

## Almost \$55,000 back-pay for regional Tasmanian workers

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A number of workers in regional Tasmania have been back-paid a total of \$54,700 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

The largest recovery was \$15,000 for a Yolla agricultural worker underpaid the minimum hourly rate and not paid long service leave entitlements.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says once Fair Work inspectors contacted the business and explained its obligations, the employee was promptly reimbursed all money owed.

"It's a fact that some businesses inadvertently breach workplace laws. When we find mistakes, we're here to help and give practical advice to employers on how to voluntarily fix them," Mr Wilson said.

Other recent recoveries include:

- \$9200 for a Port Arthur manager not paid long service leave entitlements
- \$8700 for a Strahan cook not paid penalty rates
- \$7500 for a Lillydale truck driver underpaid the minimum hourly rate
- \$7400 for a Camdale office manager not paid redundancy entitlements, and
- \$6900 for a Geeveston agricultural worker not paid for some time worked.

Mr Wilson says each of the businesses has now corrected the errors that led to the underpayments and put processes in place to ensure they will not happen again.

The Fair Work Ombudsman provides a single point of contact for people working or running a business in Australia to get accurate information about their workplace rights and obligations.

Tasmanian business-owners and workers who want support understanding their workplace responsibilities can contact the Fair Work Ombudsman via [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) or by calling the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94.

A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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