

## March 2015

**[Union and national labour-hire company to pay \\$802,000 after denying couple employment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150331-mua-oms-decision-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150331-mua-oms-decision-release)**

31 Mar 2015

The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) and a national labour-hire company have been ordered to pay \$802,500 in fines and compensation for their part in denying employment to non-union members.

**[\\$70k back-pay for northern suburbs workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150330-melbournes-northern-suburbs-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150330-melbournes-northern-suburbs-recoveries)**

30 Mar 2015

Workers throughout Melbourne's northern suburbs have been back-paid a total of \$70,500 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[\\$34,000 back-pay for Hunter region employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150327-nsw-hunter-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150327-nsw-hunter-recoveries)**

27 Mar 2015

Workers in the NSW Hunter region have been back-paid a total of \$34,300 in termination entitlements following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[\\$94,000 back-pay for Top End workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150326-nt-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150326-nt-recoveries)**

26 Mar 2015

Dozens of underpaid workers in Darwin and Alice Springs have been back-paid more than \$94,000 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Check Easter pay rates ahead of the holidays \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150325-easter-pay-rates\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150325-easter-pay-rates)**

25 Mar 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman today urged employers and employees to check the pay rates and entitlements that apply over the upcoming Easter public holidays.

**[Campaign focus on clothing outworkers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150324-clothing-out-workers-campaign-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150324-clothing-out-workers-campaign-release)**

24 Mar 2015

Vulnerable migrant and overseas workers who make clothes from their homes are the focus of a new two-year education and compliance campaign by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Spotlight on Goulburn apple and pear orchards \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150323-goulburn-valley-harvest-trail-visits\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150323-goulburn-valley-harvest-trail-visits)**

23 Mar 2015

Fair Work Ombudsman inspectors will return to apple and pear orchards in Victoria's Goulburn Valley this week to check that seasonal workers are being paid correctly.

**[100,000 back-pay for Adelaide workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150320-adelaide-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150320-adelaide-recoveries)**

20 Mar 2015

More than 100 Adelaide workers have been back-paid over \$100,000 following recent inquiries by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Company signs up to workplace pact after underpaying student intern almost \\$7000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150319-d-studio-architects-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150319-d-studio-architects-eu-presser)**

19 Mar 2015

A Sydney company failed to pay a student intern thousands of dollars in wages he was entitled to, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found.

**[Employer's failure to check minimum wage rates results in back-payment bill for \\$500,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150318-500k-recovery-for-nt-and-qld-workers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150318-500k-recovery-for-nt-and-qld-workers)**

18 Mar 2015

A health business that failed to check minimum wage rates inadvertently underpaid almost 200 staff half a million dollars.

**[Travel agency signs workplace pact after short-changing Korean worker \\$4200 in just 7 weeks \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150317-abella-travel-eu-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150317-abella-travel-eu-presser)**

17 Mar 2015

A Melbourne travel agency underpaid a Korean sales assistant more than \$4200 over a period of just seven weeks, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found.

**[Indian couple allegedly paid no wages for more than a year's work at country restaurants \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150313-farok-shaik-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150313-farok-shaik-litigation)**

13 Mar 2015

An Indian couple promised a combined income of about \$1600 a week to work in Indian restaurants in country Victoria were paid no wages for more than a year's work, the Fair Work Ombudsman alleges.

**Cleaning contractors face more spot checks after \$763,000 recovered for 1200 employees**  
**(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150312-national-cleaning-campaign-results>)**

12 Mar 2015

Cleaning contractors face ongoing spot checks by the Fair Work Ombudsman again this year as it endeavours to detect and deter deliberate non-compliance with federal workplace laws.

**Child care centre operators fined \$15,000 after refusing to co-operate with investigation**  
**(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150311-stepping-stones-penalty>)**

11 Mar 2015

Refusal to co-operate with a Fair Work Ombudsman underpayment investigation has resulted in the operators of a NSW child care centre being fined \$15,000.

**\$24,000 penalty for short-changing teenage apprentice hairdresser \$6400** (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150310-viper-industries-penalty>)

10 Mar 2015

A Sydney hair and beauty salon's attempt to cut costs by short-changing a teenage apprentice hairdresser \$6400 has back-fired – with the operators being fined almost four times that amount for their conduct.

**1200 businesses face further monitoring** (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150306-national-compliance-monitoring-campaign-presser>)

6 Mar 2015

About 1200 businesses found to have underpaid their workers over the past three years will be reviewed again as the Fair Work Ombudsman strives to promote a culture of compliance with workplace laws.

**4.5 stars, but hotel housekeepers underpaid** (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150305-atm-eu-presser>)

5 Mar 2015

Housekeepers cleaning rooms at one of Australia's largest hotels will have their pay packets reviewed after an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found they are being underpaid.

**Bakers Delight franchisee signs workplace pact after short-changing 26 employees \$40,000**  
**(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150304-jcma-eu-presser>)**

4 Mar 2015

More than two dozen apprentice bakers, baker's assistants and bakery shop assistants – over half of them aged under 21 – have been reimbursed almost \$40,000 after the Fair Work Ombudsman found they were being underpaid.

**Department's budget-saving recruitment strategy risks breaching workplace laws**  
**(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015->**

## media-releases/march-2015/20150303-dsdbi-presser)

3 Mar 2015

A Victorian Government department's employment practices risk breaching federal workplace laws, a Fair Work Ombudsman inquiry has revealed.

### **Gold Coast travel businesses fined \$138,000 over underpayments and sham contracting** **(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/march-2015/20150302-global-penalty>)**

2 Mar 2015

Underpaying staff and sham contracting has cost two Gold Coast travel businesses almost \$138,000.

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