

## April 2015

**More than \$24,000 back-pay for 32 staff at Cairns restaurant after random audit finds under-payments (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150430-cairns-restaurant-backpay>)**

30 Apr 2015

Thirty-two staff at a Cairns restaurant have shared in \$24,300 back-pay after the Fair Work Ombudsman found the business was inadvertently short-changing its workers.

**Regional transport company back-pays \$260,000 owed to eight truck drivers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150429-merri-transport-eu-presser>)**

29 Apr 2015

A Victorian transport company underpaid eight of its truck drivers more than \$260,000, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found.

**On-the-spot fines, warnings for Darwin massage shops, nail salons underpaying workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150428-darwin-massage-and-nail-salons-campaign>)**

28 Apr 2015

Eight on-the-spot fines of up to \$550 have been issued to massage and nail salons in Darwin for breaches of federal workplace laws.

**Spotlight turns to WA's Gascoyne and Mid-West (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150427-gascoyne-and-mid-west-campaign>)**

27 Apr 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman is randomly auditing up to 125 businesses across the Gascoyne and Mid-West regions of Western Australia as part of a new campaign.

**Marine company used training program to disguise underpayment of Fijian workers, rules Court (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150424-devine-marine-penalty>)**

24 Apr 2015

A businessman who underpaid two Fijian workers in Adelaide thousands of dollars through a purported 'training program' has been fined \$8000.

**Townsville fast-food workers share \$7600 back-pay (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150423-townsville-recoveries>)**

23 Apr 2015

Eight staff at a Townsville fast-food café have shared in \$7600 back-pay after the Fair Work Ombudsman found the business was inadvertently short-changing the workers.

**[Young bicycle courier allegedly short-changed \\$7600 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150422-z-transport-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150422-z-transport-presser)**

22 Apr 2015

A bicycle courier in Melbourne was underpaid more than \$7000 after his employer breached sham contracting laws and misclassified him as an independent contractor, the Fair Work Ombudsman alleges.

**[Canberra businesses earmarked for attention \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150421-canberra-campaign-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150421-canberra-campaign-release)**

21 Apr 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman will randomly audit dozens of Canberra businesses over the next few weeks as part of its latest education and compliance campaign in the ACT.

**[Chinese, Filipino workers short-changed \\$873,000 and housed in overcrowded accommodation \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150420-chia-tung-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150420-chia-tung-eu-presser)**

20 Apr 2015

A Taiwanese company which brought dozens of Chinese and Filipino workers into Australia to work in regional NSW underpaid them by more than \$873,000 and housed them in overcrowded accommodation, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has concluded.

**[Nando's restaurant withheld wages and short-changed Korean worker thousands of dollars \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150417-nandos-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150417-nandos-eu-presser)**

17 Apr 2015

A Nando's restaurant withheld the first two weeks' wages from a new staff member in a bid to ensure the employee stayed in the job for at least three months, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has revealed.

**[Hairdressing operator fined \\$162,000 over underpayment of young salon employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150416-lal-penalty-and-injunction\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150416-lal-penalty-and-injunction)**

16 Apr 2015

The Federal Circuit Court has imposed an unprecedented injunction restraining a NSW hairdresser from underpaying any staff he employs in the future.

**[Growers warned about unscrupulous contractors \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150414-harvest-trail-stanthorpe-and-lockyer-valley\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150414-harvest-trail-stanthorpe-and-lockyer-valley)**

14 Apr 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman is warning fruit and vegetable growers in and around Stanthorpe, in Queensland, to be wary of contractors offering cheap labour.

**[FWO specialist team flies in to gather intelligence on 417 visa-holder wages & conditions \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150413\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150413)**

13 Apr 2015

Members of the Fair Work Ombudsman's specialist Overseas Workers' Team will spend this week in the Northern Rivers, Tweed Coast, Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay regions of NSW and Queensland as part of an Inquiry into the wages and conditions of overseas workers in Australia on the 417 working holiday visa.

**[Restaurateur fined, admonished by Court for "disgraceful" treatment of foreign chef \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150410-lorne-restaurant-penalty-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150410-lorne-restaurant-penalty-presser)**

10 Apr 2015

The Federal Circuit Court has fined and admonished a restaurateur at Lorne, in regional Victoria, over his "disgraceful" treatment of a foreign chef.

**[JB HI-FI joins growing list of FWO partners \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150409-jb-hi-fi-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150409-jb-hi-fi-media-release)**

9 Apr 2015

The JB HI-FI Group has entered into a new partnership with the Fair Work Ombudsman in an effort to improve workplace practices across its 171 stores.

**[Cleaners, hospitality staff get \\$100k in back-pay \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150401-syd-ssw-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/april-2015/20150401-syd-ssw-recoveries)**

1 Apr 2015

Cleaners and hospitality workers in Sydney's South and South-West have been back-paid more than \$100,000 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.



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