

\$21,000 back-pay for Hobart mechanic

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

The 32-year-old told Fair Work inspectors that he had been underpaid the minimum hourly rate and not paid penalty rates or annual leave entitlements for over a year.

After lodging a complaint with the Fair Work Ombudsman, the employee was promptly back-paid all money owed without the need for further action against the employer.

“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,” says Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson.

“The business 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 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 - 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 calculate the correct pay for their employees.

PayCheckPlus calculates minimum rates of pay per hour, per shift or per week and can take into account overtime, penalty rates and allowances.

Free documentation is also 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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For TTY: 13 36 77. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

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