

## January 2016

**Sydney labour-hire operator allegedly underpaid 19 overseas workers more than \$45,000**  
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29 Jan 2016

The operator of a Sydney labour-hire company is facing Court for allegedly underpaying 19 overseas workers more than \$45,000.

**Business community enlisted to help reach out to 300,000 Chinese workers and employers**  
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28 Jan 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman is enlisting the support of the Chinese business community to help educate Chinese employees and employers of their workplace rights and obligations.

**Another 7-Eleven store faces Court for allegedly short-changing workers over \$82,000**  
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25 Jan 2016

Another 7-Eleven store in Brisbane has allegedly been short-changing its workers tens of thousands of dollars.

**Nepalese student says she was underpaid \$23,000 because she is “not an Aussie”**  
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25 Jan 2016

An international student who was underpaid thousands of dollars claims she was told she would be paid less because “you are not an Aussie”.

**Japanese restaurant admits deliberately underpaying 417 visa-holders and hoping to get away with it**  
[www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160121-uchouten-eu-presser](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160121-uchouten-eu-presser)

21 Jan 2016

The operators of a Japanese restaurant at Surfer’s Paradise have admitted they deliberately underpaid 17 casual employees tens of thousands of dollars.

**Ballarat security guard underpaid \$30,000**  
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20 Jan 2016

A Victorian security company has been put on notice after it short-changed a Ballarat employee almost \$30,000 over four years.

**Malaysian restaurant faces court for allegedly underpaying staff more than \$87,000 (www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160119-mamak-litigation)**

19 Jan 2016

The operators of an inner Sydney restaurant are facing Court for allegedly short-changing six employees tens of thousands of dollars and using false records to try to disguise the underpayments.

**Fleurieu Peninsula worker back-paid \$22,000 (www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160118-fleurieu-peninsula)**

18 Jan 2016

A South Australian worker who was paid just \$15-an-hour for almost seven years is now being back-paid \$22,000 following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**Strip club hospitality staff short-changed (www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160115-strip-club-underpays-staff)**

15 Jan 2016

Hospitality workers at a Melbourne strip club have been reimbursed thousands of dollars after an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found they were being underpaid.

**More 7-Eleven store operators face Court for allegedly short-changing employees (www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160114-vipper-viplus-litigation)**

14 Jan 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has announced legal action against the operators of two more 7-Eleven stores for allegedly underpaying their staff tens of thousands of dollars.

**Queensland labour hire operator allegedly underpaid overseas workers \$77,000 (www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160113-maroochy-sunshine-litigation)**

13 Jan 2016

A labour-hire operator is facing Court for alleged exploitation of workers recruited from Vanuatu to pick fruit and vegetables in Queensland.

**A good turn, but a costly error (www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160112-norman-bright-eu-presser)**

12 Jan 2016

When bushman Norman Bright advertised for three people to help him muster buffalo in a remote Aboriginal community near Katherine, in the Northern Territory, 11 candidates turned up eager to work.

**Coffs Harbour truckies allegedly underpaid \$143k ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160111-sumerdeep-singh-litigation](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160111-sumerdeep-singh-litigation))**

11 Jan 2016

The former owner-operator of a transport company is facing Court for allegedly short-changing 12 truck drivers on the NSW North Coast more than \$143,000 and using false records to try to disguise the underpayments.

**Workers share more than \$43,000 back-pay ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160108-dubbo-orange-parkes](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160108-dubbo-orange-parkes))**

8 Jan 2016

Ten workers at Dubbo, Orange and Parkes in regional NSW have been back-paid more than \$43,000 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**Probe into MCG supply chain finds alleged exploitation of visa-holders working as cleaners ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160107-mcg-cleaners-litigation](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160107-mcg-cleaners-litigation))**

7 Jan 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched legal action against the Australian arm of a multi-national company over its alleged involvement in the exploitation of overseas workers at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground.

**Whyalla cleaning business to face Court ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160106-sharna-harvey-litigation](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160106-sharna-harvey-litigation))**

6 Jan 2016

The operator of a cleaning business in regional South Australia is facing the Federal Circuit Court for allegedly underpaying eight employees more than \$7000.

**\$21,000 penalty for ignoring back-pay request ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160105-hair-industrie-mt-druitt-penalty](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160105-hair-industrie-mt-druitt-penalty))**

5 Jan 2016

A Court has penalised a western Sydney hair and beauty salon \$21,000 for ignoring a Fair Work Ombudsman request to back-pay an underpaid hairdresser \$4668.

**Hobart manager receives almost \$22,000 back-pay ([www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160104-hobart-recoveries](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/january-2016/20160104-hobart-recoveries))**

4 Jan 2016

The manager of a business in Hobart has been back-paid almost \$22,000 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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