Rise and shine

Elegant simplicity rules at 177 Pacific Highway.
Another record shattered

ARBS 2018 welcomed more people through the door than any other in the exhibition’s history.

ARBS 2018 recorded 3,191 visitors on the opening day; 4,095 visitors on day two; and 1,976 visitors on the final day. Overall? A grand total of 9,262 visitors, with an overall increase of 5 per cent over 2016.

“The 2018 exhibition has once again raised the performance bar,” says ARBS chairman Ian Hopkins, M.AIRAH. “And we look forward to returning to Melbourne in 2020.”

Running alongside the exhibition was the highly anticipated Speaker Series, which saw many sessions at full capacity.

For the first time, visitors were also able to explore IBTech@ARBS, which explored and showcased intelligent buildings technologies and solutions.

Fridgies, contractors, FMs, MDs, sales engineers, specifiers, consultants – the curious, the opinionated, the experts and the apprentices. They all ventured forth in record numbers to make ARBS 2018 – Australia’s only national exhibition for refrigeration and building services – the biggest iteration yet. This year’s event was held in Sydney for the first time since 2012.

The winning tradition

AIRAH members were among those who triumphed at this year’s ARBS Awards.

The ARBS Awards ceremony is a chance to celebrate outstanding work by individuals and companies.

Held in the ICC Grand Ballroom and hosted by MC Tony Squires, this year’s ceremony saw its fair share of AIRAH members in the winners’ circle.

Among those who earned prizes were Jason Harrison, M.AIRAH; John Bosci, L.AIRAH; Mark Padwick, M.AIRAH; Shane Carmichael, M.AIRAH (who accepted the award for Air Change); Bryon Price, F.AIRAH (who accepted for A.G. Coombs); and Nick Duncan, M.AIRAH (who accepted for HyrdoChem, an AIRAH company member).

The full list of winners were:

The ARBS Young Achiever Award 2018
- Jason Harrison, M.AIRAH
  Airmaster Australia

The ARBS Product Excellence Award 2018
- ACDHUM-LD, Air Change

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- F Mayer Refrigerated cold storage/ distribution centre, Strathbook Industrial Services and Danfoss Australia

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Chris Cale, M.AIRAH, is the service manager for Rider Levett Bucknall, based in Adelaide.

Responsibilities
Managing the day-to-day operations of the department, scheduling of jobs and technicians, technical support. Contracts and business development. A big focus is improving procedures and operations including WHS, job tracking/completion, invoicing.

We want to implement more structured support for the technicians via specific best-practice checklists to ensure all works are completed to the highest standard.

Specialty
Not specifically, as my current role is new. However, most of my career has been focused on commercial HVAC systems, with a sound understanding of the health industry.

Passions
Developing new systems to streamline day-to-day operations.

Challenges
Adapting to a new environment and job role. Learning to prioritise work on a needs basis, and delegate work appropriately.

Professional development
I am studying a diploma in leadership and management to provide me with the tools and skill set to improve my day-to-day productivity.

Inspiring words
My main phrase is “nothing is free”, teaching myself and my techs that the best way to progress is to put in the work required. It’s not just about working hard for the company or the paycheque, but to make yourself the best you can be.

Plans
Continue to develop the department and expand our maintenance/service portfolio and maybe expand into other areas of the industry.