

Manager wins HR leadership award

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Fair Work Ombudsman Group Manager of Corporate & Strategic Development, Su Kearns, has won a prestigious prize at the 2011 Australian Human Resources Institute National Awards.

Ms Kearns last night won the Dave Ulrich HR Leader of the Year Award, which acknowledges outstanding human resources practitioners and their contribution to business outcomes.

Judging for the award included considering each finalist's contribution on a range of criteria, including commitment, impact, innovation and credible activism.

Award judge, Dave Ulrich, said: "Su's work seems to be specific and pragmatic and she has a sense of how to turn HR practices into business realities and to build an organisation that has both a heart and soul and also financial results."

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson congratulated Ms Kearns on the Award.

"Su has been an active and inspirational advocate within the Fair Work Ombudsman for the contribution that really good human resources management can make to our overall performance and wellbeing," Mr Wilson said.

"Su is also a role-model for flexible working arrangements, showing it's possible to successfully advance your career while maintaining a four-day working week, including one of those days at home.

"This Award is well deserved recognition for Su's enormous contribution to the Fair Work Ombudsman and her field."

The Fair Work Ombudsman was also a finalist in the Sir Ken Robinson Award for Workforce Flexibility, which recognises organisations that provide flexible staff working arrangements. Mr Wilson says the Fair Work Ombudsman supports a modern, flexible and high performing workplace where individual, team and organisational achievements are valued.

"The ethic of service among our staff is very strong, as is their highly held value of independently assisting both employers and employees," he said.

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