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## IRST Introduction

The Industrial Relations Society Tasmania (IRST) is an independent, non-partisan association encouraging networking, professional development, research and discussions on a wide range of issues affecting workplace relations. IRST will be affiliated with national Australian Labor and Employment Relations Association Incorporated (ALERA). IRST members will receive the Journal of Industrial Relations, discounted access to state and national IR conferences, seminars and access to professional development and networking events.

We are excited to announce the relaunch and AGM of IRST on Tuesday, 18 June 2019. All people interested in industrial relations, employment relations, and human resources are encouraged to become members of IRST and attend the first free networking event.

## IRST Membership

The Tasmanian Industrial Commission is providing secretariat support to the IRST. A database of interested persons has been established. Your assistance is sought to further circulate this newsletter to any other person who may be interested.

Membership will be open to all employers and employees in public and private sectors, unions and employer organisations, legal practitioners, industrial commission staff, advocates, students and academics or other interested or retired persons with an interest in industrial relations and improving workplace relations.

To be included in the IRST database for future mail outs please contact → [Marlene.Jara@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:Marlene.Jara@justice.tas.gov.au)

## Message from the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee of the IRST has been meeting over the recent months to facilitate the relaunch. Members of the Steering Committee include Neroli Ellis (TIC), Ashleigh Furminger (TIC), Abbey George (TCCI), Craig Green (DMA), Natalie Jones (CPSU), David Dilger (Edge Legal), Jane Fitton (SSMO), and Katie Creavin (ANMF).

The following preliminary work has been undertaken by the Steering Committee:

- Development of a draft constitution which adopts the Tasmanian Model rules required to apply for incorporation as an association. These matters will be considered for endorsement at the IRST AGM;
- Endorsement of an IRST website for membership applications and event registration;
- Consulting with stakeholders to develop a professional development program;
- Facilitating the relaunch and AGM event.

## Expressions of Interest for IRST Committee Positions

We are seeking nominations for the committee positions which will be elected at the AGM. The Steering Committee has noted the importance of a diverse representation on the committee.

The following elected positions are required and set out in the draft constitution:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Committee members

## Professional Development Opportunity

The Fair Work Commission has advertised three information sessions which will be livestreamed.

**Advocacy Training:**  
Monday, 13 May 2019.  
5.30-7pm

**Making complainant agreement applications:**  
Tuesday, 14 May 2019.  
5.30-6.30pm

**Making & defending unfair dismissal applications:**  
Wednesday, 15 May 2019.  
5.30-6.30pm

For further information and to access the link to watch these sessions:

<https://www.fwc.gov.au/about-us/news-and-events/law-week-2019-information-sessions>

**SAVE THE DATE IRST RELAUNCH EVENING → 5-7 PM → 18 JUNE 2019**