

## 2018 media releases

### **[Lycamobile penalised \\$25,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181015-lycamobile-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181015-lycamobile-penalty)**

15 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a penalty against the Australian arm of global mobile SIM card provider Lycamobile for underpaying an employee's wages.

### **[FWO audits popular Sydney dining spot \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181010-newton-audits-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181010-newton-audits-media-release)**

10 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman is conducting unannounced audits of hospitality outlets in Newtown this week to check businesses are complying with workplace laws.

### **[Former Cairns restaurant operators penalised \\$168,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181010-poisson-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181010-poisson-penalty-media-release)**

10 Oct 2018

The former operators of a restaurant in Cairns have been penalised a total of \$168,924 for underpaying a migrant worker more than \$33,000, following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

### **[FWO recovers nearly \\$800,000 for sushi workers in NSW, QLD and the ACT \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181009-sushi-compliance-activity-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181009-sushi-compliance-activity-media-release)**

9 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has audited 45 sushi businesses in New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory, finding breaches of workplace laws at 39 businesses.

### **[Petrol operators allegedly underpaid visa holders \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181008-sinpek-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181008-sinpek-litigation-media-release)**

8 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has taken legal action against the former operators of a petrol station on the NSW Central Coast who allegedly underpaid two migrant workers over \$50,000.

### **[FWO takes Crust pizza franchisee to Court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181004-desire-food-litigation-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/october-2018/20181004-desire-food-litigation-mr)**

4 Oct 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action in the Federal Circuit Court against a Crust Gourmet

Pizza Bar franchisee in Melbourne, alleging it underpaid seven employees on student visas a total of \$35,725.

**[Melbourne cleaning operator penalised \\$144,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180925-davdot-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180925-davdot-penalty-media-release)**

25 Sep 2018

The Federal Circuit Court has ordered David Leslie Hinchcliffe to pay \$25,000 and his company Davdot Pty Ltd to pay \$119,000 for underpaying three casual employees, two of whom were migrant workers, following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Café franchisor improves workplace compliance \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180921-mdkl-pcd-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180921-mdkl-pcd-media-release)**

21 Sep 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has published a report on its compliance partnership with Minor DKL Food Group Pty Ltd (MDKL), which owns the Coffee Club, Ribs & Rumps, Coffee Hit and Veneziano Coffee Roasters brands.

**[Wok Me penalised for underpayment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180921-wok-me-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180921-wok-me-penalty)**

21 Sep 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured \$72,576 in penalties against the former operators of a fast food outlet in northern Queensland for underpaying a 71-year-old employee.

**[Court orders media company and director to pay \\$570,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180920-touchpoint-media-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180920-touchpoint-media-penalty)**

20 Sep 2018

A company that operated news websites covering regional Queensland and its director have been penalised a total of \$264,924 for underpaying young journalists and production staff following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[FWO audits 33 Domino's stores \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180907-dominos-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/september-2018/20180907-dominos-media-release)**

7 Sep 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman is calling on Domino's head office to take action after finding breaches of workplace law across 19 stores in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

**[\\$10k penalty for former owner of Adelaide nail salon \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180830-hongyen-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180830-hongyen-penalty)**

30 Aug 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a \$10,560 penalty against the former owner of a nail salon in Adelaide for his role in underpaying several employees.

**[Woolworths signs up to protect cleaners \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180829-woolworths-pcd-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180829-woolworths-pcd-media-release)**

29 Aug 2018

Woolworths Group Limited has committed to protecting the rights of the workers in its cleaning services supply chain by entering into a new Compliance Partnership with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[FWO to conduct 200 workplace audits in NSW \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180828-nsw-sydney-ow-and-blue-mountains-campaign-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180828-nsw-sydney-ow-and-blue-mountains-campaign-release)**

28 Aug 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman will audit at least 200 businesses across outer west Sydney, the Blue Mountains and Wollondilly in its latest proactive compliance and education campaign.

**[Meatball and Wine Bar penalised for underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180823-meatball-and-wine-bar-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180823-meatball-and-wine-bar-penalty)**

23 Aug 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a \$31,320 penalty against Melbourne restaurant operator Meatball and Wine Bar Pty Ltd for underpaying 26 workers, including visa holders, across three restaurants.

**[Record penalties against technology company \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180820-macquarie-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180820-macquarie-penalty)**

20 Aug 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has obtained record penalties against Brisbane-based Macquarie Technology Group International Pty Ltd and owner Paul Desmond Wallace for failing to comply with an order to compensate an employee who had been unfairly dismissed.

**[Migrant school cleaners to be back-paid \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180810-veractiy-property-services-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180810-veractiy-property-services-eu-release)**

10 Aug 2018

A Melbourne cleaning company that underpaid visa holders has signed an Enforceable Undertaking with the Fair Work Ombudsman to improve compliance and back-pay workers.

**[Degani Bakery & Café compliance report \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180807-degani-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180807-degani-media-release)**

7 Aug 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the findings of its Degani Bakery and Café compliance activity that found non-compliance at 15 outlets, including underpayment and record keeping breaches.

**[UAE Exchange to back-pay workers \\$1.3 million \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180802-uae-exchange-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/august-2018/20180802-uae-exchange-eu-release)**

2 Aug 2018

Foreign currency exchange business UAE Exchange Australia Pty Ltd will change its workplace practices and back-pay workers under a new Enforceable Undertaking signed with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Cleaning operator taken to Court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-re](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-re)**

## leases/2018-media-releases/july-2018/20180730-scott-redmond-litigation)

30 Jul 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against a Gosford cleaning operator, alleging he failed to comply with a Compliance Notice that required him to back-pay two workers a total of \$3195.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/july-2018/20180730-alertvale-penalty-release>**

30 Jul 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured \$31,590 in penalties against Rockhampton-based business Alertvale Pty Ltd that underpaid two Filipino visa holders \$9,931 when it made them redundant. The company operates businesses providing services in the mining and heavy industry sector in regional Queensland.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/july-2018/20180727-unclaimed-monies-media-release>**

27 Jul 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman is calling on workers who suspect they were underpaid in previous jobs to check if they are entitled to a share in unclaimed wages.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/july-2018/20170724-vip-security-penalty>**

24 Jul 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a \$115,668 penalty against Gold Coast security company owner Adam Marcinkowski after he admitted taking unlawful adverse action against a guard by dismissing him. He also underpaid three other guards a total of \$15,938 between April 2015 and June 2016.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/july-2018/20180720-pristine-application>**

20 Jul 2018

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action to force Pristine Employment Solutions Pty Ltd to comply with terms of an Enforceable Undertaking (EU) that was executed in May 2017.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2018-media-releases/july-2018/20180718-prime-enterprise-holdings-eu>**

18 Jul 2018

A Perth wholesale sushi supplier will back-pay a worker more than \$13,000 and overhaul its workplace practices under a new Enforceable Undertaking (EU) signed with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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