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**Welcome to our new email newsletter. We've moved across to a quick and easy email format to bring you the latest news from the ROC.**

## May masterclass series: 24–26 May

Join us online for our May masterclass series. Register today to secure your place!



**[Do you know your officer duties? \(Click to register\)](#)**

**Tues 24 May, 11 am**

We'll present a series of hypotheticals and participants will be invited to identify the risks and suggest preventative policies to help officers achieve best practice compliance.

**[Financial reporting basics \(Click to register\)](#)**

**Wed 25 May, 11 am**

We are going back to the basics of financial reporting. In this masterclass, we'll cover the key financial concepts and processes that financial reporting professionals and officers need to know.

**[Governance tips for effective minute-taking \(Click to register\)](#)**

**Thurs 26 May, 11 am**

Learn about the practices that lead to effective minute-taking, how they can help you manage conflicts of interest and protect the integrity of the decision-making process.

## Commissioner's reappointment

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On a positive note, Mark Bielecki has agreed to a 2 year extension to his role as the Commissioner.

He is looking forward to continuing to help registered organisations maximise the benefits of our education programs, while becoming more efficient for and transparent to their members through best practice governance.

Do you like our new newsletter format?

Yes

No

## Conflicts of interest

We've been investigating recent whistleblower allegations about a range of apparent ongoing behavioural issues, including those related to conflicts of interest.

In our latest education resources we have addressed how conflicts of interest can be effectively managed through good governance practices, including transparent disclosure and decision-making practices.

- [Read our latest compliance update](#)
- [Listen to our good governance podcast](#)

## Model financial statements

The [2021-2022 model financial statements](#) are now available to help registered organisations and branches prepare their financial report.

## What auditors want you to know

We spoke to registered auditors Michael Mundt and Stephen Milgate from Daley Audit about their experiences of working with registered organisations and branches to audit the financial report.



- [Listen to the conversation](#)



## Reduced financial reporting

Reporting units can apply to the ROC to reduce their financial reporting requirements, in certain circumstances.

We've released [factsheets and application forms](#) to help registered organisations understand the criteria and apply for reduced financial reporting.

## Portal project update

On 28th April we hosted an online consultation to present the current concepts of the portal project from our software developer. Representatives of registered organisations provided feedback, which we'll consider in the next stages of the project.



The aim of the website interface (portal) is to allow registered organisations to lodge certain documents with us digitally, which will promote compliance and save them time and money.

We are seeking volunteers to help us test a pilot portal. If you're interested in getting involved,

please [get in touch with us](#).

**"A properly funded and designed portal would greatly assist with the administrative burden of compliance at the branch and national levels."** (Consultation participant)

## Learn about compliance online

We've added new modules to the ROC's e-learning centre.

- Learn about how to lodge [notifications of change](#).
- [Understand the financial report](#) of your registered organisation



## Conclusion of investigation into Australian Workers' Union donations

The investigation found that the donations breached the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* on multiple occasions. The Union also made a range of admissions concerning its behaviour. However, the investigation concluded that it is not in the public interest for the ROC to take further regulatory action.

[▶ Read the full statement](#)

**100% of annual returns were lodged on time**

View the annual return of your registered organisation [online](#).

## Annual education survey – What you told us

Thank you to everybody who had their say in the 2022 education survey.

Survey respondents told us:

- ROC factsheets and guidance notes are the most popular resources
- our education resources and digital tools help with compliance
- there is less awareness around some of our newer resources, including the [Digital Classroom](#) and [ROC to You program](#).

Keep an eye out for our new Education Strategy, which will incorporate your feedback from the past 12 months.



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