

Fair Work Ombudsman in Cooktown next week

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

Fair Work Inspectors will visit local businesses on Tuesday, 25 June, to provide information packs with resources such as fact sheets, templates and Best Practice Guides.

They will also be available to answer questions about pay rates and other aspects of workplace laws on Wednesday, 26 June 2013, between 8.30am and 4.30pm at the Cook Shire Council Chambers, on Furneaux Street.

Workers and employers who would like to discuss their workplace rights or obligations can drop in during these hours, or make an appointment to see an Inspector by calling (07) 4041 8702.

Senior Fair Work Inspector, Charles Gregory, said the informal visits were aimed at assisting employers and employees understand national workplace laws, including the National Employment Standards and modern awards.

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

“Opportunities like this to speak directly to local employers and employees are an important way to help achieve that.

“We encourage anyone with a question about their employment, or their responsibilities as an employer, to come and see us next Wednesday for some free advice.”

Employees and employers seeking further support should get in touch with the Fair Work Ombudsman via the website - www.fairwork.gov.au - or call the Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

The website contains a number of tools to assist employees and employers to understand their respective workplace rights and obligations.

Small to medium-sized businesses without human resources staff can also ensure they are better equipped when hiring, managing and dismissing employees by using free template employment documentation with step-by-step instructions.

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Call through the National Relay Service (NRS):

For TTY: 13 36 77. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

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