

2018 media releases

[140,000 in penalties for Degani café \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/140-000-in-penalties-for-degani-cafe\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/140-000-in-penalties-for-degani-cafe)

21 Dec 2018

The operators of a Degani café in Melbourne's north-east have been penalised over \$140,000 for underpaying staff and providing inspectors with false records, following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Positive partnership for poultry workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/positive-partnership-for-poultry-workers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/positive-partnership-for-poultry-workers)

21 Dec 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has reported on the outcomes of its compliance partnership with Baiada Group, confirming significant progress has been made by the poultry processor to ensure its supply chain is compliant with workplace laws.

[Moreton Island restaurant operator faces Court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181218-auspac-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181218-auspac-litigation-media-release)

18 Dec 2018

The former manager of a Queensland resort restaurant is facing Court again, with the Fair Work Ombudsman alleging he has continued to be involved in underpaying young overseas workers.

[Court penalty for ABCO Plastics \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181217-delahill-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181217-delahill-penalty-media-release)

17 Dec 2018

A Sydney plastics manufacturing company that underpaid two Sri Lankan visa holders has been penalised by the Federal Circuit Court after failing to meet a deadline to back-pay these workers.

[New Field underpays two graduates \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181214-new-field-education-eu-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181214-new-field-education-eu-media-release)

14 Dec 2018

A multinational education company will make major changes to its workplace practices after the Fair Work Ombudsman discovered the underpayment of two Chinese graduates in its Melbourne CBD branch.

[Over \\$165,000 penalties for tour bus operator \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181214-ava-travel-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181214-ava-travel-penalty-media-release)

14 Dec 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured substantial penalties against a Gold Coast tour bus business that

engaged in sham contracting and underpaid two drivers more than \$43,000.

[Cleaning contractors hit with \\$65,000 penalty \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181212-ozkorea-and-pioneer-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181212-ozkorea-and-pioneer-penalty-media-release)

12 Dec 2018

Three cleaning companies and a former sole trader have been penalised for their involvement in underpaying Korean cleaners at Woolworths' sites in Tasmania, after legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Catering Director penalised for underpaying workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181211-a-to-z-catering-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181211-a-to-z-catering-penalty-media-release)

11 Dec 2018

The former director of a contract catering company has been penalised \$50,100 for his role in underpaying workers at Wagga's Rules Club in regional NSW, following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Melbourne hotspots hit with workplace audits \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181211-degraves-st-hardware-lane-campaign-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181211-degraves-st-hardware-lane-campaign-media-release)

11 Dec 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman is targeting restaurants and cafes in the popular Degraeves Street and Hardware Lane dining strips in the Melbourne CBD with unannounced workplace audits.

[Former carwash-café operators penalised \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181207-ausinko-penalty-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181207-ausinko-penalty-mr)

7 Dec 2018

The former operators of a Gold Coast carwash-café have been penalised almost \$70,000 for requiring an overseas worker to pay back over \$21,000 of her wages and underpaying dozens of other workers following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Cleaning company overhauls workplace practices \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181203-delron-cleaning-eu-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/december-2018/20181203-delron-cleaning-eu-media-release)

3 Dec 2018

A Western Australian commercial cleaning company that underpaid its workforce more than \$447,000 has signed up to ongoing scrutiny of its workplace arrangements under an Enforceable Undertaking with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Penalty for newspaper director \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181128-fl-press-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181128-fl-press-penalty-media-release)

28 Nov 2018

The former director of a Sydney newspaper publisher has been penalised after threatening and later sacking a journalist who sought assistance from the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[JB Hi-Fi acts to improve workplace practices \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-)

[and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181123-jb-hi-fi-pcd-report-media-release\)](#)

23 Nov 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has published a report on its compliance partnership with Australian home entertainment and consumer electrical retailer, JB Hi-Fi Group Pty Ltd.

[Harvest Trail Inquiry recovers \\$1 million for workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181122-harvest-trail-inquiry-media-release\)](#)

22 Nov 2018

A Fair Work Ombudsman Inquiry into workplaces along Australia's Harvest Trail has found widespread non-compliance, with inspectors recovering more than \$1 million in unpaid wages for over 2,500 workers.

[Victorian plumber faces Court for second time \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181119-pulis-plumbing-litigation2\)](#)

19 Nov 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced a second legal action in the Federal Circuit Court against Victorian man Michael Patrick Pulis and his company, Pulis Plumbing Pty Ltd, which trades as Pulis Professional Plumbing.

[Improved compliance for food franchisor \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181116-retail-zoo-pcd-report-media-release\)](#)

16 Nov 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has published a report on its compliance partnership with Retail Zoo Pty Ltd, which owns the Boost Juice, Salsa's Fresh Mex Grill and Cibo Espresso retail food brands.

[Workplace audits for 600 NSW businesses \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181115-nsw-northern-rivers-new-campaign-media-release\)](#)

15 Nov 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman is auditing 600 businesses in the Northern Rivers region in New South Wales to check that employers are paying their workers correctly and meeting their record-keeping and payslip obligations.

[National campaign shows improved compliance \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181108-final-national-compliance-monitoring-campaign-report-media-release\)](#)

8 Nov 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has today released its latest National Compliance Monitoring report after re-auditing 479 businesses that had previously breached workplace laws.

[Melbourne supermarket operator to overhaul workplace practices \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181105-oriental-food-eu-media-release\)](#)

5 Nov 2018

A specialty supermarket operator in Melbourne will overhaul its workplace practices under an Enforceable Undertaking with the Fair Work Ombudsman after they were found to have underpaid three Chinese workers a total of almost \$75,000.

Trolley contractor improves workplace compliance (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/november-2018/20181102-utc-pcd-report-media-release>)

2 Nov 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has published a report on its compliance partnership with United Trolley Collections Pty Ltd (UTC), Australia's largest trolley collection company.

Bundaberg transport company penalised \$80,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181030-bundaberg-rt-penalty-media-release>)

30 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured an \$80,000 penalty against a Bundaberg-based transport company for underpaying an employee more than \$11,000 over a period of just nine months.

Crust pizza franchisee allegedly discriminated against migrant workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181023-qha-foods-litigation>)

23 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the operators of a Crust Gourmet Pizza franchise outlet in Hobart, alleging they discriminated against four overseas workers by paying them much less than Australian employees.

Court penalises IGA supermarket operator (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181022-iga-stores-penalty-media-release>)

22 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a total of \$320,263 in penalties in Court after an operator was found to have deliberately underpaid six workers at two IGA supermarkets in Melbourne, despite having been put on notice to comply.

2017-18 Annual Report (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181018-annual-report-2017-18-media-release>)

18 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman's Annual Report for 2017-18 has been tabled in Parliament, highlighting the wide range of services and resources the regulator offers to employers and employees.

Restaurant faces pregnancy discrimination allegations (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181018-jewel-bay-litigation-mr>)

18 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action in the Federal Circuit Court against Jewel Bay 2015 Pty Ltd, which operates Coco's Restaurant in South Perth, and company director Abdel Wahid Tajeddine.

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