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[Seafarers reimbursed more than \\$100,000 by foreign shipping company \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170227-maritime-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170227-maritime-mr)

27 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$100,649 for ten seafarers from the Philippines who were underpaid while working in Australian waters.

[\\$50,000 recovered for workers west of Melbourne \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170225-west-melbourne-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170225-west-melbourne-mr)

25 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has assisted three workers in suburbs west of Melbourne to recover more than \$50,000.

[\\$23,000 pay-day for workers north-east of Melbourne \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170225-north-east-melbourne-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170225-north-east-melbourne-mr)

25 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$23,432 for two workers in suburbs north-east of Melbourne.

[Melbourne childcare operator back in Court \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170222-mahomet-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170222-mahomet-litigation)

22 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a second legal action against the owner-operator of a Melbourne childcare business, alleging she has again underpaid workers thousands of dollars in minimum entitlements.

[Melbourne restaurant dealt \\$100K blow after “egregious” underpayment of visa holder \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170221-food-republic-australia-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170221-food-republic-australia-penalty-media-release)

21 Feb 2017

A Melbourne restaurant has been hit with a \$100,000 penalty after it “grossly exploited” a visa holder from Taiwan through underpayments worth more than \$30,000 in less than nine months.

[FWO adopts Equitable Briefing Policy \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170220-lca-equitable-briefing-policy-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170220-lca-equitable-briefing-policy-mr)

20 Feb 2017

The FWO has recently signed up to a landmark new Equitable Briefing Policy launched by the Law Council of

Australia. The policy is aimed at improving the briefing of women barristers across Australia.

[IGA supermarket operator allegedly underpays employees in two stores \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170217-iga-stores-litigations-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170217-iga-stores-litigations-mr)

17 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against an IGA supermarket operator in Melbourne, alleging he underpaid employees as young as 19 and used false records to give to the FWO, despite being previously put on notice of his obligations to correctly pay employees and keep records.

[Sushi operator allegedly exploited young overseas workers \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170216-kang-litigations-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170216-kang-litigations-mr)

16 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal proceedings against a sushi-outlet operator, alleging he exploited Korean workers and provided false records to the FWO.

[Sydney café operator faces Court over alleged cash-back scheme \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170215-robit-nominees-litigation-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170215-robit-nominees-litigation-mr)

15 Feb 2017

The operator of a Sydney café is facing Court for allegedly requiring an overseas worker to pay-back thousands of dollars of her wages as part of an exploitive cashback scheme.

[Fair Work Ombudsman out to smash myths relating to young workers \(www.fairwork.gov.au/About-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/February-2017/20170213-young-worker-myths-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/About-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/February-2017/20170213-young-worker-myths-release)

13 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman is seeking to educate employees and business on the myths that are contributing to a concerning number of young workers being underpaid around Australia.

[\\$120,000 in penalties for “reckless or careless” retailer who underpaid three workers \\$90,000 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170213-something-aussie-penalty-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170213-something-aussie-penalty-mr)

13 Feb 2017

The operators of an Australian-themed retail outlet in Melbourne have been penalised more than \$120,000 for underpaying three shop assistants more than \$90,000 over five years.

[Fair Work Ombudsman recovers almost \\$30,000 for underpaid workers at NSW security company \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170210-unimet-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170210-unimet-eu-release)

10 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured almost \$30,000 for five underpaid employees of a NSW-based

security services company.

[Chinese worker in Sydney underpaid \\$36,000 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170209-chaselink-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170209-chaselink-eu-release)

9 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has again warned that paying overseas workers low, flat rates is unlawful after a Western Sydney homewares retailer was caught paying a Chinese employee just \$12 an hour.

[Record penalties of \\$532,000 in FWO cashback case \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170208-rubee-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170208-rubee-penalty)

8 Feb 2017

Record penalties of \$532 000 have been ordered in a case involving the exploitation of five workers at a café in regional NSW.

[Labour-hire operator allegedly flouts laws relating to overseas workers on Queensland farms \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170207-hta-farmings-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170207-hta-farmings-litigation)

7 Feb 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman's national Inquiry into exploitation of overseas workers on the Australian harvest trail has led to the Agency launching legal action against a Queensland labour-hire operator for allegedly flouting record-keeping laws.

[Judge says immigrant employers exploiting workers from similar background is "extremely serious" \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170206-migrants-employers-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170206-migrants-employers-penalty)

6 Feb 2017

A Judge has imposed more than \$200,000 in penalties and issued a stinging rebuke to two migrant Asian business operators in Brisbane for their "extremely serious" conduct in exploiting five workers from a similar cultural background.

[Happytel revamps practices after overseas workers underpaid in Adelaide \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170203-happytel-eus-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170203-happytel-eus-release)

3 Feb 2017

The operator of the Happytel mobile phone accessories chain has agreed to revamp its workplace practices after the Fair Work Ombudsman found that two overseas workers at outlets in Adelaide were underpaid a total of more than \$13,000.

[Melbourne fine dining restaurant underpays overseas workers \\$35,000 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170201-di-stasio-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170201-di-stasio-eu-release)

2 Feb 2017

A Melbourne fine dining restaurant is overhauling its workplace practices after a Fair Work Ombudsman

investigation found it had underpaid six overseas workers more than \$35,000.

Little cheer at Japanese restaurant paying visa holders less than \$10 an hour (www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/february-2017/20170201-haru-eu-release)

1 Feb 2017

A Gold Coast Japanese restaurant has been found to have underpaid more than \$24,000 to 10 workers after paying flat rates and deducting from wages of some workers who were visa holders.

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