

Two Dubbo workers back-paid over \$18,000

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Two workers at Dubbo in regional NSW have been back-paid a total of \$18,100 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

The largest recovery was \$12,500 for a truck driver.

The 42-year-old male employee complained that he was not paid overnight allowances.

After a Fair Work inspector contacted the business and explained its obligations, the employee was promptly reimbursed all money owed without the need for further action against the employer.

In a separate case, a female administration employee in her 60s was back-paid \$5600 after an inspector discovered she was not paid annual leave entitlements on termination.

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$8.215 million back-pay for 4182 underpaid workers in NSW last financial year. Nationally, the Agency recouped a total of \$26.7 million for 17,360 underpaid employees.

“It’s a fact that some businesses inadvertently breach workplace laws. When we find mistakes, we’re here to assist and give practical advice to employers on how to voluntarily fix them,” says Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson.

“The two Dubbo businesses have now corrected the errors that led to the underpayments and put processes in place to ensure they will not happen again.”

Workers or employers seeking support should get in touch with the Fair Work Ombudsman via the website – www.fairwork.gov.au - or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94.

A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50, and information on the website is translated into 27 different languages.

The website has a number of tools and resources, including PayCheck Plus and an Award Finder, to assist business-owners to calculate the correct pay for their employees.

An ‘Industries’ section on the website provides extra, specialised information for employers and employees in the retail, cleaning, clerical, hair and beauty, security, horticulture, fast food and hospitality industries.

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