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Darwin information session for registered organisations

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The Registered Organisations Commission (ROC) is to host an information workshop in central Darwin to assist federally registered organisations - unions and employer groups - navigate and meet their regulatory obligations.

The workshop, to be held at the Darwin Innovation Hub on Tuesday 24 July, is modelled on similar workshops held at Parramatta and Melbourne this year.

The workshop is being held for registered organisations as well as employer associations, industry groups, auditors and peak bodies and provides an opportunity for participants to meet and engage with the Commissioner as well as members of the ROC education, compliance and finance teams.

As well as providing an overview of their statutory and reporting requirements, the workshop will provide tips, updates and tools to aid regulatory compliance by registered organisations. An officer induction kit for newly elected office holders, and officers who have changed their roles, will be demonstrated at the workshop.

The workshop is an important part of the ROC's on-going commitment to assist registered organisations, their branches, reporting units and officers, to become familiar with their reporting obligations in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009, which is designed to ensure organisations and their officers meet high standards of accountability to their members.

Registered Organisations Commissioner Mr Mark Bielecki said the aim of the workshop is to provide office holders with the right skills and the practical knowledge to help them to do their job.

“We see these workshops as an extension of our work in engaging with, assisting and educating organisations in meeting their reporting obligations,” Mr Bielecki said.

“The level of interest in the workshops has been extremely encouraging. It reinforces our experience that the vast majority of organisations are interested in voluntary compliance. I see this as an opportunity for the ROC to help office holders and to foster high standards of accountability,” he said.

“We are committed to making information readily accessible to support registered organisations and help them meet their regulatory requirements.”

The decision to run the Darwin workshop comes in light of encouraging levels of interest from officers of organisations in the Northern Territory and feedback from participants in information workshops in Parramatta and Melbourne. More than 200 representatives of 62 registered organisations attended these two sessions - almost two thirds of all registered organisations that the ROC interacts with.

In addition to responding to one-on-one inquiries, the ROC provides on its website a range of guidance materials to assist with the efficient management of organisations, including model financial statements, templates, fact sheets, checklists and webinars. There is also a 12-month on-line education calendar, an information helpline and subscription service.

Organisations interested in attending the workshop can express their interest by emailing regorgs@roc.gov.au

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