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[SA specialist food campaign results \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/sa-specialist-food-retailers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/sa-specialist-food-retailers)

28 Feb 2014

Specialist food shops across South Australia should double-check the wage rates for their employees, a report released today by the Fair Work Ombudsman suggests.

[Happy + engaged = productive \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/happy-engaged-productive\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/happy-engaged-productive)

24 Feb 2014

A Centre for Workplace Leadership survey has provided further evidence that “happy and engaged employees” can have a direct impact on increased productivity.

[Mildura company and director fined almost \\$50,000 for underpaying over six years \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140221-mildura-battery-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140221-mildura-battery-penalty)

21 Feb 2014

The operators of a Mildura company who failed to apologise to an employee who was underpaid over six years have been fined almost \$50,000 in the Federal Circuit Court in Melbourne.

[Melbourne furniture company director fined over employee underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/melbourne-furniture-company-director-fined-over-employee-underpayments\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/melbourne-furniture-company-director-fined-over-employee-underpayments)

21 Feb 2014

The former director of a Melbourne furniture company has been fined almost \$30,000 for his part in underpaying two employees.

[Company fined almost \\$50,000 for applying duress to Hunter Valley workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140220-tmh-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140220-tmh-penalty)

20 Feb 2014

A national company that deliberately breached workplace laws when it applied duress to three employees to get them to sign workplace agreements has been fined \$49,550, in the Federal Circuit Court in Sydney.

[\\$76,000 back-pay for Top End workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20120219-nt-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20120219-nt-recoveries)

19 Feb 2014

Dozens of employees in the Northern Territory have been reimbursed more than \$76,000 after inquiries by the Fair Work Ombudsman revealed they had been underpaid at work.

[Two Victorian petrol station workers allegedly underpaid almost \\$50,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140218-wedderburn-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140218-wedderburn-litigation)

18 Feb 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal proceedings against the former operator of a petrol station in regional Victoria, alleging two console operators were underpaid a total of almost \$50,000.

[Fine for underpaying medical centre staff \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140217-tufiq-shah-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140217-tufiq-shah-penalty)

17 Feb 2014

The former owner-operator of medical centres in Perth and Sydney has been fined \$22,176 over the underpayment of nine employees.

[Cleaners allegedly had \\$130,000 unlawfully deducted from their wages \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140214-oz-staff-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140214-oz-staff-litigation)

14 Feb 2014

A Melbourne recruitment and labour hire company allegedly falsified its employment records and unlawfully deducted tens of thousands of dollars from the wages of dozens of cleaners.

[Employers face court over alleged failure to comply with back-payment demands \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140212-compliance-notice\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140212-compliance-notice)

12 Feb 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman is encouraging employers who have underpaid their staff to rectify any outstanding entitlements promptly, after launching a series of legal proceedings against employers who have allegedly failed to comply with back-payment demands.

[South-East Queensland workers back-paid \\$52,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140211-south-east-qld\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/20140211-south-east-qld)

11 Feb 2014

A number of workers in South-East Queensland have been back-paid more than \$52,000 in wages and entitlements following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Brothels in breach of workplace laws \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/vic-brothels\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/vic-brothels)

8 Feb 2014

Random audits of dozens of Victorian brothels found more than 70 percent in breach of workplace law, the Fair Work Ombudsman revealed today.

[Pay packet review for call centre workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/tsa-eu\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/tsa-eu)

6 Feb 2014

Telemarketers who worked in call centres across Australia will have their pay packets reviewed as part of an audit by two national companies of their labor engagement practices.

[Jetstar fined over breaches of workplace laws \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/jetstar-cadets-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/jetstar-cadets-penalty)

6 Feb 2014

Two Jetstar companies have today been fined a total of \$90,000 for unlawfully making six cadet pilots responsible for training costs and making deductions from their wages, despite receiving advice the deductions contravened workplace laws.

[Company acts to end question mark over employment classifications \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/centenary-eu\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/centenary-eu)

5 Feb 2014

A company which underpaid a sales consultant more than \$16,000 after incorrectly hiring her as an independent contractor will review all its employment records to ensure no other workers are being underpaid.

[Hays Specialist Recruitment partners with Fair Work Ombudsman to improve workplace practices \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/hays-pcd\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/hays-pcd)

4 Feb 2014

Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd is the latest major employer to join with the Fair Work Ombudsman in a partnership aimed at achieving best practice in its workplace practices.

[Sydney security company revamps workplace processes after underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/attic-eu\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/february-2014/attic-eu)

3 Feb 2014

A Sydney company director who admits underpaying 24 casual security guards has agreed to undertake workplace relations training, following an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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