

Fair Work Ombudsman in Townsville next week

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The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit Townsville next week to help employers and workers learn more about their workplace rights and responsibilities.

Fair Work Inspectors will operate an information booth at the Townsville Careers Expo on Monday, 12 August, between 10 am and 1.30 pm and then from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Townsville RSL Stadium. Entry is free.

Information on a range of topics including wages, flexible work arrangements, leave entitlements, workplace discrimination, hours of work and other entitlements will be available.

The Fair Work Ombudsman encourages employees or employers with a question about pay, conditions or other aspects of workplace law to drop in during the expo hours for advice.

In addition, Fair Work Inspectors will be available to answer questions from employers on Tuesday, 13 August, between 8.30 am and 9.30 am at the Townsville Chamber of Commerce, on Flinders Street.

Employers who would like to discuss their workplace rights or obligations with an Inspector need to make an appointment by calling (07) 4771 2729. There is no charge for appointments.

Fair Work Inspector, Jeff Tillitzki, said the workplace regulator's visit to Townsville aimed to raise awareness amongst employers and employees of national workplace laws.

"A big part of the Fair Work Ombudsman's role is to help build knowledge in the community about workplace laws and to help create fairer workplaces," Mr Tillitzki said.

"Opportunities like this where we can speak directly to employers and employees are an important way to help achieve that.



"We'll also be educating people about the range of free tools and resources available to help them understand and comply with national workplace laws."

The Fair Work Ombudsman's website - www.fairwork.gov.au - contains a variety of best practice guides on topics such as effective dispute resolution and employing young workers.

Other website tools include templates for time-and-wages records, a leave calculator, Award Finder and PayCheck Plus to help determine the minimum pay rates for employees.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has also recently launched an online learning course on how to conduct difficult conversations at work.

Employers and employees seeking further information and advice can call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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