

## About *AIRC News*

Welcome to the first issue of *AIRC News*—a free, electronic newsletter available by [subscription](#) and from the AIRC website at [www.airc.gov.au](http://www.airc.gov.au).

In each issue you will find news about the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) and its services. We welcome your feedback about this newsletter, the AIRC website and AIRC services generally. If you wish to contact us, please send an email to [communications@air.gov.au](mailto:communications@air.gov.au).

## Wages and Allowances Review

All documents related to the Wages and Allowances Review 2007—including submissions, exhibits and the 16 August decision—can be accessed online from a [dedicated website](#) available through the AIRC website.

The site can also be found by following links on the left-hand-side menu of the AIRC website: click through from *Hearings and Cases* to [Current Major Cases](#). The *Hearings and Cases* section includes access to dedicated websites for historically significant AIRC cases.

## International Conference

The AIRC will host an international conference on industrial dispute resolution in Melbourne on Wednesday, 3 October 2007.

The conference will be held at the Hilton on the Park Hotel in East Melbourne on Wednesday, 3 October and will feature presentations by the heads of some of the most important international industrial dispute resolution bodies.

Limited places are still available. For further information including the program and registration go to the [conference website](#) or contact the conference secretariat on:

**Telephone:** +613 8661 7829 or +613 8661 7718

**Facsimile:** +613 9650 3354

**Email:** [iidrconference@airc.gov.au](mailto:iidrconference@airc.gov.au)

## Decisions by Subject

A list of recent decisions—arranged by subject, with hyperlinks to the actual decisions—will be a regular feature of this newsletter from next issue.

## AIRC Information Line

A national inquiry service is available from the AIRC through a 1300 telephone number and an interactive, online facility.

The AIRC Information Line is available by calling **1300 799 675** between 9.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. (AEST) Monday to Friday. The service also handles online inquiries through the 'live help' facility on the [AIRC website](#).

Information line staff can provide information about processes concerning AIRC functions such as unfair and unlawful dismissal applications and dispute resolution. However, the information line is not able to provide legal advice or opinion.

The AIRC Information Line was established in March 2006 to deal with inquiries related to the introduction of the Work Choices legislation. On 1 July 2007 it was confirmed as an ongoing service.

## Dispute Resolution Briefings

The AIRC's national briefings' program has been expanded to include in-house as well as public briefings.

Under the program, interested users can request a free, in-house briefing by an AIRC member, including a member who is familiar with their particular industry. A series of public AIRC briefings was conducted in capital city locations across Australia in recent months.

The briefings' program was initially run in the months following the 27 March 2006 introduction of Work Choices and featured a comprehensive overview of the Work Choices changes in relation to the AIRC's work.

This year's program focuses on the AIRC's role in the prevention and resolution of disputes.

To request a briefing session phone the AIRC Information Line on **1300 799 675** or the [chambers of the relevant AIRC Panel Head](#).

The AIRC also offers a number of fact sheets and guides regarding dispute resolution. The documents are available from the AIRC website and include:

- Assistance with dispute resolution ([fact sheet](#))
- How to make an application—dispute resolution ([guide](#))
- Dispute resolution procedures in agreements ([guide](#))
- Dispute resolution procedures—additional material ([guide](#))

## Photographic Exhibition

A behind-the-scenes photographic account of the work of the AIRC and its Registry is currently on display in the AIRC's Melbourne premises at 11 Exhibition Street.

Presented by the AIRC's Sir Richard Kirby Archives, the exhibition features a selection of photographs taken on 15 December 2004—the 100-year anniversary of the enactment of the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*—as part of the AIRC's centenary celebrations.

**Where:** AIRC, 11 Exhibition Street, Melbourne—levels 4 and 8

**When:** July–September 2007

**What:** A Day in the Life of the AIRC—an [exhibition guide](#) is available

**Access:** The exhibition can be viewed between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., Monday–Friday. For further information please call Rachel Franklin on 03 8661 7823. For access to level 8 please go to the inquiries counter on level 4.

## Did you know?

Free, electronic subscription services are available through the AIRC website. Information available via email alerts includes award updates, significant decisions (including Full Bench decisions), Gazette Notices for registered organisations and general announcements.

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