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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 22nd Annual Labour Law Conference.

## UPCOMING WRC EVENTS

### 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.

[View the full Conference Program.](#)

#### Conference details

**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](#)

**Contact:** Stacey Young: (02) 9351 0026 or [stacey.young@sydney.edu.au](mailto:stacey.young@sydney.edu.au)

### ADVOCACY IN THE TRIBUNALS COURSE

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)

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

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### LATEST WRC RESEARCH

#### Gearing up for Smart and Skilled

In 2014, NSW becomes the latest state to move to a demand-driven VET system, with the launch of Smart and Skilled. In anticipation, TAFE NSW and the Australian Education Union (AEU) have agreed to trial new education support and leadership roles. Over the next two years, WRC will work with TAFE NSW and the AEU to evaluate whether these new roles have supported TAFE NSW to remain the pre-eminent, high quality, public VET provider in NSW. The evaluation will involve a combination of case studies, interviews, surveys and analysis of secondary data. This project brings together WRC's long-running expertise in workforce development and industrial relations.

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

[Read the Course Outline and register](#)

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## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### SYDNEY HEALTH AND WORK RESEARCH NETWORK SUSTAINABLE WORK SYMPOSIUM

**Please save the date for the Sydney Health and Work Research Network's Sustainable Work Symposium.**



**Thursday 17 July 2014**

The Symposium, being held at the Darlington Centre, University of Sydney 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.

Contact Stacey Young on [stacey.young@sydney.edu.au](mailto:stacey.young@sydney.edu.au) for more information and to be notified when registrations for this event open.

### NSW ITABS BREAKFAST

**Competency vs Capability - what does it all mean?**

**Friday 23 May 2014, 7.15 - 9.00am**



Professor John Buchanan, Director of the Workplace Research Centre will present at the NSW ITABS breakfast on the topic of *Competency v Capability – what does it all mean?*

For more information and to register contact: [hana.esber@acfips.org.au](mailto:hana.esber@acfips.org.au)

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## WRC IN THE MEDIA

### **Has the Royal Commission into trade unions divided Labor?**

ABC 7.30 interviewed Professor John Buchanan, Director of the Workplace Research Centre about the Royal Commission into trade union corruption. [Watch the full story.](#)

### **Unions and employer groups tussle over minimum wage review**

Radio National the World Today program interviewed Dr Damian Oliver from the Workplace Research Centre about minimum wage amidst the Fair Work Commission's annual minimum wage review. [Listen to the full story.](#)

## WRC PRESENTATIONS

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

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.](#)

### **Advanced Medical Education and Research Program, Ha Noi – 5-9 May 2014**

Professor John Buchanan will travel to Vietnam to present at the 2014 Hoc Mai Advanced Medical Education and Research Program. [Read more about the program.](#)