

September 2019

[United Petroleum faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190927-united-petroleum-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190927-united-petroleum-litigation-media-release)

27 Sep 2019

The FWO has commenced legal action in the Federal Court against United Petroleum Pty Ltd (United Petroleum), alleging the company failed to produce documents when it was legally required to do so.

[Operators of Barry Cafe face court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190926-barry-cafe-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190926-barry-cafe-litigation-media-release)

26 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the company that operates 'Barry Café', in the Melbourne suburb of Northcote, and two of its directors, alleging they underpaid 73 workers more than \$180,000.

[Sunglass Hut to back-pay 620 workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190924-sunglass-hut-eu-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190924-sunglass-hut-eu-media-release)

24 Sep 2019

Sunglass Hut will back-pay \$2.3 million to employees after breaching Australia's workplace laws and underpaying 620 staff at stores across the country.

[Penalties for Filipino 'two-for-one' wage deal \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190924-nsw-motels-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190924-nsw-motels-penalty-media-release)

24 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured \$280,000 in penalties in the Federal Circuit Court against the operators of two motels in NSW and Victoria for breaches of workplace laws including underpaying two Filipino workers a total of more than \$134,000.

[FWO audits cleaning operations at Optus Stadium \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190923-fwo-audits-cleaning-operations-at-optus-stadium\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190923-fwo-audits-cleaning-operations-at-optus-stadium)

23 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman conducted a surprise audit of the cleaning arrangements at Perth's Optus Stadium on Sunday following the WAFL Grand Final between Subiaco and South Fremantle.

[The Ironing Shop franchisee faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190920-the-ironing-shop-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190920-the-ironing-shop-litigation-media-release)

20 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the operators of four 'The Ironing Shop' outlets in Brisbane, alleging they paid a Chinese national wages as low as \$8 an hour and falsified records.

[FWO files special leave application in Marland Mushrooms case \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190919-fwo-files-special-leave-application-in-marland-mushrooms-case\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190919-fwo-files-special-leave-application-in-marland-mushrooms-case)

19 Sep 2019

On 13 September 2019, the Fair Work Ombudsman filed an application in the High Court of Australia seeking special leave to appeal against the split decision of the Full Federal Court in Fair Work Ombudsman v Hu [2019] FCAFC 133.

[Moreton Bay targeted in FWO compliance activity \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190919-moreton-bay-targeted-in-fwo-compliance-activity\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190919-moreton-bay-targeted-in-fwo-compliance-activity)

19 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced a series of targeted audits of 19 farms and businesses in the Moreton Bay region, north of Brisbane, following concerns that employers may be breaching workplace laws.

[Coffee Club franchisee faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190917-jmsl-litigation-media-release-final\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190917-jmsl-litigation-media-release-final)

17 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against the operator of a Coffee Club outlet in Victoria, alleging they underpaid two young workers a total of more than \$15,000 and provided false records to inspectors.

[Kids clothing retailer faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190913-blue-sky-litigation-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190913-blue-sky-litigation-media-release)

13 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced court action against a retailer that allegedly underpaid four Chinese migrants over \$140,000 and breached Protecting Vulnerable Worker laws, including by committing serious contraventions and hindering-or-obstructing Fair Work inspectors.

[Stadiums' cleaning contractors audited \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190909-stadiums-sica-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190909-stadiums-sica-media-release)

9 Sep 2019

The Fair Work Ombudsman conducted surprise audits last week at AAMI Park in Melbourne, ANZ Stadium in Sydney and GIO Stadium in Canberra to analyse the cleaning arrangements of these stadiums as part of a sham contracting investigation.

[Jamaica Blue and Muffin Break employees back-paid \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190903-foodco-pcd-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/2019-media-releases/september-2019/20190903-foodco-pcd-media-release)

3 Sep 2019

Foodco, the franchisor of the Jamaica Blue and Muffin Break cafés, has back-paid 166 employees a total of \$26,562.30 under a two-year audit and compliance agreement with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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