RRA set to announce GM

THE SEARCH FOR A NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT REFRIGERANT RECLAIM AUSTRALIA (RRA) HAS ENDED WITH KYLIE FARRELLEY COMMENCING WORK WITH THE ORGANISATION LAST MONTH.

THE FORMER MANAGER of Arkema’s fluoroc-chemical business and chair of Refrigerants Australia (RA) is well versed in all aspects of the RAC trade and refrigerant technologies.

Farrelley has replaced former general manager Michael Bennett, who announced plans to step aside in December last year.

No formal announcement regarding Farrelley’s appointment had been made at press time. For updates go to www.climatecontrolnews.com.au

Bennett has helped make the RRA a global leader in the recovery and safe disposal of ozone depleting and synthetic greenhouse gas refrigerants.

And while he will continue to work at RRA his focus will be on more specific research programs and training initiatives with TAFE. In recent months Bennett has been working on a video series on the technical aspects of refrigerant recovery for RAC students as well as a number of introductory videos promoting the RAC industry. PricewaterhouseCoopers began the search for a new general manager in December last year. Farrelley certainly has an impressive track record in the Australian RAC industry, especially in the area of refrigerants. She was elected RA chair in March, 2018.

The position of chair is held for a two year period when the Board can either elect a new chair or re-elect the incumbent.

New guidelines for emissions

THE UN INTERGOVERNMENTAL Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has announced new guidelines for governments to use when measuring greenhouse gas emissions.

The IPCC said the guidelines, which were updated for the first time in more than a decade, will improve emissions estimates and provide greater transparency.

Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, governments use common methodologies to measure how many greenhouse emissions they have produced and how many have been removed from the atmosphere.

The IPCC said the new 2019 guidelines built on 2006 methodologies by updating gaps and out-of-date science. Under the new rules, satellite data on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will be used to estimate the amount emitted by each country.

Carbon dioxide released during the process of producing hydrogen will also be included in the estimates. Next year, all parties to the agreement must regularly report their greenhouse gas emissions to the United Nations.

IPCC Chair Lee Hoe-sung, said the guidelines will improve reporting and help implement the agreement more effectively.

Worldwide call to action

THE INAUGURAL WORLD Refrigeration Day (WRD) will be held on June 26, 2019.

Dubbed the “Coolest Day of the Year”, World Refrigeration Day has worldwide support from industry groups, end users, standards bodies and the UN Environment Program (UNEP).

It isn’t just a celebration, WRD is designed to raise awareness of the significant role of refrigeration and air conditioning in modern life.

The International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) launched a Call to Action for World Refrigeration Day with trade groups and professional bodies, organising events to commemorate the big day.

Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHR) CEO, Stephen Yurek, said refrigeration is an important component of a safe and healthy society.

"From keeping medicines and food supplies safe to enabling a ready supply of fresh food choices regardless of geography, refrigeration is an often unheralded yet vital technology for the modern world,” he said.