

# AUSTRALIA'S BEST YOUNG LOCKSMITH AWARD 2016



## FIFTH FINALIST

**Huw McFarlane**

Archer Locksmiths

5 years as a locksmith

My name is Huw McFarlane, I am 24 years old and I have been a locksmith for 5 years. I started studying locksmithing in 2011 initially because I was interested in the mechanics and design of safes. Over the course of my studies I developed my skills and finished my apprenticeship with several achievements. These achievements include; 2014 - Allan Axford Memorial Apprentice of the Year Award, 2014 - 1st in Safe Technology & 2013 - 1st in Stage 2 Locksmithing.

Throughout my experience as a locksmith I have found working with safes to be the most enjoyable and have drilled and manipulated multiple safes to date.

### What do you most enjoy about your work as a locksmith?

One of my favourite things about locksmithing is that no two days are the same, going to jobs always brings up new and interesting challenges to overcome. I particularly like safe work and the processes involved in opening and reinstating them.

### What key issues do you think will affect the Locksmith industry in the coming decade and how do you think these should be approached?

Technology is one of the biggest issues for the industry. With the introduction of technologies such as access



control systems, and keyless cars, it is difficult for the industry to stay relevant.

I think ensuring adequate training and education is available to keep up with these changes is the first step to approaching a much broader issue with the training

### How do you keep current with professional developments in the field?

In trying to keep up with all the advancements in the industry I often find myself researching new locks and key systems as best as I can to ensure that my customers will always have the most up to date, effective, and secure homes and businesses.

### Tell us why you should be Australia's best young locksmith.

I want to be Australia's best young locksmith as recognition for my achievements and with the hope of encouraging others to take up the trade and continue to advance the locksmithing industry and make a safer, more secure community for everyone.

## WHY ABYL? MAKE 2017 YOURS

- Win \$6000 worth of prizes
- Gain national recognition
- Benchmark your skills against other young locksmiths
- Showcase your accomplishment to your customers and current or future employers
- Stand out from the crowd
- Opportunity to travel interstate

