

December 2013

[Fine for underpaying foreign cleaner \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131223-jooine-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131223-jooine-penalty)

23 Dec 2013

The \$57,024 in fines imposed against a Sydney cleaning operator for exploiting a foreign worker sends a message that there are serious consequences for breaching foreign workers' rights, according to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Young workers urged to know their rights this summer \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131219-young-workers-summer-jobs\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131219-young-workers-summer-jobs)

19 Dec 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman is encouraging young workers taking up part-time and casual jobs this summer to learn about their workplace entitlements to ensure they receive their full pay.

[\\$33,000 recovered for underpaid Geelong workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131218-geelong-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131218-geelong-recoveries)

18 Dec 2013

Two underpaid Geelong workers have been back-paid \$33,500 in wages and entitlements following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Fines imposed after failure to back-pay workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131217-jaycee-trading-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131217-jaycee-trading-penalty)

17 Dec 2013

The fines imposed against a NSW Central Coast restaurant after failing to back-pay nine employees send a message that employers must take action when issued with Compliance Notices, according to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[75 per cent compliance rate for pharmacies \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131216-national-pharmacy-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131216-national-pharmacy-campaign)

16 Dec 2013

A Fair Work Ombudsman campaign has found that 75 per cent of pharmacies nationally are fully compliant with workplace laws and paying workers correctly.

[54 per cent compliance rate for WA pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses](#)

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131211-hospitality-wa>)

11 Dec 2013

Just over 50 per cent of pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses in Western Australia are fully compliant with workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

52 per cent compliance rate for NT pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131211-hospitality-nt>)

11 Dec 2013

Just over 50 per cent of pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses in the Northern Territory are fully compliant with workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

72 per cent compliance for SA pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131211-hospitality-sa>)

11 Dec 2013

More than 70 per cent of pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses in South Australia are complying with workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

72 per cent compliance for NSW pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131211-hospitality-nsw>)

11 Dec 2013

More than 70 per cent of pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses in NSW are complying with workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

81 per cent compliance for Queensland pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131211-hospitality-qld>)

11 Dec 2013

More than 80 per cent of pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses in Queensland are complying with workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

45 per cent compliance rate for Vic pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131211-hospitality-vic>)

11 Dec 2013

Less than 50 per cent of pubs, bars, taverns and accommodation businesses in Victoria are fully compliant with workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

Spotless boosts compliance with workplace laws (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131210-spotless-deed>)

10 Dec 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured more than \$90,000 back-pay for underpaid workers at services company Spotless as part of a collaborative initiative that has improved the company's compliance with workplace laws.

[Fair Work Ombudsman focuses on Atherton Tablelands farms \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131209-tablelands-audits\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131209-tablelands-audits)

9 Dec 2013

Inspectors from the Fair Work Ombudsman will visit up to 10 fruit and vegetable farms in the Atherton Tablelands region in Queensland this week to check employers are paying workers correctly.

[New dedicated helpline for small business \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131206-small-business-helpline\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131206-small-business-helpline)

6 Dec 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has today launched a new helpline for small business people to make it quicker and easier for them to get the help they need to meet their workplace relations obligations.

[Adelaide company allegedly paid employee nothing for six months of work \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131204-longridge-group-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131204-longridge-group-litigation)

4 Dec 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman is taking legal action against an Adelaide-based residential property company for allegedly underpaying two employees, including one who was allegedly not paid anything during six months with the company.

[Melbourne business fined almost \\$130,000 for underpaying "vulnerable" worker \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131203-lay-brothers-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/20131203-lay-brothers-penalty)

3 Dec 2013

A Melbourne grocery importation business has been fined \$128,700 for the "negligent" underpayment of a "vulnerable" delivery truck driver.

[100,000 back-pay for employees at NSW furniture and floor covering stores \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/100-000-back-pay-for-employees-at-nsw-furniture-and-floor-covering-stores\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/december-2013/100-000-back-pay-for-employees-at-nsw-furniture-and-floor-covering-stores)

2 Dec 2013

Retail workers at furniture and floor covering stores throughout New South Wales have been back-paid more than \$100,000 in wages, as part of a Fair Work Ombudsman campaign.

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