New horizons
Exploring the essential future skills for HVAC&R professionals.
Noteworthy Nicki

Nicki Parker, M.AIRAH, is one of the faces of AIRAH.

As part of its Centenary celebrations, AIRAH is recognising some of the people, projects and moments from the past 100 years that make the Institute what it is.

One of these is Nicki Parker, M.AIRAH, sustainability lead for the Brisbane office of NDY and chair of AIRAH's Resilience Special Technical Group.

"I remember going to my first Future of HVAC Conference in Melbourne in 2015," says Parker, recalling one of her fond memories of AIRAH. "I was so excited to hear people talking about things I understood and, even better, about things I hadn't thought about.”

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Attention HVAC&R technical experts

Industry professionals are invited to submit abstracts for the Outlook 2020 conference and the Building Physics Forum 2020.

Outlook 2020 will take place in Sydney from November 8–10, and is AIRAH’s headline event for the year. It brings together the annual Future of HVAC Conference and the AIRAH Awards presentation gala to celebrate the Institute’s Centenary.

Last year saw a record crowd of 230 industry professionals gather in Brisbane for the Future of HVAC Conference, and due to the landmark nature of this year’s event, an even larger attendance is anticipated.

AIRAH is seeking abstracts on an array of subjects that address and discuss the impact global forces are having on the future of the HVAC&R industry. This includes innovation and disruption; climate change, sustainability, adaptation and resilience; urbanisation; demographic and social change; and regulation and legislation.

Submissions close on March 27.

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Dion Membrey, M.AIRAH, is external sales engineer with Major Air, based in Hobart, Tasmania.

Responsibilities
Service the HVAC and industrial markets with all of their air movement needs.

Specialty
I like working with consultants in getting our products specified. I particularly enjoy the industrial market, working on a variety of projects that challenge me to find the right solutions.

Passions
Building a strong relationship with our clients is really important to me and is something I enjoy doing. Supporting them both before and after the sale is always something I do and is crucial in ensuring that they have all the information they need and that their requirements have been met.

Challenges
I love to be challenged, and when a curve ball is thrown my way, I always strive to think outside the box. It’s a great feeling when I am able to find a solution that our customer is happy with.

Professional development
The best thing to develop your career is hands-on experience. The more projects you can be a part of and work through, the better your understanding is for what is expected in the next one.

Favourite destination
Port Arthur, Tasmania, and where I live, Lauderdale. The fishing, people… everything about the place is great.

Future plans
I hope to build on my career in the HVAC industry and progress as far as I can. It’s been a great ride so far, can’t wait to see what’s in store for me next.