

December 2019

[Dinner by Heston statement \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191223-tipsy-cake-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191223-tipsy-cake-media-release)

23 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman is concerned that a significant number of employees of Topsy Cake Pty Ltd are owed back-pay after the company failed to comply with a statutory notice requiring it to calculate and back pay entitlements to workers. The final date for compliance was 20 December 2019.

[Penalty for NSW cleaning operator \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191220-scott-redmond-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191220-scott-redmond-penalty-media-release)

20 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured penalties of \$17,190 against a Gosford cleaning operator who failed to comply with a Compliance Notice that required him to back-pay two workers.

[Gold Coast bar operator faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191220-chevron-island-tavern-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191220-chevron-island-tavern-litigation-media-release)

20 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action in the Federal Circuit Court against the operators of the Chevron Tavern, located on the Gold Coast.

[\\$730,000 recovered from popular food franchises \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191218-emerging-franchises-compliance-activity\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191218-emerging-franchises-compliance-activity)

18 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$731,648 in unpaid wages for 780 workers after a national investigation into emerging fast food, restaurant and café franchises.

[Chatime franchisor faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191218-chatime-franchisor-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191218-chatime-franchisor-litigation-media-release)

18 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the Australian franchisor of the Chatime bubble tea chain and its managing director, alleging employees at franchisor-operated Chatime outlets in Sydney and Melbourne were underpaid more than \$169,000.

[WA foster carers back-paid \\$6 million \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191213-lifestyle-solutions-eu-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191213-lifestyle-solutions-eu-media-release)

13 Dec 2019

Home-care services organisation Lifestyle Solutions Ltd has back-paid foster carers in remote Western Australia more than \$6 million after breaching Australia's workplace laws.

[Fremantle restaurant taken to court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191212-soma-kitchen-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191212-soma-kitchen-media-release)

12 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court in Perth against the Soma Kitchen restaurant in Fremantle, Western Australia, and its director.

[Tasmanian restaurant operator faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191211-galb-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191211-galb-litigation-media-release)

11 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action in the Federal Circuit Court against the operators of the Jade Willow Chinese Restaurant located at Ulverstone in Tasmania.

[Darwin restaurant operator taken to court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191209-darwin-restaurant-operator-taken-to-court\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191209-darwin-restaurant-operator-taken-to-court)

9 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court against the owner of the now-defunct 'Bar.B.Q Tonight NT' restaurant.

[Over \\$100,000 penalties for Moreton Island restaurant \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191209-auspac-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191209-auspac-penalty-media-release)

9 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured penalties of \$113,808 against a former manager of a Queensland resort restaurant and its owner after the underpayment of migrant workers.

[Over \\$300,000 returned to fast food, restaurant and café workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191206-over-300-000-returned-to-fast-food-restaurant-and-cafe-workers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191206-over-300-000-returned-to-fast-food-restaurant-and-cafe-workers)

6 Dec 2019

Fast food restaurant and café workers in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia have received \$316,674 in back payments for unpaid wages, following Fair Work Ombudsman audits of popular 'cheap eat' food districts.

[Burger chain back-pays \\$1.1 million to workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191206-mos-burger-eu-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191206-mos-burger-eu-media-release)

6 Dec 2019

The Australian arm of a Japanese burger chain has back-paid \$1.12 million to 285 former and current Queensland workers and will face ongoing scrutiny of its workplace practices.

[Over \\$40,000 penalty after teenager not paid \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-)

[and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191205-wells-penalty](#)

5 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a \$41,040 penalty against the former operator of a Sunshine Coast-based business after he was involved in a failure to pay an 18-year-old labourer any wages for almost a month's work.

[FWO alleges EU non-compliance \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191204-media-release-fwo-alleges-eu-non-compliance\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191204-media-release-fwo-alleges-eu-non-compliance)

5 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) has commenced legal action to enforce terms of a Court-Enforceable Undertaking (EU) that was executed with Saffron Indian Gourmet Pty Ltd (Saffron) earlier this year.

[Gold Coast café and director face court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191202-sun-sea-equity-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/december-2019/20191202-sun-sea-equity-litigation-media-release)

3 Dec 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action in the Federal Circuit Court against the operators of a café at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast.

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