

# Press release

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## Kirby Apprentice Fund, strengthening our trade

**As an exciting industry initiative, Kirby announces the formation of the Kirby Apprentice Fund, established to support apprentices and strengthen the technical skills of the HVAC&R industry.**

The company will begin to raise funds through various programs and use those funds to provide trade tools and skills development training to industry apprentices.

The fund will be launched on World Refrigeration Day, June 26. All supporters will have the opportunity to purchase a Kirby T-shirt for \$10 from a Kirby branch, with all profits directed to the Kirby Apprentice Fund. The trade t-shirts carry the message, 'strengthening our trade' - the essence of the fund's purpose.

In addition, Kirby account customers will have the opportunity to contribute a voluntary refrigerant levy to the fund, which will also be fully invested back into the industry for the provision of tools and training.

While the Kirby Apprentice Fund will be launched on WRD, the fund and fund-raising programs will continue and expand into the future. To maximise opportunities from the fund, all HVAC&R trade apprentices are encouraged to register their details at [kirbyhvacr.com.au](http://kirbyhvacr.com.au).

Supporting apprentices is a tradition that has long been part of the Kirby history. For over 20 years, Kirby has been the official Gold Partner, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning of WorldSkills Australia.

One and all are invited to head to their local Kirby branch on June 26, where they will be able to purchase a Kirby T-shirt and in doing so, support the future of the HVAC&R industry.



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