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[\\$200,000 penalty for \\$2.5 million underpayment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141031-lifestyle-sa-penalty-decision\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141031-lifestyle-sa-penalty-decision)

31 Oct 2014

An Adelaide company which underpaid 46 of its employees more than \$2.5 million has been fined \$196,000 in the Federal Court today following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Results of WA enterprise agreement campaign \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141031-wa-enterprise-agreement-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141031-wa-enterprise-agreement-campaign)

31 Oct 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the findings of its recent proactive education and compliance campaign in Western Australia focused on enterprise agreements.

[Businessman to face Court over claims overseas workers paid less than \\$5 an hour \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141030-scotts-painting-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141030-scotts-painting-litigation)

30 Oct 2014

The operator of a Darwin painting business is facing court action for allegedly paying young overseas workers less than \$5 an hour.

[Bateau Bay and Lake Haven employers reimburse \\$42,000 to underpaid workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141029-central-coast-results\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141029-central-coast-results)

29 Oct 2014

Fourteen businesses at Bateau Bay and Lake Haven on the NSW Central Coast have reimbursed 62 of their staff a total of \$42,000 after auditing by the Fair Work Ombudsman found the employees were being underpaid.

[\\$47,000 back-pay for Northern Sydney workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141028-sydneys-northern-suburbs\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141028-sydneys-northern-suburbs)

28 Oct 2014

Workers in Sydney's Northern and North-Western suburbs have been back-paid more than \$47,000 after recent inquiries by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Melbourne hairdressers fined \\$70,000 for underpaying young apprentice \\$8625 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-)

[media-releases/october-2014/20141027-cuts-only-penalty](#)

27 Oct 2014

The operators of a chain of Melbourne hairdressing salons have been fined a total of \$70,224 for underpaying a young apprentice \$8625 – with a Judge saying the penalties send a message that “it does not pay to underpay workers”.

[Almost one million visits every month seeking workplace relations information and advice \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141022-annual-report-media-release\)](#)

22 Oct 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman’s website recorded 11.7 million visits last financial year.

[Self-help option on wages proves popular \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141016-pay-check-plus\)](#)

16 Oct 2014

The popularity of the Fair Work Ombudsman’s self-help online pay tool, PayCheck Plus, has hit an all-time high, with almost 900,000 visits so far this year.

[New workplace pact aims to improve compliance \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141015-vrqa-and-fwo-mou\)](#)

15 Oct 2014

The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) is joining forces with the Fair Work Ombudsman to help improve compliance with federal workplace laws relating to apprentices and trainees.

[Construction focus for new national campaign \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141015-national-construction-campaign-release\)](#)

15 Oct 2014

Hundreds of construction businesses will come under scrutiny as part of a new national campaign announced today by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Results of Kangaroo Island campaign \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141014-ki-campaign\)](#)

14 Oct 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the findings of its recent pro-active education and compliance campaign on Kangaroo Island, South Australia.

[Businesswoman back in court over fresh allegations of exploitation of overseas workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141012-crcg-povey-court-action\)](#)

12 Oct 2014

A businesswoman fined almost \$60,000 last year for deliberately exploiting overseas backpackers – but who

has not paid the penalty – will face court for a second time over fresh allegations that she continues to exploit vulnerable overseas workers in Perth.

[Muffin Break stores to reimburse underpaid Chinese student \\$20,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141010-muffin-break\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141010-muffin-break)

10 Oct 2014

A 24-year-old Chinese student who worked at two Muffin Break stores in Melbourne was underpaid almost \$20,000, an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

[\\$25,000 returned to Taiwanese backpackers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141009-be-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141009-be-eu-presser)

9 Oct 2014

Three Taiwanese backpackers have been reimbursed more than \$25,000 after an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found they had been underpaid.

[Do your homework before buying a business and avoid picking up a bill for costly mistakes \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141008-malt-cow-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141008-malt-cow-eu-presser)

8 Oct 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman today sounded a warning to potential buyers of existing businesses to ensure they double-check the terms and conditions of their new employees.

[Coles accepts “ethical and moral responsibility” to help end exploitation of vulnerable trolley collectors \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141007-coles-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141007-coles-eu-presser)

7 Oct 2014

Coles is the first major supermarket chain to publicly declare it has an “ethical and moral responsibility” to join with the Fair Work Ombudsman and stamp out exploitation of vulnerable trolley collectors.

[Legal action alleges further underpayment of NSW hairdressers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141003-house-of-colour-tuggerah\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141003-house-of-colour-tuggerah)

3 Oct 2014

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced further legal action relating to alleged underpayments of hairdressers at a business operated by NSW businessman Nelvin Nitesh Lal.

[High marks for Townsville employers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141001-townsville-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2014-media-releases/october-2014/20141001-townsville-campaign)

1 Oct 2014

More than three-quarters of Townsville businesses are complying with their record-keeping and pay-slip obligations under federal workplace laws, random checks by the Fair Work Ombudsman have revealed.

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