

## October 2011

### **[\\$27,000 back-pay for Wollongong workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111031-recovery-wollongong\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111031-recovery-wollongong)**

31 Oct 2011

A number of workers at Wollongong in regional NSW have been back-paid a total of \$27,300 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

### **[Courts impose \\$2.1 million in penalties \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111028-fwo-legal-activity\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111028-fwo-legal-activity)**

28 Oct 2011

Court-ordered penalties as a result of litigations commenced by the Fair Work Ombudsman amounted to more than \$2.1 million last financial year.

### **[Free seminar to assist Kalgoorlie employers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111028-kalgoorlie-seminar\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111028-kalgoorlie-seminar)**

28 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman will conduct a free seminar for employers at Kalgoorlie, in regional Western Australia, to assist them understand key features of workplace laws.

### **[Naracoorte employee back-paid \\$7000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111027-recovery-naracoorte\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111027-recovery-naracoorte)**

27 Oct 2011

An employee at Naracoorte in regional South Australia has been back-paid a total of \$7000 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

### **[\\$57,000 recovered for deceased worker's estate \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111026-recovery-warragul-deceased-estate\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111026-recovery-warragul-deceased-estate)**

26 Oct 2011

The estate of a Gippsland worker who believed he was not paid his full entitlements - but died before he was able to make a complaint - has been reimbursed a total of \$57,000 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

### **[\\$6 million back-pay for Qld employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back)**

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25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$6.082 million back-pay for 5142 workers in Queensland last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-pay-act>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$384,857 back-pay for 224 workers in the ACT last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-pay-wa>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$1.788 million back-pay for 1480 workers in Western Australia last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-pay-sa>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$1.579 million back-pay for 1048 workers in South Australia last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-pay-nt>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$273,382 back-pay for 542 workers in the Northern Territory last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-pay-nsw>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$8.215 million back-pay for 4182 workers in NSW last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-backpay-tas>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$858,767 back-pay for 1186 workers in Tasmania last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111025-fwo-back-pay-vic>**

25 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman recovered a total of \$7.573 million back-pay for 3556 workers in Victoria last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111024-retirement-villages-cautioned>**

24 Oct 2011

Two retirement villages in regional Queensland have been formally cautioned by the Fair Work Ombudsman after it was discovered they were underpaying their night carers.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111021-fwo-year-2-report-card>**

21 Oct 2011

More than 2.4 million visitors sought information, assistance and advice from the Fair Work Ombudsman website last financial year.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111020-humidifresh-prosecution>**

20 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman is prosecuting a Brisbane company for allegedly underpaying four workers more than \$18,000 when it terminated their employment.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111019-super-a-mart-eu>**

19 Oct 2011

Retail giant Super A-Mart will reimburse almost 900 current and former staff more than \$1.3 million after it was discovered the company had been underpaying its workers.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111018-bendigo-pair-backpaid-27k>**

18 Oct 2011

Two workers at Bendigo in Victoria's Goldfields region have been back-paid a total of \$27,300 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111017-recovery-newcastle>**

17 Oct 2011

A number of workers at Newcastle in regional NSW have been back-paid more than \$60,700 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111014-recovery-mildura>**

14 Oct 2011

Two employees at Mildura in North-West Victoria have been back-paid a total of \$11,300 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111013-perfume-health-care-prosecution>**

13 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the operator of a residential care service in Melbourne for allegedly underpaying a personal care worker more than \$50,000.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111012-ballarat-campaign-results>**

12 Oct 2011

Thirty-one Ballarat businesses have back-paid more than \$130,000 to their staff after random audits found the employees were being underpaid.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111011-recovery-hobart-mechanic>**

11 Oct 2011

A Hobart mechanic has been reimbursed a total of \$21,000 after complaining to the Fair Work Ombudsman of being underpaid.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111010-recovery-dubbo>**

10 Oct 2011

A wool industry employee at Dubbo in regional NSW has been back-paid a total of \$17,900 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111007-finalist-su-kerns-leadership>**

7 Oct 2011

Fair Work Ombudsman Group Manager of Corporate & Strategic Development, Su Kearns, is a finalist in the 2011 Australian Human Resources Institute National Awards.

**Fair Work Ombudsman a finalist for national workforce flexibility award (<http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111007-finalist-sir-ken-robinson-award>)**

7 Oct 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman has been recognised nationally for its flexible staff working arrangements.

**\$75,000 recovered for Shepparton workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111006-shepparton-recovery>)**

6 Oct 2011

Three workers in and around Shepparton in regional Victoria have been back-paid a total of \$75,600 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**\$679,000 back-pay for 180 underpaid Japanese restaurant staff (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111005-sadamatsu-eu>)**

5 Oct 2011

A restaurant operator in Sydney is reimbursing 180 employees a total of \$679,000 after it was discovered they were being underpaid.

**Results for Queensland metal finishing sector (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111003-qld-metal-finishing-campaign>)**

4 Oct 2011

Three-quarters of businesses in Queensland's metal finishing sector are complying with workplace laws, random audits by the Fair Work Ombudsman show.

**Two Carrum Downs workers back-paid \$21,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/october-2011/20111003-carrum-downs>)**

3 Oct 2011

Two workers at Carrum Downs in Melbourne's south-east have been back-paid a total of \$20,600 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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