

October 2017

Melbourne manufacturing company commits to change after underpaying steelworkers \$100K
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171031-transfab-reinforcement-eu>

31 Oct 2017

Seven Melbourne workers will be repaid more than \$100,000 after the Fair Work Ombudsman executed an enforceable undertaking with an Altona-based manufacturing company.

\$306,000 penalty for Perth cleaning operators who underpaid overseas workers
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171030-goldfinger-penalty-mr>

30 Oct 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured near-record WA penalties of \$306,000 against a cleaning company that failed to pay a number of young overseas workers anything for work at a Perth hotel.

Fair Work Ombudsman's 2016/17 Annual Report now available (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171024-annual-report-mr>)

24 Oct 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman's annual report for the 2016/17 financial year has been tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament.

Fair Work Ombudsman continues to set the bar for gender equity in briefing practices
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171024-equitable-briefing>

24 Oct 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has allocated more than half of its legal work to female barristers for the fourth year in a row, continuing to set an example as a best practice employer in equitable briefing practices.

\$70,000 in penalties after overseas workers' vulnerability deliberately exploited
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171023-corioliss-penalty>

23 Oct 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured more than \$70,000 in penalties against the former operators of a hair products retailing business for ignoring prior warnings and deliberately exploiting vulnerable overseas workers in Melbourne.

\$284,000 in penalties after "heinous" conduct at Gold Coast restaurant (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171019->

samurais-paradise-penalty)

19 Oct 2017

The operators of a Gold Coast restaurant have been penalised more than \$284,000 and criticised by a Judge for their “heinous” conduct after paying overseas workers as little as \$8 an hour and using false records to try to cover it up.

Businesses urged to avoid increased penalties for record-keeping breaches (<http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171018-record-keeping-course-mr>)

18 Oct 2017

Maximum penalties for businesses that breach record-keeping laws have recently doubled and the Fair Work Ombudsman is helping operators reduce their risk of being exposed to big fines with the release of a new online training course.

7-Eleven franchisee in court after allegedly dismissing worker who refused cash-back (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171018-balaji-litigation-mr>)

18 Oct 2017

A 7-Eleven Franchisee in Brisbane is facing court for allegedly dismissing a worker by removing him from the roster after he refused his employer’s request to repay an amount he had been paid.

Young workers, visa holders back-paid more than \$70,000 by Brisbane businesses (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171013-brisbane-recoveries-mr>)

13 Oct 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has assisted 22 workers employed by businesses in Brisbane to recover \$73,279 in unpaid wages and entitlements.

Fair Work Ombudsman compliance partnership with Woolworths a new benchmark in supply chain governance (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171011-woolworths-pcd-trolley-collectors-release>)

11 Oct 2017

A new standard in labour supply chain governance has been set with the signing of a Proactive Compliance Deed between Woolworths Ltd and the Fair Work Ombudsman, covering the supermarket giant’s procurement of trolley collection services.

Fair Work Ombudsman discusses new laws with franchising sector (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171009-franchising-sector-mr>)

9 Oct 2017

With less than three weeks until new laws making some franchises and holding companies liable for underpayment of workers take effect, the Fair Work Ombudsman has cautioned the industry against being complacent.

Great Ocean Road workers back-paid \$64,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news->

and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171005-great-ocean-road-mr)

5 Oct 2017

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$64,334 for 36 workers employed at various locations along the Great Ocean Road and Otway region of Victoria.

Goulburn Valley workers back-paid more than \$34,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2017-media-releases/october-2017/20171004-goulburn-valley-release>)

4 Oct 2017

Twenty three workers in Victoria's Goulburn Valley region have been back-paid more than \$34,000 in wages and entitlements after seeking assistance from the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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