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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

*Pranav Bhatt, Editor*

The Society's Annual General Meeting and luncheon was held on 13 August at NSW Parliament House and was very well attended. The Patron of the Society, Paul Munro provided an enlightening address, sharing his personal view of where the Society has come from and where we should be going with it. His address will be available for download on our website soon.

The following members were elected onto the Executive Committee for 2010/2011:

**President:** Mr. Steve Turner

**Vice Presidents:** Commissioner Alastair MacDonald and Mr. John Counter

**Secretary:** Ms Sharlene Wellard

**Assistant Secretary:** Ms Alisha Wilde

**Treasurer:** Mr. Peter Hallissy

**Immediate Past President:** Mr. Joe Catanzariti

**Patron:** Mr. Paul Munro

**Committee:** Ms Robin Amos, Mr. Stephen Banister, Mr. Pranav Bhatt, Mr. Simon Brown, Mr. Brad Buffoni, Mr. Dan Dwyer, Mr. Bradon Ellem, Mr. Graham Evans, Mr. Dick Grozier, Justice Wayne Haylen, Ms Jennifer Hunt, Mr. Tim McDonald, Mr. Ross Nassif, Ms Michele O'Neill, Dr Troy Sarina, Mr. Geoff Stevenson, Mr. Ingmar Taylor, Mr. David Wedgwood and Mr. George Simon

**Administrator:** Ms Kate Jacobs

## CHRISTMAS PARTY OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

*Pranav Bhatt, Editor*



The Society's annual Christmas Party will be held on 19 November at the Occidental Hotel Level 2 Private Function Room from 5.30pm. It's an ideal occasion to round-off 2010, catching up with friends and meeting newer members in a casual setting with a few drinks and canapés in between.

If you'd like to attend, please complete the registration form and return it to Ms Kate Jacobs, Administrator of the Society by 10 November. Prices per person are \$25 for members, \$15 for full-time student members and \$33 for non-members. The first drink and finger food is included. We hope to see you there!

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011

*Brad Buffoni, Convenor*

Following on from the acclaimed 2010 conference in Kiama, “Fair Work – Reforming or Recycling Industrial Relations?” we are very pleased to announce our next conference which will again be at the Sebel Harbourside Kiama from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 May 2011.



The success of the 2010 conference cannot be mentioned without noting the Society’s extreme gratitude and appreciation for the support provided by its sponsors for the 2010 Conference:

<b>Premier Sponsor</b>	<b>WG McNally Jones Staff</b>
<b>Principal Sponsors</b>	<b>Harmers Workplace Lawyers &amp; Industrial Relations New South Wales</b>
<b>Satchel Sponsor</b>	<b>Clayton Utz</b>
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While a specific theme for the 2011 conference has yet to be decided, since we last convened we have had the Federal election and Fair Work Australia is now in its second year, which will undoubtedly have some bearing.

Speakers will again be invited from politicians, unions, employer groups, academics and lawyers amongst others.

Well received speakers at the last conference included NSWIRC President Justice Boland; Fair Work Australia Vice President Watson; Federal Attorney General Robert McClelland; Federal Shadow Minister Employment & Workplace Relations Eric Abetz; NSW Minister IR John Robertson; NSW Shadow Minister IR Greg Pearce; Mark Lennon, Unions NSW; Dean Mighel, VIC ETU; Sue Bussell, Executive Manager IR Qantas; Professor Jo-Ellen Riley, Sydney University; Michael Easton, Frederick Jordan Chambers; Michael Harmer, President AIER & Harmers Workplace Lawyers; Michael Tooma, Norton Rose; and, Jackie Furey, Psychotherapist. (*continued page 3*)

## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS?

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We anticipate attracting equally interesting, informative and possibly provocative speakers at the next conference.

For those who were not able to attend the last conference, at Kiama you will find a tranquil rural town and the Sebel Harbourside, an excellent resort venue.

Speakers will be heard all day Friday, Saturday morning and early afternoon, with a dinner speaker Saturday evening.

Saturday afternoon is free time with plenty of activities to choose from such as a short stroll to the famous 'blow-hole', historic terrace shops, restaurants, and clubs. This wonderful recreational region also provides, 3 lovely golf courses, the spectacular Carrington Falls, the Minnamurra Rainforest, Seven Mile, Bombo, Kendall and the East's beaches all in close proximity.

Details of the theme and guest speakers will be provided once confirmed.

On behalf of the Society, we look forward to seeing you there.

### ANNUAL PATRON'S LUNCH

### THE FAIR WORLD OF IR: CRAIG REUCASSEL

*Pranav Bhatt, Editor*

With popular lead member of the Chaser, Craig Reucassel guest speaking at the Society's Annual Patron's Lunch this year, seats are already selling fast. Make sure that you and your colleagues RSVP by returning your registration forms to Ms Kate Jacobs, Administrator of the Society by 25 October.

Craig will be taking a satirical look at the fair new world of industrial relations on 28 October at the Royal Exchange of Sydney from 12.30pm. Prices are \$70 for members, \$40 for full-time student members and \$90 for non-members.

The Society would like to thank sponsor Blake Dawson for its generous ongoing support for the Annual Patron's Lunch.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### AUGUST 2010 – OCTOBER 2010

Mary Davitt	Health & Beauty Australia
Kerrie Hamilton	University of Newcastle
Mark Harrison	Allied Mills Pty Ltd
Christa Ludlow	Crown Solicitors Office
Julie Mwanika	University of Western Sydney
Courtney Simpson	REEF
Matt Skinner	Master Builders' Association of NSW
Michael Vella	REEF