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[Queensland security company fined over deliberate underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/queensland-security-company-fined-over-deliberate-underpayments\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/queensland-security-company-fined-over-deliberate-underpayments)

27 Mar 2014

The owner-operators of a security business in regional Queensland have been penalised a total of \$67,040 for deliberately underpaying a security officer more than \$40,000.

[50,000 callers seek Helpline assistance \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/50000-callers-seek-helpline-assistance\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/50000-callers-seek-helpline-assistance)

26 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman's small business helpline has responded to more than 50,000 calls from small business operators since it was launched in December.

[Melbourne businessman fined over \\$22,000 underpayments of Thai employee \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/melbourne-businessman-fined-over-22000-underpayments-of-thai-employee\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/melbourne-businessman-fined-over-22000-underpayments-of-thai-employee)

26 Mar 2014

The former operator of a Melbourne electrical manufacturing business has been fined \$7854 over the underpayment of an immigrant worker.

[Help for hiring staff on hand for small businesses \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/help-for-hiring-staff-on-hand-for-small-business\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/help-for-hiring-staff-on-hand-for-small-business)

25 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman today launched a guide to hiring new employees for small business, offering straight-forward advice about employing new staff.

[Hiring staff? The Fair Work Ombudsman can help \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/hiring-staff-the-fair-work-ombudsman-can-help\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/hiring-staff-the-fair-work-ombudsman-can-help)

25 Mar 2014

There are simple and practical steps small business operators can take to find the right staff for their workplace, according to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Migration agency fined \\$140,000 for underpaying Chinese workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/migration-agency-fined-140000-for-underpaying-chinese-workers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/migration-agency-fined-140000-for-underpaying-chinese-workers)

21 Mar 2014

The operators of a Melbourne migration agency have been fined a total of \$140,790 for underpaying five young, Chinese immigrant workers tens of thousands of dollars.

[Company reimburses international students and apologises for underpaying their wages \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/company-reimburses-international-students-and-apologises-for-underpaying-their-wages\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/company-reimburses-international-students-and-apologises-for-underpaying-their-wages)

21 Mar 2014

The operator of an Asian grocery store in Adelaide recently warned about non-payment of wages and poor record-keeping has again been found to be underpaying its staff by thousands of dollars.

[Broome company faces court for allegedly underpaying helicopter pilots \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/broome-helicopter-services\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/broome-helicopter-services)

19 Mar 2014

A company which operates scenic helicopter flights in regional Western Australia is to face court over allegations it underpaid two pilots by more than \$15,000.

[Fines imposed for breaches at Melbourne bakery with history of underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/fines-imposed-for-breaches-at-melbourne-bakery-with-history-of-underpayments\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/fines-imposed-for-breaches-at-melbourne-bakery-with-history-of-underpayments)

18 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman has again secured penalties for breaches of workplace laws at a Melbourne bakery with a history of underpaying its employees.

[Sydney pizza store operator faces Court over alleged failure to rectify underpayments \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/sydney-pizza-store-operator-faces-court-over-alleged-failure-to-rectify-underpayments\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/sydney-pizza-store-operator-faces-court-over-alleged-failure-to-rectify-underpayments)

17 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal proceedings against the former owner-operator of a Sydney pizza outlet for allegedly failing to comply with a demand to back-pay eight underpaid employees more than \$25,000.

[Pay packet review for dozens of Chicken Treat employees throughout WA \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/pay-packet-review-for-dozens-of-chicken-treat-employees-throughout-wa\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/pay-packet-review-for-dozens-of-chicken-treat-employees-throughout-wa)

16 Mar 2014

Dozens of former and current employees of Chicken Treat outlets in Western Australia will have their pay packets reviewed to ensure they are receiving their full entitlements.

[Fair Work inspectors to visit Yarra Valley \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/fair-work-inspectors-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/fair-work-inspectors-)

to-visit-yarra-valley)

14 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit strawberry farms in Victoria's Yarra Valley this month to ensure pickers and other seasonal workers are receiving their full entitlements.

Court action over alleged underpayment of Chinese workers at regional NSW abattoir
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/court-action-over-alleged-underpayment-of-chinese-workers-at-regional-nsw-abbatoir>)

13 Mar 2014

Ten employees at a regional NSW abattoir were underpaid more than \$41,000, the Fair Work Ombudsman has alleged.

Former company director fined \$28,000 over underpayment of eight employees
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/ozone-penalty>)

12 Mar 2014

The former director of an environmental control products company who was involved in underpaying eight employees in Adelaide and Sydney has been fined \$28,000.

Real estate industry urged to show leadership after latest penalty for staff underpayments
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/real-estate-leadership-call>)

11 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman is calling for leadership from the real estate industry in Queensland to help improve compliance with workplace laws.

All "ears" to the needs of small businesses (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/small-business-roundtable>)

7 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman will meet with key members of the small business community at a roundtable in Melbourne today.

Court fines employer who deliberately sacked worker with cancer to avoid paying sick leave
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/20140305-ajr-penalty>)

5 Mar 2014

The Federal Court has been highly critical of a business which sacked a long-term employee to prevent him from taking sick leave after he was diagnosed with cancer.

General store operators fined \$45,000 for underpaying employees (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/20140304-thirsty-farmer-penalty>)

4 Mar 2014

The former operators of a general store in regional Victoria have been fined a total of \$45,000 for underpaying two workers more than \$19,000.

Korean workers encouraged to know their rights (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/march-2014/20140303-korean-workers>)

3 Mar 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman is encouraging employees in Australia's Korean community to learn more about their workplace rights - particularly minimum pay rates.



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