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## Employee Care Wins Myer Retailer of the Year

Peak retail industry body the Australian Retailers Association announced Myer as the 2011 Shopping Centre Council of Australia 'Retail Employer of the Year' at the ARA Australian Retail Awards breakfast this month.

ARA Executive Director Russell Zimmerman said Myer shone above the rest, with the wellbeing, career development, safety and training of its employees an integral part of its overall corporate strategy.

"Myer is an Australia-wide company with a clear vision towards business sustainability. It's no wonder Myer is a retail employer of choice with its focus on building retail skills, supporting employee health and wellness, a consistent employee rewards systems and commitment to workplace health and safety," Zimmerman said.

Part of Myer's employee support program includes pastoral care, having appointed Chaplains Without Borders as its chaplaincy support at its national headquarters in 2011 and expanding the program during the year.

Father James, Director of Chaplains Without Borders, was pleased at the success of the programs and the embrace of pastoral care by senior management at Myer.

"Congratulations Myer! This is a great example of how showing care for your staff returns its own rewards, with staff retention, and a more generally happy environment for all to work in," Father James said.

"We work mainly with administration and design, the leaders of the company," Father James went on to explain about the Chaplains Without Borders model at Myer. "The beauty of our working relationship is that it's an on-site service. People can make an assessment about what we do and how we can help them without having to go off site for help. Some people were a bit suspicious initially, but we've now got a great working relationship with many staff."



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