

## May 2013

### **[\\$18,000 in back-pay for workers along the Murray River \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130530-murray-river-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130530-murray-river-campaign)**

30 May 2013

Eighteen workers in the Murray River region in Victoria and New South Wales have been back-paid \$18,136 after Fair Work Inspectors audited businesses in the area earlier this year.

### **[Court action over alleged underpayment of Gold Coast restaurant employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130530-the-hub-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130530-the-hub-litigation)**

30 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched legal action against the operators of a Gold Coast restaurant, alleging nine employees were underpaid a total of almost \$20,000.

### **[Fair Work Ombudsman in Geraldton next week \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130529-geraldton-education-visit\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130529-geraldton-education-visit)**

29 May 2013

Inspectors from the Fair Work Ombudsman will visit Geraldton next week to help employers and workers understand their workplace rights and responsibilities.

### **[Compliance boosted in Queensland real estate industry \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130528-qld-real-estate-follow-up-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130528-qld-real-estate-follow-up-campaign)**

28 May 2013

More than 80 per cent of employers in Queensland's real estate industry are now complying with workplace laws by lodging staff pay agreements, a Fair Work Ombudsman follow-up campaign has found.

### **[South Australian workers back-paid \\$164,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130527-south-australian-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130527-south-australian-recoveries)**

27 May 2013

Underpaid workers throughout South Australia have been back-paid a total of \$164,900 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

### **[Riverland workers back-paid after Fair Work Ombudsman intervention \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130524-riverland-visit-results\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130524-riverland-visit-results)**

24 May 2013

Thirty five fruit pickers in the Riverland have been back-paid \$8,000 after a recent visit to the area found that some workers were being underpaid.

**[Foreign workers at Melbourne service station allegedly underpaid \\$111,000 \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130523-liquid-fuel-litigation\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130523-liquid-fuel-litigation)**

23 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched legal action against the operators of a Melbourne suburban service station, alleging two employees, both recent immigrants, were underpaid more than \$111,000.

**[\\$228,000 back-pay for workers in Brisbane and South-East Queensland \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130522-brisbane-and-se-qld-recoveries\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130522-brisbane-and-se-qld-recoveries)**

22 May 2013

Workers throughout Brisbane and South-East Queensland have been back-paid a total of \$228,900 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Court action over alleged \\$49,000 underpayment of employees in Adelaide and Sydney \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130521-ozone-manufacturing-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130521-ozone-manufacturing-litigation)**

21 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched legal action against the former operator of an environmental control products company, alleging eight employees in Sydney and Adelaide were underpaid a total of \$49,000.

**[Central Victorian security company facing court for allegedly underpaying staff \(http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130520-geri-litigation-bendigo\)](http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130520-geri-litigation-bendigo)**

20 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against a Central Victorian security company, alleging it underpaid four former employees almost \$90,000.

**[Free information and advice for working parents at the Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130517-fwo-at-baby-parenting-expo-sydney\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130517-fwo-at-baby-parenting-expo-sydney)**

17 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will provide free advice and information to working parents over three days next week as part of the Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo at the Sydney Showground Exhibition Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

**[Workplace audit campaign in Queenstown \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130516-queenstown-tasmania-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130516-queenstown-tasmania-campaign)**

16 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit 120 businesses in and around Queenstown, in western Tasmania next month, as part of an education and compliance campaign.

**[Coffs Harbour restaurant and fast food employers targeted for underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130515-coffs-harbour-audits\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130515-coffs-harbour-audits)**

15 May 2013

10 restaurants and fast food outlets at Coffs Harbour and surrounding areas, including Sawtell, are facing investigation for underpayment of wages to staff, after recent spot-audits by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[\\$50,000 back-paid to workers in Melbourne's North and North-West \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130514-recoveries-melbourne-north-and-north-west\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130514-recoveries-melbourne-north-and-north-west)**

14 May 2013

Underpaid workers in Melbourne's North and North-West have been back-paid a total of \$50,900 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[\\$41,000 in back-pay for Murray River workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130513-nsw-murray-river-region\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130513-nsw-murray-river-region)**

13 May 2013

Workers in the NSW Murray River region have been back-paid a total of \$41,400 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Back-pay secured for estate of deceased Brisbane worker \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130510-new-image-photographics-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130510-new-image-photographics-penalty)**

10 May 2013

A Fair Work Ombudsman litigation has led to the recovery of \$19,000 in wages for the estate of an underpaid Brisbane worker who passed away three years ago, as well as \$53,460 in fines against the operators of the business she worked for.

**[Pizza shop operator fined \\$15,000 for underpaying employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130510-vs-investment-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130510-vs-investment-penalty)**

10 May 2013

The former operator of a Gold Coast pizza shop has been fined \$15,180 for underpaying 27 employees.

**[Victorian hair-and-beauty salons back-pay employees \\$134,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130509-vic-hair-and-beauty-audit\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130509-vic-hair-and-beauty-audit)**

9 May 2013

More than 170 staff in hairdressing and beauty salons across Victoria have been repaid more than \$134,000 in wages, as a result of an audit of the industry by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**Workers in Melbourne's West back-paid \$47,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130507-recoveries-in-melbournes-west>)**

7 May 2013

Workers in Melbourne's West have been back-paid a total of \$47,400 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**\$50,000 back-pay for workers in Queensland's clothing manufacturing industry (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130506-queensland-clothing-manufacturing-audit>)**

6 May 2013

More than 80 workers have been back-paid a total of \$50,500 after the Fair Work Ombudsman audited 171 clothing manufacturers across Queensland.

**Change to complaint handling process to improve co-operative resolutions (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130502-complaint-process>)**

2 May 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman is improving its complaint resolution processes to get complaints resolved sooner.

**\$37,000 back-pay for workers in Melbourne's East and South-East (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/may-2013/20130501-recoveries-in-melbourne-e-se>)**

1 May 2013

Workers in Melbourne's East and South-East have been back-paid a total of \$37,100 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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