

August 2016

Salon operator penalised \$112,000 for “self-serving piece of subterfuge” in exploiting overseas workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160831-sonisolar-penalty-release>)

31 Aug 2016

The operators of an Adelaide hairdressing salon have been penalised a total of \$112,000 and ordered to back-pay two exploited Taiwanese hairdressers almost \$40,000 following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Compliance partnership back on the table after petrol retailers short-change international students (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160831-up-eus-mr>)

31 Aug 2016

Fuel retailer United Petroleum is being encouraged to enter a compliance partnership with the Fair Work Ombudsman to help ensure workers at hundreds of petrol stations are being paid properly.

New workplace pact aims to improve compliance (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160826-rcsa-mou-media-release>)

26 Aug 2016

The Recruitment and Consulting Services Association is joining forces with the Fair Work Ombudsman to help improve compliance with federal workplace laws.

Pacific Islander visa-holders worked 36 consecutive days, short-changed \$14,700 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160825-seasonal-labour-solutions-eu-presser>)

25 Aug 2016

Workers recruited from Vanuatu by a labour-hire operator worked 36 days straight on a NSW North Coast blueberry farm and were underpaid more than \$14,700, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found.

Infoline recognised for customer service (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160824-contact-centre-award-mr>)

24 Aug 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has again been recognised for the exceptional customer service provided by its Fair Work Infoline.

Free advice for employers in regional SA (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160824-bizlinks->

south-east-sa)

24 Aug 2016

Small business owners in regional South Australia will have the opportunity to engage with experts from the Fair Work Ombudsman next month as part of the SA Small Business Commissioner's Bizlinks South-East Roadshow.

Security guards underpaid at major music festival (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160823-melnor-eu-release>)

23 Aug 2016

Ten security guards at last year's Country Music Festival at Tamworth were underpaid almost \$6000, an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman has revealed.

Central Queensland regional campaign results (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160822-central-qld-reg-campaign-mr>)

22 Aug 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the findings of a recent campaign in Central Queensland.

Malaysian restaurant operators penalised almost \$300,000 after paying staff \$11 an hour (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160819-mamak-penalty>)

19 Aug 2016

The operators of an inner Sydney restaurant who relied on informal market research to set their wage rates have been penalised almost \$300,000 for deliberately short-changing their employees and using false records to try to disguise the underpayments.

Employer failed to check wage rates, underpaid employees almost \$50,000 in four months (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160817-nt-recoveries-mr>)

17 Aug 2016

A Korean migrant who opened two take-away food outlets in Darwin late last year without checking the wages applicable to his business underpaid his workers almost \$50,000 in just four months.

Sushi chain underpays migrant workers \$51,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160816-fourseasonseupresser>)

16 Aug 2016

A Gold Coast business which runs a sushi factory and allied restaurant and take-away food outlets in Queensland and NSW underpaid three Japanese employees more than \$51,000 over 18 months, an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

Tasmanian regional campaign results (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160815-sorell-dodges-ferry-region-campaign-mr>)

15 Aug 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the findings of a recent campaign in Tasmania's Sorell/Dodges Ferry region.

Court upholds 'scab poster' decision against MUA (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160812-mua-scab-flyer-appeal-decision>)

12 Aug 2016

The Full Court of the Federal Court has upheld a ruling requiring the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) and one of its officials to pay a total of \$215,000 in penalties and compensation after labelling a group of workers as "scabs".

Back-pay for workers in Melbourne's south-east (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160812-s-se-melbourne-mr>)

12 Aug 2016

Four retail shop assistants in Dandenong are sharing more than \$14,400 back-pay after the Fair Work Ombudsman found they were being short-changed.

Car detailer back-paid more than \$16,800 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160811-hunter-valley-car-detailer>)

11 Aug 2016

A car detailer in the NSW Hunter Valley has been back-paid more than \$16,800 after years of being short-changed his wages.

Student visa-holders underpaid (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160810-western-sydney-mr>)

10 Aug 2016

Two international students working at a fast-food outlet in Sydney have been short-changed thousands of dollars.

HR oversight results in hefty back-payment bill for business which short-changed employees \$54,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160809-coffs-harbour-mr>)

9 Aug 2016

A Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found a business near Coffs Harbour on the NSW Mid-North Coast failed to pay correct annual leave entitlements and calculate accurate leave balances for its shift workers for six years.

Tour operator short-changes visa-holders (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160808-cairns-mr>)

8 Aug 2016

A Cairns tourism employee owed wages for working up to 109 hours a fortnight has been reimbursed

thousands of dollars following action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Canberra gym underpays personal trainer \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160805-canberra-personal-trainer-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160805-canberra-personal-trainer-mr)

5 Aug 2016

A qualified personal trainer in Canberra who questioned his wage has been back-paid \$9800 and helped to ensure his workmates are now paid correctly.

[Food services and accommodation industry high on list for enforcement action, behavioural change \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160804-eus-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160804-eus-mr)

4 Aug 2016

The food services and accommodation industry accounted for 40 percent of Enforceable Undertakings the Fair Work Ombudsman entered with employers last financial year.

[Court sends strong message to café operators who underpaid overseas workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160804-sakuraya-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160804-sakuraya-penalty)

4 Aug 2016

A mother-and-son business team which deliberately exploited vulnerable overseas workers has been penalised almost \$200,000 and ordered to back-pay former staff tens of thousands of dollars.

[Korean backpackers short-changed \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160803-korean-cleaners-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160803-korean-cleaners-mr)

3 Aug 2016

Two Korean backpackers working as cleaners in Sydney were underpaid thousands of dollars in just three months.

[Fish and chip shop workers underpaid \\$40k \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160802-fish-and-chips-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160802-fish-and-chips-mr)

2 Aug 2016

The operators of two fish and chip shops in the Newcastle region of NSW have agreed to back-pay workers almost \$40,000 following an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

[Gold Coast business back-pays workers \\$56,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160801-goldcoast-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/august-2016/20160801-goldcoast-mr)

1 Aug 2016

A Gold Coast family business that withheld the entitlements of two employees is back-paying them \$56,000 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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