/7073968

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