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Kearney takes up ACTU role

Ged Kearney has today started in her new role of ACTU president.

She was [endorsed](#) by affiliates in December for the role, which has been vacated by Sharan Burrow, whose term ran out yesterday.

Burrow was last week [elected](#) as [secretary](#) of the International Trade Union Confederation.

She became the ACTU's second female president (after Jennie George) in 2000.

[Kearney](#) has been national secretary of the ANF for the past two years and before that was assistant secretary.

Full bench releases McDonald's undertakings

A FWA full bench has published the undertakings McDonald's has given to enable the approval of its national enterprise agreement.

The undertakings include:

- lifting the base rate of pay for "level 1" employees in Tasmania and Queensland from \$540.25 and \$543.78 respectively to \$554.04;
- providing employees with a \$11.60 meal allowance when they are required to work without being notified the previous day or earlier;
- preventing employees in Western Australia having to work shifts earlier than the commencement of public transport services; and
- entitling employees in Victoria, South Australia, the NT and the ACT to three months notice where they are to be made redundant due to technological change.

The full bench also noted that the SDA had successfully applied to be covered by the agreement and that it takes effect from yesterday.

The full bench last week upheld McDonald's' appeal against an earlier ruling rejecting the [agreement](#) and approved it, but has yet to give its reasons for doing so (see [Related Article](#)).

[McDonald's Australia Pty Ltd \[2010\] FWAA 4754 \(29 June 2010\)](#)

FWA President extends time for submissions on Division 2B State awards

FWA's President, Justice Geoffrey Giudice has extended the deadline - which was to be today - for

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submissions on transitional arrangements for Division 2B State awards.

In his [statement](#) Justice Giudice says the tribunal has received a number of requests for an extension.

"In light of these requests the deadline of 30 June 2010 will be extended.

"It will be necessary to make provision later for a new deadline.

"What that deadline should be will be considered further in light of the circumstances and the views expressed by interested parties", he says.

The awards terminate at the end of this year and those covered move to modern awards.

[Statement - Award Modernisation \[2010\] FWA 4792 \(29 June 2010\)](#)

- For more information, see the Division 2B awards [home page](#) on FWA's website.

FWA publishes final version of minimum wage transition paper

Fair Work Australia has today published [Minimum wage transitional instruments under the Fair Work Act 2009 and the Fair Work \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments Act\) 2009](#), after releasing a draft for comment early this month (see [Related Article](#)).

FWA's minimum wages and research branch prepared the paper.

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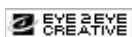
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