

AIRAH awards best of the best

AIRAH RECOGNISED THE high achievers in the HVACR industry at its recent 2010 awards presentation dinner.

Awards were presented in the categories of excellence in sustainability, won by consulting engineering firm Steensen Varming for its work on the Surry Hills Library and Community Centre in Sydney; excellence in innovation, awarded to Building IQ, a predictive energy optimisation system; the WR Ahern Award won by Craig McClintock, and the future leader award, where Air Change engineer Shane Carmichael prevailed in a competitive field.

AIRAH chief operating officer, Neil Cox, said the AIRAH Awards were predicated on the idea that by recognising best practice among the membership and the wider industry, this can become standard practice.

"AIRAH congratulates the winners of the 2010 AIRAH Awards," Cox said. "We applaud the outstanding efforts of Steensen Varming, Building IQ, Craig McClintock and Shane Carmichael. They are truly worthy winners.

"The judges were most impressed with the Surry Hills Library and Community Centre, and the manner in which sustainable features were integrated into the design. Here is a building that set out to establish a new Australian standard of excellence for environmentally sustainable design in public buildings, but also to focus on occupant well-being. They are noble aims and obviously not every new project can establish such lofty new benchmarks. Yet this project did and must be commended."

Building IQ was designed to reduce building energy consumption, operating costs and CO₂ emissions while maintaining or improving



Shane Carmichael, AIRAH future leader award winner.

tenant comfort in commercial buildings. Developed by scientists at the CSIRO, Building IQ is designed to connect to most building management and control systems using industry-standard interfaces and to be used in both new and existing buildings.

Craig McClintock won the WR Ahern Award for the best technical paper published in AIRAH's journal.

Carmichael, 28, edged out Nirosha Munasinghe from Open General and Ania Hampton from Hampton Sustainability, to take out the AIRAH future leader award.

He joined Air Change as a graduate engineer in March 2005 and set about substantially modifying an off-the-shelf customer relationship software system to suit the specifics of the Air Change technical product and sales team. Carmichael trained seven engineering graduates and two senior engineers in the presentation of the heat recovery technology.

"I would like to thank Steve Atherton and Air Change for their support and my referees Ken Erbas of Erbas and Associates and Daniel Trevarthen, Norman Disney Young," he said.

Brown attains high ART

ADVANCED ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGY (ART) has appointed Rod Brown to the role of national sales manager. Brown was previously employed by the company as its sales manager for plasma cutters.

Brown's was an obvious promotion as his career encompasses a number of technical roles in steel fabrication, mechanical engineering and hydraulics, before moving into the sales side of the Brisbane-based manufacturer of CNC routers and plasma cutters.

He also previously owned and operated an earthmoving contracting business with contracts in civil engineering and agricultural fields.

Brown's responsibilities will include delivering customer-driven solutions for the flatbed CNC machine industry.

"Rod has proved very successful as one of our leading sales people over the previous four years," ART's director, David White, said.

"Seeing the effort and personal interest that Rod has displayed towards his clients convinced us that he was exactly the right person to lead our sales team into the future.

Rod is personally involved with every sale from an administration level to ensure that the customer is getting the best solution for his needs."

ART managing director Shaun Gorman said that since taking the reigns, Brown had been instrumental in a complete overhaul of the sales department including the implementation of new sales tools and educational programs for all salespeople.

"We look forward to a new era of productivity that is going to be driven by Rod's determination and enthusiasm," he said.



ART's national sales manager, Rod Brown.