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The Australian Labour and Employment Relations Association (ALERA) is the national body for state and territory industrial relations societies. Formally the Industrial Relations Society of Australia (IRSA), ALERA is an independent, non-partisan association which encourages discussion and debate on a wide range of issues affecting employee relationships and was the first organisation of its type to be formed in Australia.

ALERA holds National Conferences on a biennial basis, and the next Conference will be held at the Sofitel Gold Coast from 28-30 August 2014.

Set close to the stunning Gold Coast beaches, this two day Conference will commence the evening of 28 August with a cocktail welcome reception on the pool deck of one of the Gold Coast's most beautiful hotels. Over the 29th and 30th key speakers from the industrial relations arena will discuss current issues including productivity and the fair work laws.

The Conference's theme: **Productivity and Workplace Relations into the Future** sets the scene for the event. Turn your back on the cold, the rain and the wind, come to Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast and get involved in an excellent program of expert panel sessions, debates, a bargaining workshop, keynote speakers and master classes that will leave you fully informed.

More information on the Conference can be found within the events page on the ALERA website – [www.alera.asn.au](http://www.alera.asn.au).



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## Sessions

With such a great range of speakers, you can be assured of a great program! Sessions, as at the time of printing, include:

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attending this  
Conference.

### PRODUCTIVITY – WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

#### KEYNOTE

Martin Ferguson, *Former Labor Minister and Chairman to the APPEA Advisory Board*

#### SPEAKERS

Jonathon Hadley, *Dibbs Barker*  
Professor Andrew Stewart, *University of Adelaide*  
Steve Knott, *AMMA*  
Phillip Ryan, *Australian Hotels Association*  
Melanie Binet, *Gregor and Binet*  
Grace Grace, *Queensland Nurses Union*  
Professor Marian Baird, *University of Sydney*



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## Sessions

| UNION WORKSHOP   |  |
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| Facilitators – Ros McLennan and Mick De Brenni, Queensland Council of Unions   |  |
| STAKEHOLDER VIEWS  |  |
| <b>KEYNOTE</b><br>Senator, the Hon Eric Abetz  | <b>SPEAKERS</b><br>The Hon Brendan O'Connor<br>Ged Kearney, <i>ACTU</i><br>Natalie James, <i>Fair Work Ombudsman</i><br>Innes Willox, <i>Australian Industry Group</i> |
| BARGAINING – GETTING THE DEAL DONE   |  |
| <b>BARGAINING WORKSHOP</b><br>Facilitator – Henry Skene, <i>Seyfarth Shaw</i>  | <b>SPEAKERS</b><br>Murray Proctor, <i>DLA Piper</i><br>John Martin, <i>Queensland Council of Unions</i>  |
| WHAT'S HOT NOW!  |  |
| <b>MASTERCLASS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justice Michael Burnett, <i>Federal Circuit Court of Australia</i></li> <li>Commissioner Peter Hampton, <i>Fair Work Commission</i></li> </ul> | <b>WORKSHOP</b><br>Vice President Joe Catanzariti, <i>Fair Work Commission</i>   |
| WORKPLACE RELATIONS INTO THE FUTURE  |  |
| <b>KEYNOTE</b><br>Professor Emeritus Ron McCallum AO   | <b>SPEAKERS</b><br>Vice President Joe Catanzariti, <i>Fair Work Commission</i><br>Nigel Hadgkiss, <i>FWBC</i>  |



Ged Kearney   Natalie James   Innes Willox   Henry Skene   Murray Proctor   John Martin   Justice Michael Burnett   Cmr Peter Hampton   VP Joe Catanzariti   Prof Emer Ron McCallum AO   Nigel Hadgkiss



# Families don't miss out!

While you are in session, your families can enjoy the exciting Gold Coast and all it has to offer. In addition to the warm, sunny weather and stunning beaches, the Conference location in Broadbeach means easy (walking) access to Jupiters Casino, the shopping mecca of Pacific Fair Shopping Centre, the Harbour Day Spa, the local cinemas, and the many cafes, bars and restaurants located in the Broadbeach area.

The new Gold Coast light rail system can take you up to Surfers Paradise in a matters of minutes, and outlet shopping at Habour Town is also only a short bus trip away.

ALERA is pleased to advise Village Roadshow is offering entry discounts of up to 50%! For example, Movieworld and Seaworld are normally \$89 per person, and Conference delegates will be able to access tickets for only \$45 per person!



Upon confirmation of National Conference registration, the CODE for accessing these fantastic discounts and also for accessing whale watching tour discounts will be provided to you.

And for our night time Conference social events, the Conference venue can arrange child minding for you.



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