

## June 2017

### **[New minimum wage rate in effect from tomorrow \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170630-awr-go\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170630-awr-go)**

30 Jun 2017

A new national minimum wage comes into effect from the first pay period on or after tomorrow, 1 July 2017.

### **[Third legal action against former trolley collecting company \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170629-wch-services-litigation-no3\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170629-wch-services-litigation-no3)**

29 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced litigation against a former regional Victorian trolley collecting operator for the third time for allegedly failing to pay a Fair Work Commission order for compensation to a worker who had been unfairly dismissed.

### **[Adelaide nail salon operator accused of underpaying staff and providing false or misleading records to the FWO \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170628-house-of-polish-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170628-house-of-polish-litigation)**

28 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the operator of an Adelaide nail salon, alleging two young, migrant workers were underpaid more than \$50,000 and false records were later provided to the FWO.

### **[Sour deal for a dozen workers at Gold Coast chocolate cafe \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170626-oliver-brown-cafe-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170626-oliver-brown-cafe-litigation)**

26 Jun 2017

An Oliver Brown chocolate café franchisee on the Gold Coast is facing Court, with the Fair Work Ombudsman alleging 12 employees – including seven overseas workers – were underpaid more than \$24,000.

### **[200 businesses face audits in Sydney – South West region \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170623-sydney-south-west-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170623-sydney-south-west-campaign)**

23 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman is targeting businesses in the South West region of greater Sydney in its latest campaign to promote compliance with workplace laws.

### **[Fair Work Ombudsman intervention leads to improved compliance, national campaign shows \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170622-national-compliance-monitoring-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170622-national-compliance-monitoring-campaign)**

22 Jun 2017

A nation-wide audit of 891 businesses previously found to have contravened workplace laws has revealed the positive impact of intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman on improving employers' compliance.

**[FWO and ASIC target Melbourne businesses in joint campaign \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170620-fwo-asic-joint-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170620-fwo-asic-joint-campaign)**

20 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman and the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) are auditing 50 businesses in the Melbourne CBD and inner suburbs in their second joint operation.

**[Fruit and veg supplier to Melbourne celebrity chefs underpaid worker \\$23,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170620-flavours-fruit-and-veg\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170620-flavours-fruit-and-veg)**

20 Jun 2017

A Victorian fruit and vegetable wholesaler that supplies to high profile Melbourne hotels and restaurants is overhauling its workplace practices after a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation found it underpaid a worker more than \$23,000.

**[Former Brisbane Coffee Club franchisee penalised over unlawful cash-back payment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170619-coffee-club-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170619-coffee-club-penalty)**

19 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured more than \$180,000 in penalties against a former Coffee Club café franchisee in Brisbane for contraventions including requiring an overseas worker on a 457 skilled worker visa to pay back \$18,000 of his wages through an unlawful cash-back payment.

**[Get set for a new national minimum wage rate from 1 July \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170616-annual-wage-review\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170616-annual-wage-review)**

16 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Commission has announced an increase of 3.3 per cent to the national minimum wage following its annual wage review.

**[Further legal action related to popular Perth restaurant chain \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170615-hans-cafe-rockingham-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170615-hans-cafe-rockingham-litigation)**

15 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced further legal action relating to the Han's Café chain in Perth, alleging staff at the Rockingham outlet - including several teenagers and overseas workers - were underpaid more than \$27,000.

**[Pizza Hut franchisee faces Court over alleged sham contracting, underpayment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170615-skyter-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170615-skyter-litigation)**

15 Jun 2017

A Pizza Hut franchisee on the Gold Coast is facing Court for alleged sham contracting activity and underpaying an Indian delivery driver more than \$6000.

**[Brisbane massage parlour operators face Court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170614-bishnu-laxmi-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170614-bishnu-laxmi-litigation)**

14 Jun 2017

A massage parlour operator in the Brisbane CBD is facing Court after allegedly underpaying two workers more than \$12 000.

**[Allegations of underpayments and failure to produce documents land silo company in court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/About-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/June-2017/20170613-nelson-silos-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/About-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/June-2017/20170613-nelson-silos-litigation)**

13 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has taken legal action against a silo manufacturer in northern Victoria, alleging it underpaid two workers a total of almost \$13,000 despite having previously been put on notice to pay workers their lawful entitlements.

**[Almost \\$60,000 in penalties for sham arrangements send message to unscrupulous employers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170612-quest-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170612-quest-penalty)**

12 Jun 2017

A sham arrangement case that was the subject of a successful High Court appeal by the Fair Work Ombudsman has now been finalised, with the former operators of a Perth accommodation facility penalised a total of \$58,740 in the Federal Court.

**[Penalties of \\$447,300 and \\$223,000 back-pay ordered after workers treated as “slaves” \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170806-gps-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170806-gps-penalty)**

8 Jun 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured near-record penalties of \$447,300 against the operators of a Sydney-based cleaning company, with the Federal Court finding the company treated vulnerable employees as “slaves” under a “calculated” scheme.

**[Labour-hire operator penalised for underpaying overseas workers on Queensland farms \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170602-seasonal-farm-services-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170602-seasonal-farm-services-penalty)**

2 Jun 2017

Fair Work Ombudsman legal action stemming from the national Inquiry into exploitation of overseas workers on Australian farms has led to a Queensland labour-hire operator being penalised a total of \$102,000 for underpaying 144 employees.

**[Penalties for blatant contraventions in popular Perth restaurant chain \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20160601-hans-cafe-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20160601-hans-cafe-penalty)**

1 Jun 2017

The operator of a popular Perth restaurant chain has been penalised in Court for record-keeping practices that were so poor they prevented the Fair Work Ombudsman from determining the full extent of underpayments of vulnerable overseas workers.

**Reality TV contestant faces Court over alleged unpaid internship, underpayments**  
**(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/june-2017/20170601-her-fashion-box-litigation>)**

1 Jun 2017

A fashion industry start-up that appeared on the reality show 'Shark Tank' is facing Court for allegedly running an unlawful unpaid internship program and underpaying three workers more than \$40,000.

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