

## May 2017

### **Sushi operator penalised for “deliberate and calculated” exploitation of Korean workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170529-kang-penalties-mr>)**

29 May 2017

A sushi-outlet operator, and the corporation of which he was the sole director and shareholder, have been penalised a total of \$136,250 for the “deliberate and calculated” exploitation of young Korean workers and using false records to try to cover it up.

### **Sydney retailer faces Court for allegedly underpaying employee \$60,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170525-jpa-manchester-litigation-mr>)**

25 May 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against a Sydney retailer for allegedly underpaying an employee \$60,000, despite having been warned about short-changing staff.

### **Tipoffs, pay calculations and app downloads hit major milestones at Fair Work Ombudsman (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170524-fwo-milestones-release>)**

24 May 2017

It has never been easier for Australian workers and their employers to obtain information or provide intelligence about their workplaces, with three of the Fair Work Ombudsman’s newest online tools passing major milestones.

### **Trolley-collection operator penalised for false records (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170523-civic-national-penalty-release>)**

23 May 2017

The former operator of a trolley-collection company at Wagga Wagga, in regional NSW, has been penalised almost \$30,000 for providing false records to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

### **Melbourne labour-hire operator faces Court over alleged exploitation of overseas worker (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170519-leonard-green-litigation>)**

19 May 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against a Melbourne labour-hire operator who allegedly paid an overseas worker nothing for almost three months of work.

### **Malaysian restaurant operators back in Court (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news->**

## **[and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170518-mamak-second-litigation\)](#)**

18 May 2017

The operators of an inner Sydney restaurant who were penalised almost \$300,000 last year for exploiting overseas workers are again facing legal action, accused of further underpayments.

**[Plumbers who underpaid adult apprentice \\$40,000 commit to change \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170517-bendigo-smartplumb-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170517-bendigo-smartplumb-eu-release)**

17 May 2017

A plumbing business in regional Victoria which underpaid an adult apprentice more than \$40,000 after paying rates as low as \$7.37 per hour has committed to overhaul its workplace practices, after intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Fruit and vegetable retailer faces court for alleged \\$130K underpayments, false records \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170515-a-and-s-wholesale-litigation-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170515-a-and-s-wholesale-litigation-mr)**

15 May 2017

A Melbourne business operator is facing court for allegedly providing false records to the Fair Work Ombudsman and for underpaying more than \$130,000 to two workers.

**[200 Ipswich businesses to face wage audits \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170513-ipswich-regional-campaign-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170513-ipswich-regional-campaign-release)**

13 May 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman is auditing 200 businesses in Queensland's Ipswich region as part of a new proactive compliance and education campaign.

**[Campaign finds little awareness of pay rates for clothing manufacturing workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170512-tcf-campaign-phase-one-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170512-tcf-campaign-phase-one-mr)**

12 May 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman is auditing hundreds of businesses nationally after finding a lack of awareness of the minimum pay rates that apply to workers who make clothes, bags and footwear in factories and their homes.

**[Farmer paid no overtime to backpackers who worked two months without a day off \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170512-waterfall-feedlot-penalty-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170512-waterfall-feedlot-penalty-mr)**

12 May 2017

The operators of a remote beef cattle farm in Queensland have been penalised a total of \$130,000 after failing to pay overtime entitlements to overseas backpackers who worked more than two months straight, without a day off.

**[Sydney fast food operator penalised for underpaying Korean employees \\$111,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases)**

## [/may-2017/20170511-little-vienna-penalty-mr\)](#)

11 May 2017

The operators of a chain of fast food sandwich outlets in Sydney have been penalised a total of \$87,040 for exploiting overseas workers and using false records.

**[Shine comes off labour-hire firm who underpaid migrant workforce \\$22,000 \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170509-shine-lead-eu-release\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170509-shine-lead-eu-release)**

9 May 2017

A labour-hire business in Perth has back-paid 19 employees – mostly migrant workers – more than \$22,000 and agreed to revamp its workplace practices, following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Worker received \\$9 an hour because of perceived reduced work capacity \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170508-box-hill-recovery-mr\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170508-box-hill-recovery-mr)**

8 May 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has assisted a former employee of a seafood processing business in Box Hill, Victoria to recover \$85,000 in unpaid entitlements.

**[Fair Work Inspectors hit Fortitude Valley eateries with unannounced audits \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170505-fortitude-valley-food-precinct-op-mr\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170505-fortitude-valley-food-precinct-op-mr)**

5 May 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has this week conducted a series of surprise visits to restaurants, bars and cafes in a popular casual dining precinct in Brisbane to check compliance with workplace laws.

**[Brisbane Coffee Club franchisee faces Court over alleged unlawful cash-back payment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170504-coffee-club-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170504-coffee-club-litigation)**

4 May 2017

A Coffee Club café franchisee in Brisbane is facing Court for allegedly requiring an overseas worker to repay \$18,000 of his wages by threatening to cancel his 457 skilled worker visa if he refused.

**[New supply chain guides to help businesses avoid contracting risks \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170504-supply-chain-resources-mr\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170504-supply-chain-resources-mr)**

4 May 2017

New tools to help prevent the exploitation of workers in contracted labour supply chains have been launched today by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Low penalties mean workers pay for dodgy record keeping \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170502-aig-2017-speech\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/may-2017/20170502-aig-2017-speech)**

2 May 2017

Low penalties are creating an incentive for unprincipled employers to breach record keeping laws, according to

---

Page reference No: 6892

### Contact us

Fair Work Online: [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au)

Fair Work Infoline: 13 13 94

Need language help?

Contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50

Hearing & speech assistance

Call through the National Relay Service (NRS):

For TTY: 13 36 77. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

Speak & Listen: 1300 555 727. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

---

The Fair Work Ombudsman is committed to providing advice that you can rely on. The information contained on this website is general in nature. If you are unsure about how it applies to your situation you can call our Infoline on 13 13 94 or speak with a union, industry association or workplace relations professional. Visitors are warned that this site may inadvertently contain names or pictures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have recently died.