**The South African Institute of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning**

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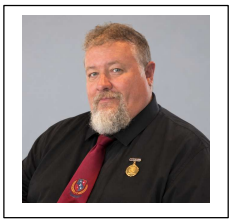
Dear SAIRAC members,

You are invited to a special behind the scenes talk "Why SAIRAC matters today" presented by two very experienced and seasoned members of National Council that will take place at Parow Golf Club on 18 November 2026 at 19h15.

SAIRAC fosters a powerful collaborative ecosystem where engineers, technicians, contractors, and educators unite under a shared standard of excellence.

The objectives of the South African Institute of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (SAIRAC) are to generate, manage, and share knowledge, promote high professional standards, and support education in the environmental control industry. To procure and maintain the professional status of our engineers and technicians.

Our first speaker Mr Grant Laidlaw ex SAIRAC President (2015 to 2018) holds the current portfolio of National Treasurer as well as the education portfolio.in SAIRAC. He will be talking on the value of being a SAIRAC member.



Mr Laidlaw is the owner of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Academy (ACRA) in South Africa. Currently there are three branches, Johannesburg, Kimberley and Durban. He holds dual trade statuses both Electrical and Refrigeration as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration and an Associate Degree in Educational Administration. He has been involved with SAIRAC for three decades and has been honored with several awards. He carries a vast amount of experience and knowledge with SAIRAC.

Our second speaker Mr Robert Fox ex SAIRAC President (2022 to 2025) holds the current position of Continual Professional Development (CPD) administrator in SAIRAC. He will be talking on CPD points within SAIRAC.



Mr Fox has over 30 years experience in the HERVAC Industry and presents many of our online courses for our members. Mr. Robert Fox holds a National Diploma in Production Management studied at Technicon Pretoria and various other courses. He works at Club Refrigeration performing heat load calculations and equipment selection. He has spent the past few years ensuring that SAIRAC is up to date as a recognised Voluntary Association of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) as a Service provider and a licensed body. He continues to assist all centers with all CPD related queries and registration of courses and talks to ensure CPD points are allocated where possible.

Venue: Parow Golf Club – Frans Conradie Road - Parow

Date & Time: 18 November 2026 @ 18h00 for 18h30

Snacks will be provided, and Cash Bar facility will be available

Please send **RSVP** to: capetownsecretary@sairac.co.za

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on/by **16 November 2026** before **12h00**