

Fair Work Ombudsman in Townsville next week

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The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit Townsville next week to help Indigenous job seekers and school leavers learn more about their workplace rights and responsibilities.

Fair Work Inspectors will run an information booth at the Former Origin Greats Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo on Tuesday, 23 July, between 9 am and 2 pm at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre. Entry is free.

Job seekers and school leavers with questions about pay, employment conditions or other aspects of workplace law can drop in during the expo hours and seek advice from an Inspector.

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

Fair Work Inspectors will also distribute fact sheets about the National Employment Standards and promote the Fair Work Ombudsman's best practice guides, which cover a range of topics including effective dispute resolution and the employment of young workers.

Senior Fair Work Inspector, Charles Gregory, said the visit aimed to educate Townsville job seekers and school leavers about national workplace laws and their rights at work.

"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 Gregory said.

"This visit provides a great opportunity for job seekers and school leavers to learn more about their rights, responsibilities and what to expect from their employer in the workplace."

Job seekers and school leavers can also connect with a number of employers and education and training providers - as well as meet former State of Origin players on the day.

The Fair Work Ombudsman's website contains a number of YouTube videos for young workers on topics including job trials, public holidays and getting paid. The videos can be accessed at www.fairwork.gov.au/youngworkers (www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students/default) and will be running during the expo.

Other online tools available include PayCheck Plus and an Award Finder to help employees and business owners determine the applicable award and minimum wages for their industry.

Employees and employers seeking further information and advice can also contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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