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[Campaign highlights underpayment of apprentices \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170331-apprentices-campaign-report-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170331-apprentices-campaign-report-mr)

31 Mar 2017

A Fair Work Ombudsman report has revealed that one in three Australian businesses audited as part of the agency's National Apprenticeship Campaign failed to pay their apprentices correct wages.

[Wollongong targeted for unannounced audits \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170331-wollongong-campaign-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170331-wollongong-campaign-mr)

31 Mar 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has conducted a series of unannounced audits in Wollongong in response to concerns young workers in the town are being exploited.

[Workplace audits indicate room for improvement for small businesses in Top End \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170330-nt-fast-food-campaign-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170330-nt-fast-food-campaign-mr)

30 Mar 2017

Spot checks of 16 take-away and informal dining outlets in the suburbs of Darwin have found that more than 60 per cent were not compliant with workplace laws.

[Queensland labour-hire operator slammed for “appalling and egregious treatment” of visa-holders \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170328-maroochy-sunshine-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170328-maroochy-sunshine-penalty)

28 Mar 2017

A Queensland labour-hire company and its director have been penalised \$227,300 for deliberately exploiting vulnerable foreign workers after luring them to Australia with a string of false promises.

[Victorian business faces legal action over failure to pay compensation \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170328-wch-litigations-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170328-wch-litigations-mr)

28 Mar 2017

A former trolley collecting services operator in regional Victoria is facing court for allegedly ignoring Fair Work Commission orders to compensate two employees who had been unfairly dismissed.

[\\$72 000 in penalties after international student exploited, dismissed by text message \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170327-golden-vision-2nd-penalty-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170327-golden-vision-2nd-penalty-mr)

27 Mar 2017

The operator of a Queensland resort restaurant has been penalised for his “deliberate and calculated” conduct in exploiting a young international student and dismissing her by text message because she refused to accept below-Award wages.

[Packing company delivered \\$220K penalty after “appalling greed” in underpaying migrant workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170324-acc-services-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170324-acc-services-penalty)

24 Mar 2017

A Melbourne packing services business with a history of short-changing workers and one of its directors have been penalised more than \$220,000 for underpaying three staff, including two visa holders.

[Judgment confirms Compliance Notice and \\$77,000 for Indian worker \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170323-hindu-society-judgment\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170323-hindu-society-judgment)

23 Mar 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has won judicial support for the first review of a compliance notice.

[New app, heavier penalties reinforce record-keeping as core business \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/About-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/March-2017/20170321-record-my-hours-op-ed\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/About-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/March-2017/20170321-record-my-hours-op-ed)

21 Mar 2017

As workers get an innovative new tool to record their hours, it is time for businesses to take record-keeping as seriously as the courts and government.

[Perth company faces Court over pregnancy discrimination allegations \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170320-austrend-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170320-austrend-litigation)

20 Mar 2017

The operators of a Perth gourmet food distribution business are facing Court for allegedly discriminating against a pregnant employee.

[New app to prevent exploitation of young and migrant workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170317-record-my-hours\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170317-record-my-hours)

17 Mar 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has released a new app aimed at tackling the persistent problem of underpayment of young workers and migrant workers around the country.

[Regional NSW restaurant commits to change after underpaying workers more than \\$22,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170316-soul-food-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170316-soul-food-eu-release)

16 Mar 2017

A restaurant in regional NSW has agreed to back-pay more than \$22,000 to 24 workers - including teenagers paid as little as \$7 per hour - following an audit by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Muffin Break and Jamaica Blue make a public commitment to compliance with workplace laws (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170313-foodco-pcd-mr>)

13 Mar 2017

One of Australia's leading businesses in the café sector has made a public commitment to ensure compliance with workplace laws across its 300 plus outlets by partnering with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Former Canberra café operator faces court (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170310-gtig-litigation>)

10 Mar 2017

The former operator of a Canberra café is facing Court for alleged serious contraventions of record-keeping and pay slip laws.

Perth security company allegedly underpaid guards \$200,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170309-sureguard-security-litigation>)

9 Mar 2017

A Perth security company is facing Court for allegedly underpaying its guards more than \$200,000.

Gold Coast restaurant operator allegedly paid overseas workers as little as \$8 an hour (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170307-samurais-paradise-litigation>)

7 Mar 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the operator of a Japanese restaurant on the Gold Coast, alleging his company paid overseas workers as little as \$8 an hour and used false records to suggest he paid higher rates.

A warning for growers, hostel owners and labour-hire contractors on wage rates (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170306-warning-for-growers-mr>)

6 Mar 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman is urging horticulture businesses to be vigilant when engaging workers from labour-hire operators this harvest season by making themselves aware of the minimum rates of pay for casual pickers under the Horticulture Award.

Court action over alleged exploitation of migrant trolley collectors in Bendigo (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/march-2017/20170303-jobans-trolley-litigation>)

3 Mar 2017

A trolley collection subcontractor is facing Court for allegedly exploiting two migrant workers at Bendigo, in regional Victoria, and using false records to try to cover it up.

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