

July 2017

Migrant workers can now anonymously report workplace issues in their own language
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170731-migrant-worker-anon-report-tool>)

31 Jul 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman is making it easier for migrant workers to report workplace concerns to the agency by launching its popular Anonymous Report function in 16 languages other than English.

Labour-hire operator penalised for flouting laws relating to overseas workers on Queensland farms
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170726-hta-farmings-penalty>)

26 Jul 2017

A Queensland labour-hire company and its manager have been penalised a total of more than \$84,000 after flouting record-keeping and pay slip laws relating to vulnerable foreign workers, despite having previously been cautioned by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

More than \$100,000 in unpaid wages and entitlements recovered for Perth workers
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170726-perth-metro-mr>)

26 Jul 2017

Intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman to assist employees and employers to resolve workplace disputes has resulted in more than \$100,000 back-pay for 41 workers across Perth.

Deliberate and systemic underpayments lead to penalties against a former 7-Eleven operator
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170725-js-top-penalty>)

25 Jul 2017

A former Brisbane 7-Eleven operator has been hit with \$168,000 in penalties for short-changing workers and falsifying records to conceal the underpayments.

Not for profit back-pays \$370,000 to workers after disability classification mistake
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170721-challenge-eu-release>)

21 Jul 2017

A not-for-profit business in northern NSW inadvertently underpaid 18 employees a total of more than \$370,000 after incorrectly classifying each of them as an 'employee with a disability', an audit by the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

Melbourne travel agency lands in court for alleged cashback schemes, underpayments and

[false records \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170720-abella-travel-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170720-abella-travel-litigation)

20 Jul 2017

A Melbourne travel agency and one of its directors are facing court for allegedly requiring an overseas worker to pay back more than \$20,000 of her wages and for proposing to enter into a similar cashback scheme with a second worker.

[Joint operation uncovers alleged exploitation of overseas workers at Melbourne restaurants \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170717-ye-shao-litigations-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170717-ye-shao-litigations-mr)

17 Jul 2017

The operator of two popular Melbourne restaurants is facing Court after a raid conducted as part of a joint-operation allegedly discovered employees had been underpaid almost \$31,000 over a period of just two weeks.

[Townsville café operator faces legal action over failure to pay compensation \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170714-port-douglas-investments-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170714-port-douglas-investments-litigation)

14 Jul 2017

The former operator of a café at Townsville in regional Queensland is facing court for allegedly ignoring a Fair Work Commission order to compensate an employee who was unfairly dismissed.

[More than \\$140,000 recovered for local workers in Far North Queensland campaign \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170713-far-north-queensland-campaign-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170713-far-north-queensland-campaign-mr)

13 Jul 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has released the findings of its recent campaign targeting businesses in Cairns, Innisfail, Mission Beach and surrounding areas.

[No VIP treatment for guards allegedly dismissed, underpaid by Gold Coast company \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170712-vip-security-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170712-vip-security-litigation)

12 Jul 2017

A Gold Coast security company owner is facing the Federal Circuit Court after allegedly threatening to send staff "straight to the dole queue" if they spoke to Fair Work Ombudsman inspectors.

[Subway franchisee faces Court over alleged deliberate underpayment of Chinese worker \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170707-subway-franchisee-litigation-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170707-subway-franchisee-litigation-mr)

7 Jul 2017

The franchisee of two Subway outlets in Sydney is facing Court for allegedly short-changing a Chinese worker more than \$16,000.

[New resources to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to navigate workplace rights \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases)

[/july-2017/20170706-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-resources\)](#)

6 Jul 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a suite of new resources aimed at helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees and employers to understand their workplace rights and responsibilities.

[Fruit farmer allegedly underpaid Malaysian workers and used false records \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170705-zucco-farming-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170705-zucco-farming-litigation)

5 Jul 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against a fruit farmer in northern Victoria for allegedly underpaying two Malaysian fruit pickers more than \$13,000 and providing false and misleading records to Fair Work inspectors.

[Statement from the Fair Work Ombudsman: Private firms and workplace advisory services \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170704-fwo-statement-on-employsure\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170704-fwo-statement-on-employsure)

4 Jul 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has received complaints from members of the public who claim they have been misled into believing that private businesses are, or were, connected or affiliated with the Fair Work Ombudsman or other government agencies.

[Penalty over failure to back-pay Indian workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170704-richmond-restaurant-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170704-richmond-restaurant-penalty)

4 Jul 2017

A Fair Work Ombudsman legal action has secured a penalty against the former operator of an Indian restaurant in suburban Melbourne for failing to back-pay two underpaid Indian workers.

[Melbourne cafe operator back in Court after 54 employees allegedly underpaid \\$73,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170703-ital-one-holdings-cafe-baci-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/july-2017/20170703-ital-one-holdings-cafe-baci-litigation)

3 Jul 2017

The operator of a 24-hour café in Melbourne's Crown Casino precinct is facing Court for allegedly undercutting minimum wage and penalty rates despite having been put on notice, resulting in 54 employees being underpaid more than \$70,000.

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