**Refrigerant Evolution - ARC Working Group**

**Terms of Reference**

**Objective**

Participating in the Refrigerant Evolution Working Group is a valuable opportunity to effect change within the refrigeration and air conditioning (RAC) industry. It is important the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) is kept up-to-date with, and can meet, the numerous challenges resulting from changes in technology and refrigerants and their impact on RAC technicians. This Working Group will help to inform ARC of the challenges and provide guidance on solutions.

 **Purpose and scope**

With a refrigerant evolution currently taking place within the RAC industry, it is incumbent on industry to look at strategies to ensure technicians keep up with the pace of change; in an effective, efficient and safe manner.

The ARC is acting on this need, and has plans in place to create an industry-led Refrigerant Evolution Working Group to look at issues affecting technicians at the coal face including: safety, training requirements and technology advances.

The Working Group will highlight issues and submit recommendations addressing these issues for the ARC Board and, depending on appropriateness; recommendations may then be forwarded to the Department of the Environment, or acted on by ARC.

 **Conditions of Participation**

As well as having a genuine desire to effect positive change for the RAC industry, Working Group participants should have a relevant ARC licence, or be a representative of an ARC member association.

From the applications received, the ARC will select between six to eight representatives, based on the individuals’ expertise and suitability to the role and stakeholder balance. Membership of the working Group will be at the discretion of the ARC Board.

There is no cost to be a part of the Working Group, and members shall bear their own costs.

 **Meeting schedule (proposed)**

Beginning in August 2016, it is proposed that three meetings will be held over a twelve month period. Subsequent meetings may also be scheduled, dependent on need.

The group will meet at a location in the Sydney, NSW area.

 **Code of Conduct**

It is expected that participants actively subscribe to ARC Values and the betterment of the RAC industry generally.

Contributions should be constructive and on topic at all times.

In the case of active dissent the Working Group Chair will report to the ARC Board who will then consider ongoing membership of the working group. The decision of the Board will be final.

 **Interested in joining the Refrigerant Evolution Working Group?**

Send your details and express your interest in participating to ARC Manager, Compliance and Training, Rod Cumming at rcumming@arctick.org.