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WELL, WELL

The IWBI has released an updated iteration of the WELL Building Standard – WELL v2.

The International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) has formally launched the latest version of the WELL Building Standard – WELL v2.

The official launch comes after two years of extensive development, in-use application and review.

“It was a long road to get here, but we’ve confirmed that WELL v2 is implacably strong, robust and resilient in the face of every challenge,” says IWBI chair and CEO Rick Fedrizzi.

“From a global pandemic to social justice, WELL v2 has proved to be a relevant, scalable and global rating system that’s responsive, inclusive, technically robust, customer-focused and applicable for any organisation or space type.”

The WELL Building Standard is a performance-based system for measuring, certifying, and monitoring features of the built environment that impact human health and wellbeing.

WELL v2 features an upgraded rating system and new digital project management platform. The latest version consolidates previous iterations and pilots into a single rating system that is designed to accommodate all project types and sectors.

The standard is centered on 10 concepts that impact human health and wellbeing: air, water, nourishment, light, movement, thermal comfort, sound, materials, mind and community.



IWBI president Rachel Gutter

“As the leading tool for advancing health and wellbeing globally, the WELL Building Standard helps people to work, live, perform and feel their best,” says IWBI president Rachel Gutter. “With WELL as our vehicle, IWBI helps to translate what we know into what we practise.”

“We’ve channelled all that we have learned into a more accessible, adaptable and equitable rating system, which continues to be anchored by the latest scientific research and industry best practices. WELL v2 has demonstrated it is dynamic, resilient, validated and ready to change the world.”

Go to <https://v2.wellcertified.com/wellv2/en/overview> ■

Insights into the industry

The latest episode of AIRAH on Air provides a personal glimpse inside HVAC&R.

In the most recent episode of the *AIRAH on Air* podcast, Ecolibrium editor Matt Dillon chats with two erstwhile AIRAH presidents in Ania Hampton, M.AIRAH, and Sean Treweek, F.AIRAH.

The duo make for engaging guests, talking about their different paths into the so-called “hidden industry”, how

mergers and acquisitions are changing the complexion of consultancies, and why male HVAC&R engineers should have the flexibility of their female colleagues.

“This just might be one of the most entertaining episodes so far,” says Ecolibrium deputy editor Mark Vender.

Go to www.airah.org.au/podcast ■



Melbourne-based Aaron Hoare, Affil.AIRAH, is a sustainability consultant with WSP.

Responsibilities

Building energy modelling, as well as advising on and compiling evidence for sustainability initiatives such as Green Star, WELL and NABERS.

Specialty

Given my previous experience as a refrigeration mechanic and maintaining HVAC systems, my specialty is mainly around energy modelling of building services, building tuning and passive HVAC design.

Passions

Highlighting ways the built environment can reduce its impact on the environment. We as building services professionals really have an opportunity and obligation to improve the indoor environment for building occupants as well as reduce the environmental impact of the built environment. I am also passionate about promoting the industry to graduates and young professionals.

Professional development

While tertiary study is important as a base, real-life experience is invaluable. Getting the opportunity to push yourself out of your comfort zone, putting your hand up to take on a new challenge, making mistakes and learning from them is the best way to develop as a professional.

Inspiring words

“It would be a waste of life to do nothing with one’s ability, for I feel that life is measured in achievement, not in years alone.” – Bruce McLaren

Future plans

Master of Business Administration (Environmental Sustainability) at Deakin University, which I am very much looking forward to completing. Continuing to work closely with architects and contractors to influence and challenge business as usual, as well as influencing building design to reduce its environmental impact. ■