

## \$75,000 recovered for Shepparton workers

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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.

The largest recovery was \$60,000 for an agricultural worker underpaid overtime entitlements for almost nine years to May.

After a Fair Work inspector contacted the company and explained its obligations, the 62-year-old male employee was repaid all money owed.

In a separate case, a hairdresser was back-paid \$9200 after an inspector found the 24-year-old female worker had been underpaid the minimum hourly rate between July, 2008 and June, 2011.

And a 23-year-old labourer was reimbursed \$6400 after inspectors found he had been underpaid penalty rates between February, 2009 and March, 2011.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas 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.

"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," he said.

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

Workers or employers seeking support should get in touch with the Fair Work Ombudsman via the website – [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) - or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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

Free documentation is available Online for employers to use when hiring, managing and dismissing staff, including letters of engagement and probation, timesheet and pay slip templates, leave application forms, a self-audit check list and workplace complaint form.

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