

Fair Work Ombudsman to visit Weipa next week

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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.

Fair Work Inspectors will visit a random selection of independently-owned businesses in Weipa's retail, hospitality, tourism and mining industries on Wednesday, 9 October, to discuss steps they can take to ensure they are complying with workplace laws.

They will provide information about minimum pay rates, conditions and hand out fact sheets and templates designed to help employers meet their pay and record-keeping obligations.

In addition, Fair Work Inspectors will be available to answer questions from employers and employees about pay, conditions and other aspects of workplace laws on Thursday, 10 October, between 9 am and 12 pm at Weipa Centrelink, on Kerr Point Road.

Employees and employers can drop in during these hours without making an appointment.

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 Inspector, Natalie Barney, said the visit aimed to raise awareness among Weipa employers and employees of national workplace laws.

"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," Ms Barney said.

"Opportunities like this where we can speak directly to employers and employees are an important way to help achieve that and improve community understanding.

"We encourage anyone in the Weipa region, including in the Indigenous communities of Mapoon and Napranum, with a question about their workplace rights or obligations to take advantage of the opportunity to seek advice."

The Fair Work Ombudsman's website - www.fairwork.gov.au - contains a range of tools and resources to help employers and workers understand and comply with workplace laws.

Online tools include an Award Finder and PayCheck Plus to help employers and workers determine the correct pay rates, classifications and minimum entitlements for their industry.

Small businesses without the benefit of in-house advice such as human resources staff can also ensure they are better equipped when hiring, managing and dismissing workers by using the range of free templates available online.

Employers and employees seeking further information and advice can call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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