

## October 2013

**Fair Work Ombudsman focuses on Young cherry farms (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131031-cherry-farms-educational-visits-young>)**

31 Oct 2013

Fair Work Inspectors will meet with Young cherry growers to explain their obligations under workplace law and help them ensure they are compliant.

**\$180k back-paid to NSW and ACT retail workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131030-nsw-act-specialised-food-retailing>)**

30 Oct 2013

Retail workers at specialist food and liquor businesses in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory have been back-paid more than \$180,000 in wages.

**Court action over alleged underpayment of Sydney care workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131029-lovely-care-litigation>)**

29 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched legal action against the operators of a Sydney care facility, alleging two recent migrants employed at the facility were underpaid a total of more than \$84,000.

**South Australian workers back-paid \$80,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131028-south-australian-recoveries>)**

28 Oct 2013

Underpaid workers in South Australia have been back-paid more than \$80,000 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**Record-keeping and pay slip compliance boosted in WA, SA and NT (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131024-wa-sa-nt-record-keeping-campaign>)**

24 Oct 2013

Employers appear to be improving compliance with workplace laws, based on the findings of a recent campaign by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**Foreign nationals in Sydney back-paid \$15,000, employer fined (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131023-syd-foreign-worker-recoveries>)**

23 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$15,800 for 12 underpaid workers in Sydney, many of whom were Chinese and Korean nationals on student and working holiday visas, and fined one business owner more than \$2,000.

**[Free information and advice for working parents at the Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131022-baby-expo-melbourne\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131022-baby-expo-melbourne)**

22 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will provide free advice and information to working parents this week as part of the Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf.

**[Court action over alleged \\$12,000 underpayment of two Melbourne employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131017-iwood-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131017-iwood-litigation)**

17 Oct 2013

The operator of a Melbourne furniture business is to face court for allegedly underpaying two workers more than \$12,000.

**[Fair Work Ombudsman encourages fruit & veg pickers to know their workplace rights \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131015-facebook-campaign-for-overseas-fruit-pickers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131015-facebook-campaign-for-overseas-fruit-pickers)**

15 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman is encouraging fruit and vegetable pickers on the harvest trail - in particular foreign workers - to check their workplace entitlements.

**[Strong criticism of employer who failed to pay young workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131014-asap-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131014-asap-penalty)**

14 Oct 2013

A national sales and marketing company which paid five door-to-door salespeople only \$50 for 450 hours work, has been fined \$23,100 by the Federal Circuit Court.

**[Fair Work Ombudsman focuses on Hunter and Central Coast play centres \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131014-hunter-and-central-coast-play-centre-visits\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131014-hunter-and-central-coast-play-centre-visits)**

14 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit children's play centres in the Hunter and NSW Central Coast this week after the national workplace regulator received complaints about the possible underpayment of wages to staff.

**[Take notice of Compliance Notices \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131011-compliance-notice\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131011-compliance-notice)**

11 Oct 2013

Employers are being reminded of the need to take prompt action when issued with a Compliance Notice from the Fair Work Ombudsman, requiring them to back-pay underpaid employees.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131010-melbournes-east-and-south-east-recoveries>**

10 Oct 2013

Underpaid workers in Melbourne's East and South-East have been back-paid \$33,900 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131008-fwo-kalgoorlie-visit>**

8 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit Kalgoorlie next week to conduct pay and record-keeping checks and help employers and employees learn more about national workplace laws.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131008-townsville-record-keeping-and-pay-slip-campaign>**

8 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will be in Townsville in late October as part of a new campaign to ensure employers are maintaining appropriate records and providing employees with pay slips.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131007-rocky-holdings-judgement>**

7 Oct 2013

A Sydney medical practice and two directors have been fined a total of \$123,690 for discriminating against a young woman because of her disability.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131007-moussa-g-p-litigation>**

7 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched legal action against the former operator of a Melbourne electrical manufacturing business, alleging an immigrant worker who spoke little English was underpaid more than \$22,000.

**<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131003-wa-sa-nt-residential-building-campaign>**

3 Oct 2013

Underpaid building apprentices and trainees in Western Australia and South Australia have been back-paid \$67,000 in wages.

**Fair Work Ombudsman to visit Weipa next week (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131002-weipa-visit>)**

2 Oct 2013

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit Weipa, in Queensland, over two days next week to help employers and workers learn more about their workplace rights and responsibilities.

**National child care provider to repay \$2.6 million to employees (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131002-camp-australia>)**

2 Oct 2013

A National child care provider is to repay more than 3,000 current and former staff more than \$2.6 million in underpaid wages.

**Adelaide IT businessman fined for underpaying staff more than \$300,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131001-fwo-vs-manning>)**

1 Oct 2013

The operator of a now liquidated IT software company has been fined by the Federal Circuit Court for underpaying five former staff \$314,595.

**Follow-up visit shows compliance boosted in Mount Isa (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2013-media-releases/october-2013/20131001-mount-isa-visit-outcomes>)**

1 Oct 2013

Four Mount Isa businesses with previous pay and record-keeping breaches are complying with workplace laws, a recent follow-up visit by the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

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