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[\\$160,000 in penalties after Sydney retailer underpays migrant employee \\$60,000 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180427-jpa-manchester-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180427-jpa-manchester-penalty)

27 Apr 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured more than \$160,000 in penalties after a Sydney retailer blatantly underpaid a Chinese migrant, leaving her struggling to pay for food, despite having previously committed to fixing its compliance problems.

[Half a million calls from small business reveals strong demand for online support \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180426-small-business-showcase\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180426-small-business-showcase)

26 Apr 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has today launched its Small Business Showcase, a virtual hub providing a wealth of resources for small business owners seeking information about their workplace obligations.

[Queensland electrical contractor faces legal action over alleged failure to pay compensation \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180424-logan-city-electrical-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180424-logan-city-electrical-litigation)

24 Apr 2018

A Queensland electrical contracting company is facing court for allegedly ignoring a Fair Work Commission order to compensate an employee who was unfairly dismissed.

[Legal action alleges underpayment of 457 visa workers \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180418-alertvale-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180418-alertvale-litigation)

18 Apr 2018

A regional Queensland company is facing Court for allegedly underpaying two Filipino 457 visa holders a total of almost \$10,000 when it made them redundant.

[Pharmacy operators penalised for underpaying migrant “93 weeks’ wages” \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180417-save-deliver-penalty-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180417-save-deliver-penalty-mr)

17 Apr 2018

The operators of a number of ‘Save and Deliver’ pharmacies in Sydney have been penalised a total of \$45,000, after underpaying a migrant employee the equivalent of 93 weeks’ wages over a period of almost four years.

www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180416-jobans-trolley-penalty

16 Apr 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured \$230,638 in penalties against a trolley collection subcontractor for exploiting two migrant workers at Bendigo, in regional Victoria, and using false records to try to cover it up.

www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180416-paul-sadler-swimland-eu-release

16 Apr 2018

A swim school franchise network that underpaid its staff across a six-year period is required to implement extensive measures to ensure compliance with workplace laws, after signing up to an Enforceable Undertaking (EU) with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180413-hays-pcd-report-release

13 Apr 2018

A compliance partnership between Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd and the Fair Work Ombudsman has shown the positive impact of close engagement between employers and the regulator in promoting harmonious and compliant workplaces.

www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180412-acute-health-penalty-mr

12 Apr 2018

The operators of a Melbourne health services company that a Judge said showed a “flagrant disregard” for its first aid responder staff has been penalised \$300,000 in the Federal Circuit Court, following legal action brought by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180411-workplace-basics-campaign-mr

11 Apr 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has begun auditing 1000 businesses across Australia, as part of a new campaign to ensure employers have the basics right in their workplaces.

www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180410-wa-regional-campaign-report-mr

10 Apr 2018

Two Fair Work Ombudsman campaigns conducted in Western Australia have resulted in \$388,261 being

back-paid to local workers, including more than \$300,000 recovered following court actions commenced by the regulator.

[More than \\$192,000 in penalties for former 7-Eleven operators who underpaid vulnerable workers \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180410-vipper-and-viplus-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180410-vipper-and-viplus-mr)

10 Apr 2018

The Federal Circuit Court has imposed penalties totalling \$192,961 against the operators of two Brisbane CBD 7-Eleven stores for short-changing workers by more than \$31,000.

[Sydney café operator penalised for short-changing visa holder using cashback scheme \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180409-robit-penalty-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180409-robit-penalty-release)

9 Apr 2018

A Sydney café operator has been penalised more than \$97,000 in the Federal Circuit Court after requiring an overseas worker to pay back thousands of dollars of her wages as part of a cashback scheme, following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Sydney workers back-paid more than \\$62,000 after seeking Fair Work Ombudsman help \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180406-inner-sydney-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180406-inner-sydney-mr)

6 Apr 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has assisted five workers employed by businesses in Sydney suburbs to recover \$62,979 in unpaid wages and entitlements.

[Campaigns in regional Victoria recover more than \\$620,000 for hundreds of workers \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180405-victorian-regional-campaigns\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180405-victorian-regional-campaigns)

5 Apr 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman's proactive compliance and education campaigns in Victoria's Dandenong and Warrnambool – Otway Ranges regions have seen 350 workers back-paid a total of \$624,332 in owed wages and entitlements.

[Former economics professor faces court for alleged underpayment of overseas workers \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180404-jenni-international-litigation-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/april-2018/20180404-jenni-international-litigation-mr)

4 Apr 2018

A former economics professor is facing court after he allegedly paid overseas workers at his Asian grocery store in the Melbourne CBD as little as \$10 per hour, despite having been put on notice of workplace laws.

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

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