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AR Conference – “Room for Improvement”



Accessible Retail (AR) held their annual conference as usual at The Royal Institution building in Albemarle Street. The venue was made to work harder this year as 15 retailers accepted the invitation to host meetings after lunch.

The speakers dealt with a range of issues both in their presentations (which should be on the AR website) and during questions. The core sponsor was Bunnings Warehouse and their UK Managing Director Peter (PJ) Davis told us about the company purchase in early 2016, what they have done to date and what the longer term plans are.

Most attendees have something 'on' with Bunnings Homebase and they had a busy table in the afternoon. A few stores have closed or will close, but ideally they will re-gear leases or extend/relocate to provide the space they need.

After Travis Perkins sponsored 2016, maybe it is Kingfisher's turn in 2018.