

## May 2018

### **[Penalty against MCG head contractor over underpayments a “wake-up call” \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180529-iss-penalty-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180529-iss-penalty-mr)**

29 May 2018

A surprise night-time visit to the MCG by Fair Work Ombudsman inspectors to investigate exploitation of overseas workers in the venue’s supply-chain for cleaning staff has led to a \$132,217 penalty against the Australian arm of a global cleaning company.

### **[More than \\$200k in penalties in FWO’s first racial discrimination case \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180528-yenida-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180528-yenida-penalty)**

28 May 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman’s first racial discrimination litigation has resulted in penalties of \$211,104 against the former operators of a Tasmanian hotel after they deliberately exploited two Malaysian employees of Chinese descent.

### **[200 regional NSW businesses being audited by the Fair Work Ombudsman in New England and North West \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180524-nsw-new-england-and-north-west-campaign-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180524-nsw-new-england-and-north-west-campaign-mr)**

24 May 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced audits of more than 200 businesses across the New England and North West regions of NSW, as part of its latest campaign checking businesses’ compliance with workplace laws.

### **[\\$118,000 in penalties after NSW roadhouse operator “well and truly caught out by FWO” \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180523-noorpreet-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180523-noorpreet-penalty)**

23 May 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured \$118,440 in penalties in Court after a NSW roadhouse manager tried to deprive an Indian employee of her Government-funded parental leave pay by falsely claiming he provided the pay to the employee’s husband.

### **[Record penalty against Townsville café operator over failure to pay compensation \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180516-port-douglas-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180516-port-douglas-penalty-media-release)**

16 May 2018

A record penalty has been imposed against the former operator of a café at Townsville in regional Queensland, for ignoring a Fair Work Commission order to compensate an employee who was unfairly dismissed.

**Jail term imposed in Fair Work Ombudsman's first contempt of court case (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180513-jorgensen-contempt-penalty-media-release>)**

14 May 2018

A Northern Queensland business operator has been jailed – and then released pending the outcome of his appeal – as a result of the Fair Work Ombudsman's first contempt-of-court action.

**\$43,000 penalty for labour hire manager after vulnerable workers exploited at abattoir (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180511-ricing-holding-penalty-release>)**

11 May 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured \$43,000 in penalties against the former general manager of a labour hire company over the deliberate exploitation of migrant workers at an abattoir at Scone, in regional NSW.

**\$300k in penalties against burger bar operator evidence of cultural issues in hospitality industry (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180509-rum-runner-penalty-release>)**

9 May 2018

Penalties of more than \$300,000 against a former Melbourne burger bar operator for exploiting young and overseas workers are the latest wake-up call to the hospitality industry to improve widespread non-compliance, according to Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James.

**Sushi operator faces Court for allegedly underpaying overseas workers in Newcastle (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180503-chang-litigation>)**

3 May 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the former operator of three sushi outlets in Newcastle for her alleged involvement in underpaying four overseas workers more than \$33,000.

**Outback homestead operator penalised in Court after 17 workers underpaid \$23,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/may-2018/20180502-david-mayne-penalty>)**

2 May 2018

The operators of a remote Northern Territory homestead have been penalised a total of \$56,766, after ignoring pay advice and underpaying more than a dozen backpackers from overseas.

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