

AMCA CONFERENCE 2017 SURVIVE AND PROSPER

This year, the AMCA National Conference was held at Hamilton Island in Queensland between 3 - 7 October 2017.

The conference commenced with an AMCA National Council meeting. During the evening AMCA hosted the conference welcome dinner and invited Mr Matt Boileau, General Manager at Hamilton Island to share the experience of the rebuild after the devastation caused by Cyclone Debbie. Matt shared details on the resilience of the staff and community to ensure the island would be presented in a wonderful condition for incoming travellers and guests. The conditions which Matt and his team experienced at Hamilton Island illustrated our conference theme this year - "Survive and Prosper".

The formal opening of the conference commenced with an introduction by the AMCA National President, Chris Wright. In his opening address, Chris emphasised the values that contribute to a successful conference. On behalf of the Association he thanked and acknowledged our corporate partners - Victaulic Australia, Milwaukee Tools, Holyoake Industries, Fantech, Airepure Australia and Windsor Management Insurance Brokers.

The conference keynote speaker was Dr Allison Hill. Allison is the founder of Pragmatic Thinking, a motivation and behaviour strategy company. Allison is also the author of "Stand Out: A real world guide to get clear, find purpose and become the boss of busy". She spoke to the group about the key pillars of happiness, health and sanity to help you live a life filled with purpose and progress: "A Stand Out life".

Our business sessions tied into the AMCA Survive and Prosper research project we undertook earlier this year. National Director, Sumit Oberoi, presented delegates with the research findings of the project and provided members with a roadmap of strategies for implementation at the business and Association level.

Technical presentations over the four days were delivered by international speakers; Eli Howard of SMACNA, Steve Jones from Dodge Data and Analytics, and Alain Waha from BuroHappold as well as Warwick Stannus from A.G. Coombs. All of the presenters built upon this year's theme and aligned their presentations on the impact to businesses.

All the presentations from this year's conference are available for download from the AMCA website.

At the Annual General Meeting, held at the conclusion of this year's conference, Mr Russell Telford from the A.G. Coombs Group took over the national presidency of the Association. Russell succeeds Mr Chris Wright who has held the role of President for the past two years.

Mr David Deane-Freeman from DCM Services in South Australia was appointed Vice-President.



2017 Technical Presenters: From left to right: Eli Howard, Alain Waha, Steve Jones and AMCA National President Chris Wright

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AMCA Conference : From the President's Perspective

Hamilton Island was a wonderful location to hand over the baton to Russell Telford after my term as National President. I wish Russell well for the next two years and also to South Australian David Deane-Freeman who has come onboard as the new National Vice President.

The weather was great and the event beautifully planned by our conference team. Two great days of technical presentations from around the globe and great support from our Sponsors : Victaulic, Milwaukee, Fantech, Hollyoake, Windsor Management and new supporter Airpure at the networking events held over the four days. Thanks also to Cameron and Heidi Crawford from the CCCA New Zealand who ventured across the Tasman to join in.

The final dinner, hosted by Milwaukee Tools was a great night - and our special guest Owen Finegan of recent Wallaby, Australian Rugby Union fame, and now the CEO of the Kids Cancer Project, addressed the delegates. In an amazing fund raising effort, our AMCA family raised in excess of \$89,000, including a late \$5,000 donation to see past President Andrew O'Connor have his hair shaved off. These funds will go towards establishing an evidence based clinical service and clinical trials program for Tasmanian children with cancer.

For many years, children and young adults with cancer in the Apple Isle needed to travel interstate or overseas to take part in clinical trials resulting in months of being away from home, placing pressure on families and finances.

This landmark funding allows for the services of a clinical trials coordinator who will work within the Tasmanian Health Service to facilitate the paediatric oncology clinical service and trials program.

Not only does the establishment of this program have the greatest opportunity to reduce illness-related morbidity and mortality for children with cancer living in the state, it will also enable successful benchmarking against other centres caring for children with cancer in Australia.

"This funding is a continuation of The Kids' Cancer Project funding of ANZCHOG to enable them to further develop and strengthen access to clinical trials, introduce a national paediatric tumour bank and to initiate a

national data set of childhood cancer statistics and treatment," said Owen Finegan, CEO of The Kids' Cancer Project. "Support of this project wouldn't be possible without the generosity of AMCA who raised over \$89,000 at their 2017 conference specifically for this study. Since 2010, the AMCA has donated over \$250,000 for childhood cancer research."

I am very proud to be a part of this Association.

We all look forward to next year's conference to be held in Fiji.

Chris Wright
AMCA National President



Pictured: National Executive members, Chris Smith, Chris Wright, David Deane-Freeman and Russell Telford with James Ballantyne (Milwaukee Tools), and Owen Finegan (CEO, Kids Cancer Project)

CONSTRUCTION INNOVATION FORUM 2017



The BIM-MEP^{AUS} Construction Innovation 2017 Forum was held on 14 – 15 September, 2017 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Over 350 delegates attended this year's forum. Beginning in 2010, the forum continues to serve as a touchstone for the adoption of Building Information Modelling and other innovations in construction — not just in Australia, but globally. As the pre-eminent BIM event on the Australian calendar, it continues to provide industry with the best snapshot of how industry leaders around the world are utilising technologies to deliver innovative solutions on construction projects. The forum showcased:

- Real life case studies by a diverse group within the built environment including head contractors, specialist sub-contractors, engineering consultants, facility managers and technology experts; and
- Demonstrations on how building information modelling (BIM) is successfully used by international and Australian companies to increase their efficiency and productivity at all stages of the project lifecycle.

The presentations featured many great examples of ways to embrace BIM and how standardisation through the BIM-MEP^{AUS} initiative is assisting to resolve technical issues and other barriers for BIM adoption.

For the past eight years this forum has served as a touchstone for innovation in our sector - not just in Australia, but globally. While technology is often the focus, this year we emphasised the importance of the behavioural drivers of innovation: the readiness and capacity for change. These attributes rarely come easily, which is why research tells us that only 30% of change initiatives succeed.

To overcome this, companies must be as willing to tackle organisational and cultural issues as they are technical and design problems. This requires a flexible and adaptive approach that challenges convention, encourages experimentation, and fosters a genuine culture of learning and knowledge sharing. While flexibility is important, it also requires a deep commitment to ensuring that lessons are learned, mistakes are not repeated, and that new approaches are embedded within organisational practices.

Videos of each of this year's presentations can be found at :

www.bimmepaus.com.au



Construction Innovation Forum Panel members from left to right: Malcolm Foort, Cesare Caoduro, Shane Burger, Tyler Goss, Doug Moore and Rafik Abdelkaddous

AMCA SAFETY WEEK 2017

AMCA Members regard the health and safety of all its employees as critical for our community.

Each year AMCA members adopt a theme for our annual safety week campaign and this year is no different.

Mental health is a subject that all of us should be able to discuss in the workplace. The focus of this year's campaign was to normalise these conversations to help manage mental health issues in the workplace.

The campaign was held between Monday, 23 October 2017 to Friday, 27 October 2017. Our campaign of awareness directed people to information and advice, as well as training resources.

Our theme this year of "LET'S TACKLE MENTAL HEALTH" followed on from our campaign last year around suicide prevention, and seeks to broaden the conversation surrounding mental health. Our industry must break down the stigma and fear around discussing what poor mental health is, how to recognise the signs of mental stress and how deal with it. We all need to tackle a health issue that affects nearly one in two Australians throughout our lifetimes.

Once again, the AMCA hosted a website and set up confidential hotlines that anyone can ring. The website provides helpful advice around discussing mental health, seeking help, referral to training and general guidance. The website will remain live beyond the campaigning period.

The address is www.letstacklementalhealth.com.au



Talking footy brings us together
So should talking about mental health

Get around your workmates and let's all tackle a health issue that affects nearly one in two Aussies throughout our lifetimes

For guidance on how to start the conversation go to letstacklementalhealth.com.au or call the Incolink Confidential Hotline on 1300 000 129

AMCA Mental Health Awareness Week
23rd - 27th October 2017

AMCA Incolink

Airepure Australia - Air Filtration Specialists

National air filtration company, Airepure Australia, offer a broad range of filtration solutions - from basic HVAC filtration, through to high-end HEPA filtration, airborne containment systems and odour control solutions.

"We can provide something as simple as HVAC bag or panel filters for air handling units, right through to something very specialised for a secure research facility - where airborne containment systems and OGTR (Office of Gene Therapy Regulator) compliant insect barriers are required to make sure that nothing bioactive goes out or in," explains Airepure's CEO Roger Van Oosten. "These could be PC3 or PC4 rated labs, which may be dealing with highly infectious diseases and viruses."

With its own team of in-house engineers and specialists, Airepure can provide highly customised solutions to tailor a particular customer's needs. "In our head office, we have an in-house engineering team, estimating and project management team," Van Oosten said. "Then in our individual office warehouse locations around Australia, we have significant local technical expertise and experience through our technical representatives, service divisions and warehousing locations. We can provide solutions from basic sales, installation and service - handle everything from system design right through to installation and maintenance. We provide a whole solution with full service - a one stop shop, so to speak."

Significant bio-research and health projects that Airepure have supplied include AQIS/PEQ (Vic), ANSTO (NSW), NRAH (SA), St Vincent's Private Hospital (Vic and Qld), and Karratha Hospital (WA). Airepure have also supplied kitchen exhaust air scrubbers to Barangaroo Tower 3 (NSW) and Woodside Corporate (WA), and general HVAC / odour solutions to Ravenhall Prison (Vic), RAAF Base Williamtown (NSW) and Jupiters Casino (NSW).

The company has been very diligent in keeping ahead of industry standards and regulations, offering a range of products, services and consulting expertise that can assist with compliance. "The task of compliance with relevant standards and regulations can be quite daunting, and many people are not sure where to start," Van Oosten said. "We make sure that we've got products that will help people to comply with current standards."

Energy efficiency has always been front-of-mind for Airepure. "We've always had an ethos of providing good quality products. We may not always be the cheapest, but we definitely will fill a purpose of providing the best filtration with the best energy savings over time," says Van Oosten. "We provide a better product that will last longer and require less maintenance. That is real long term total value for our clients."



EVENTS

NOVEMBER

30	NAT	ACCI AGM and Meeting	Canberra	
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DECEMBER

6	NAT	ACIF Board Meeting	Canberra	James Cameron
7	NAT	AMCA National Council Meeting	Canberra	Anna Trevorah

JANUARY

31	NAT	NEBB AGM	Fremantle, WA	Lyn Dyason
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FEBRUARY

14	NAT	AMCA National Council Meeting	Canberra	Anna Trevorah
26	VIC	AMCA Vic Golf Day	Yarra Yarra Golf Club	Anna Trevorah

MARCH

23	SA	AMCA SA Golf Day	Kooyonga Golf Club	Chris Rankin
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