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### Welcome to the Workplace Research Centre Newsletter.

In this newsletter we feature some of the latest updates on events, research, presentations and media appearances from the WRC including a reminder to register for the Sydney Health and Work Research Network Sustainable Work Symposium and the Advocacy in the Tribunals Course.

### UPCOMING WRC EVENTS

#### [SYDNEY HEALTH & WORK RESEARCH NETWORK SUSTAINABLE WORK SYMPOSIUM - REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN](#)

#### [Sustainable Work: Health, Wellbeing & Productivity](#)

Thursday 17 July 2014, 9am - 5pm



This Symposium will explore the complex connections between work, wellbeing and productivity and will feature presentations by researchers and practitioners from a diverse range of organisations including the University of Sydney, NSW Health, Comcare, National Employment Services Association and the Centre for Work + Life, University of South Australia.

**Venue:** Darlington Centre, University of Sydney

**Price:** \$60 (discounts available for USYD staff and students and WHPN members)

[View the full program and register online here](#)

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#### [22ND ANNUAL LABOUR LAW CONFERENCE](#)

#### [Labour law in practice: the big issues and the big cases](#)

Monday 25 August, 9am - 5pm



At this year's conference, keynote speaker Senior Deputy President Jonathan Hamberger from the Fair Work Commission will discuss the new bullying provisions. Other presenters will discuss the top cases and major issues facing labour law in 2014.

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#### FEATURE LINKS



#### LATEST WRC RESEARCH

##### **Weak Links: Connections between qualifications and modern award**

Initial findings from some new WRC research shows that the links between qualifications and pay rates in modern awards varies greatly between and within industries, challenging some long-running assumptions in skills and wages policy.

With research assistant Kurt Walpole, Damian has examined every classification in every modern award for its relationship to AQF qualifications, as well as looking at pay rates and licensing arrangements.

Outside government services, education, health, community services and some parts of manufacturing, there are very weak

[View the full Conference Program](#)

**Date:** Monday, 25 August 2014: 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Venue:** Sofitel Wentworth Sydney

**Cost:** \$695 (early bird until 27 June), \$795 (General rate)  
*University of Sydney Staff and Students Rates are also available, contact WRC.*

[Read more information and register](#)

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### **ADVOCACY IN THE TRIBUNALS COURSE - LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER AT EARLY BIRD PRICE**

**The Advocacy in the Tribunals Course is suitable for aspiring industrial advocates from employer and union backgrounds.**



**Wednesdays 13 August - 15 October 2014, 5.30 - 7.30pm (10 weeks)**

**Venue:** Fair Work Commission, Terrace Tower, 80 William Street, East Sydney

**Cost:** \$2550 (early bird until 30 May), \$2650 (standard)

[Read the Course Outline and register](#)

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## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH PROMOTION NETWORK ANNUAL MEMBERS' FORUM**

**Leadership in the workplace - how can we get our leaders on board to create healthy workplaces?**



**Tuesday 3 June, 9am - 4pm**

The WHPN Annual Forum will be held on Tuesday 3 June and hosted by King & Wood Mallesons, Level 61, Governor Phillip Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney.

Guest Speakers include the Minister for Mental Health Hon. Jai Rowell and the NSW Small Business Commissioner Robyn Hobbs OAM.

For more information or to RSVP for the Forum, please contact Sharon on (02) 9339 6008 or [whpn@mentalhealth.asn.au](mailto:whpn@mentalhealth.asn.au)

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links between qualifications and modern awards, especially university-level qualifications.

## **WRC IN THE MEDIA**

**Fears \$10,000 subsidy no quick fix, 20 May**

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**Kylie Minogue dancers drama points to worker exploitation, 1 May**

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**How to be healthier at work, 28 April**

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## **WRC PRESENTATIONS**

**2014 Skills Conference, 2 & 3 June, Hobart**

Professor John Buchanan will present at the 2014 Skills Conference. The conference theme will focus on consolidation after a period of significant reform and change. [More information.](#)

**No Frills Conference, 9 - 11 July, Melbourne**

Dr Damian Oliver will present findings from a WRC study investigating the links between qualifications and pay rates in modern awards, and their implications for skill utilisation at the 2014 No Frills Conference. [More information.](#)