

February 2010

Fair Work inspectors focus on South-West (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100226-south-west-wa-campaign>)

26 Feb 2010

Fair Work inspectors will randomly audit up to 80 employers in Western Australia's South-West Region to ensure they are paying staff correctly and keeping proper records.

Fraser Island tourism operator back-pays worker \$16,300 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100225-fraser-coast-recovery>)

25 Feb 2010

A Fraser Island tourism industry worker has been reimbursed \$16,300 after an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found she was underpaid.

Yeppoon tradesman reimbursed \$10,000 after complaint to Fair Work Ombudsman (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100225-yeppoon-recovery>)

25 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$10,000 for a Yeppoon tradesman who was made redundant after 13 years with his employer.

Fair Work Ombudsman recovers back-pay for 106 Ipswich workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100225-ipswich-recovery-for-106-workers>)

25 Feb 2010

An Ipswich business has reimbursed 106 local workers a total of \$18,000 after a routine investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found they were underpaid.

Court fines Adelaide company \$40,000 for underpaying 10 workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100223-adelaide-foam-fine>)

23 Feb 2010

An Adelaide company has been fined \$40,000 for failing to pay the entitlements of 10 employees it dismissed when it suddenly shut down its operations.

Melbourne newsagency allegedly underpaid worker almost \$5000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100223-dmb-investments>)

23 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the operator of a Melbourne newsagency for allegedly underpaying a worker almost \$5000.

[Brisbane cafe back-pays students \\$120,000 after Fair Work Ombudsman investigation \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100222-120k-for-41-brisbane-workers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100222-120k-for-41-brisbane-workers)

22 Feb 2010

A Brisbane cafe has underpaid dozens of international students almost \$120,000, an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

[AWU faces court over alleged unlawful industrial action \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100222-awu-prosecution\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100222-awu-prosecution)

22 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the Australian Workers Union (AWU) and two of its officers for allegedly organising unlawful industrial action at a NSW south coast worksite last year.

[Gold Coast company director fined \\$15,000 over underpayment of driver \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100219-ella-fine\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100219-ella-fine)

19 Feb 2010

A director of a Gold Coast-based horse transport company has been fined \$15,000 for his role in a truck driver being significantly underpaid.

[Melbourne fashion outlet fined \\$19,500 for underpaying two workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100219-tovek-fine\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100219-tovek-fine)

19 Feb 2010

The operators of a Melbourne fashion outlet have been fined \$19,500 for underpaying two workers almost \$7000.

[Workers should query unexplained changes in take-home pay \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100217-take-home-pay\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100217-take-home-pay)

17 Feb 2010

Any worker who has noticed an unexplained change in their take-home pay since 1 January should find out why.

[Fair Work inspectors to visit Kimberley and Pilbara businesses \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/fair-work-inspectors-to-visit-kimberley-and-pilbara-businesses\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/fair-work-inspectors-to-visit-kimberley-and-pilbara-businesses)

17 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has signalled plans to step up scrutiny of employers in the Western Australian

Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

Fair Work inspectors to visit more than 250 NSW South Coast businesses (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100216-nsw-sth-coast-campaign>)

16 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman will this week visit more than 250 NSW South Coast businesses to check their books and ensure they are complying with workplace laws.

Tasmanian resort faces court over alleged underpayments and sham contracting (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100216-maclean-bay-prosecution>)

16 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the operators of a Tasmanian resort for allegedly underpaying workers and engaging in sham contracting.

Lockyer Valley store faces court for allegedly underpaying worker \$17,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100215-aussie-little-auction-houses>)

15 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the operators of a Lockyer Valley store for allegedly underpaying a worker more than \$17,000.

Regulator asks NSW young workers - are you missing out? (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-oweeek-nsw>)

12 Feb 2010

University students are being urged by the Fair Work Ombudsman to know their workplace rights to ensure they're not missing out on money in their pay packet.

Regulator asks QLD young workers - are you missing out? (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-o-week-qld>)

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Regulator asks Vic young workers - are you missing out? (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-o-week-vic>)

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Regulator asks WA young workers - are you missing out? (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about->

[us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/regulator-asks-wa-young-workers-are-you-missing-out](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/regulator-asks-wa-young-workers-are-you-missing-out)

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[Regulator asks ACT young workers - are you missing out? \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/regulator-asks-act-young-workers-are-you-missing-out\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/regulator-asks-act-young-workers-are-you-missing-out)

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[Regulator asks SA young workers - are you missing out? \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-0-week-sa\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-0-week-sa)

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[Regulator asks Tas young workers - are you missing out? \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-o-week-tas\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100212-o-week-tas)

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[Tasmanian security firms pass random audits \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100211-tas-festival-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100211-tas-festival-campaign)

11 Feb 2010

Security companies contracted to work at festivals in Tasmania have been given the thumbs up by the Fair Work Ombudsman after random audits found a high level of compliance with workplace laws.

[Former hotelier faces court for allegedly paying employee just \\$7 an hour \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100210-ringinn-prosecution\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100210-ringinn-prosecution)

10 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the former operators of a hotel in North-East Victoria for allegedly paying a casual employee just \$7 an hour

[Hamilton transport company faces court for allegedly underpaying truck driver \\$20,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100210-ron-priddle-prosecution\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100210-ron-priddle-prosecution)

10 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against a South-West Victorian transport company and its director for allegedly underpaying a truck driver more than \$20,000.

[Port Fairy restaurant allegedly underpaid casual waitresses almost \\$8000 \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100209-farnhill\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100209-farnhill)

9 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the former owner of a Port Fairy restaurant for allegedly underpaying three workers almost \$8000.

[Security contractor faces court for allegedly underpaying workers \\$23,000 \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100209-essendene\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100209-essendene)

9 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against a NSW security contracting company and its director for allegedly underpaying two workers more than \$23,000.

[Fair Work inspectors to call on Northern Victorian employers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100208-northern-victorian-educational-visits\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100208-northern-victorian-educational-visits)

8 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has announced plans to step up scrutiny of employers in Northern Victoria.

[SA fast-food sector targeted for 200 random audits and educational visits \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100207-sa-fast-fast-food\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100207-sa-fast-fast-food)

7 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has signalled plans to step up scrutiny of South Australian fast-food and take-away businesses.

[Treatment of elderly nurse was heartless and shabby, says workplace regulator \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100207-elderly-nurse-gets-her-entitlements\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100207-elderly-nurse-gets-her-entitlements)

7 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has issued a stern warning to a Melbourne nursing home over what it describes as heartless and shabby treatment of a long-serving elderly employee.

[St Kilda retail store fined for underpaying 43 workers more than \\$40,000 \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100205-myst-oz-fine\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100205-myst-oz-fine)

5 Feb 2010

The operators of a St Kilda retail store have been fined almost \$20,000 for underpaying 43 workers more than \$40,000.

Melbourne paint retailer faces court for allegedly underpaying workers \$25,000
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100205-pride-paints-prosecution>)

5 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against a former Melbourne paint retailer for allegedly underpaying five workers more than \$25,000.

Hotel and managing-director to face court for allegedly underpaying two workers
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100204-lufra-prosecution>)

4 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the operators of a Tasmanian hotel for allegedly underpaying two workers more than \$8500.

Fair Work seminars for Kalgoorlie employers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100204-kalgoorlie-seminars>)

4 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman and the Goldfields Small Business Centre will conduct two seminars for small business owners in Kalgoorlie-Boulder this month.

Educational visits begin in NSW to help employers understand Fair Work laws (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100204-tev-nsw>)

4 Feb 2010

The first of 10,000 educational visits to small businesses in NSW this year are about to commence.

Security company faces court for allegedly underpaying Sydney guards \$135,000
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100203-reflections-security>)

3 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against a NSW security company for allegedly underpaying 11 guards in Sydney more \$135,000.

Bass Coast retail and hospitality sectors targeted for educational visits (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2010-media-releases/february-2010/20100202-bass-coast-audits>)

2 Feb 2010

The Fair Work Ombudsman has signalled plans to step up scrutiny of employers on Victoria's Bass Coast.

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