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# **Sydney workshop for registered organisations**

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The Registered Organisations Commission (ROC) will commence its 2019 program of interstate workshops in Sydney on March 26.

Almost 350 people including union and employer association representatives attended the first series of workshops last year at Parramatta, Melbourne, Darwin, Perth and Brisbane. A total of 68 registered organisations were represented, which is almost two thirds of the organisations the ROC interacts with.

The upcoming workshop will be held in the Sydney CBD at Karstens Sydney, with the next scheduled for Melbourne in May. Additional workshops are to be scheduled for other interstate venues later in the year.

The workshops provide education, assistance and guidance around a range of important issues for registered organisations and their members, and form part of the ROC's national 2018/19 [Education Strategy](#).

Feedback from last year's sessions has helped shape this year's format, which will include education, assistance and guidance around a range of important issues such as statutory and financial reporting obligations, protected disclosures (whistleblower disclosures), elections, annual returns, latest web-based tools, compliance and litigation and officer and related party disclosures.

The workshops are open to registered organisations as well as employer associations, industry groups, auditors and peak bodies. They will enable attendees to nominate topics of interest and to ask questions on matters that they may be concerned or unsure about.

Attendees also have the chance to meet and engage with the Commissioner and members of the ROC's education, compliance and finance teams.

Registered Organisations Commissioner Mr Mark Bielecki said the aim of the workshops is to provide office holders with the right skills and the practical knowledge to help them to do their job. It is also an opportunity to listen to their issues.

“These workshops are an important part of our commitment to assist registered organisations, their branches, reporting units and officers, to become more familiar with their statutory obligations,” Mr Bielecki said.

“The response to our sessions last year was most encouraging and expressions of interest to attend our Sydney workshop are currently open.”

To attend the Sydney information session, simply complete the [registration form](#) and email it to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au) by 13 March.

The [program](#) for the Sydney workshop can be accessed on the ROC website.

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