

## May 2016

**[Backpackers working at abattoir short-changed more than \\$35,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160531-comprehensive-cleaning-eu-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160531-comprehensive-cleaning-eu-mr)**

31 May 2016

A labour-hire company supplying workers to an abattoir in Western Australia underpaid 27 of its employees, many of them overseas workers, more than \$35,000, an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman has found.

**[Court penalises café operator who threatened bankruptcy to avoid workplace obligations \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160531-blu-hornsby-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160531-blu-hornsby-penalty)**

31 May 2016

A federal judge has imposed a penalty of \$16,830 against the former operator of a Sydney café who threatened to bankrupt his company if action was taken against him for underpaying an overseas worker.

**[Cleaners at Myer stores allegedly underpaid \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160530-pioneer-personnel-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160530-pioneer-personnel-litigation)**

30 May 2016

Cleaners at a number of Myer stores have allegedly been underpaid thousands of dollars by a major national cleaning contractor.

**[Help us keep workplaces fair \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160527-anonymous-report-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160527-anonymous-report-presser)**

27 May 2016

Fair Work Ombudsman Natalie James today appealed to the general community for help in combatting the exploitation of workers by rogue employers.

**[Spot checks for 50 Brisbane employers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160526-fwo-asic-spot-checks-in-brisbane\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160526-fwo-asic-spot-checks-in-brisbane)**

26 May 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) will jointly audit 50 businesses in Brisbane as part of a new campaign.

**[Tick of approval for most Hobart businesses \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160525-ho\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160525-ho)**

## **bart-nw-campaign-presser)**

25 May 2016

Spot checks of 50 employers north-west of Hobart have found almost three-quarters are fully compliant with their obligations under federal workplace laws.

## **Cook short-changed more than \$10,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160524-naked-japan-presser>)**

24 May 2016

An international student working as a cook at a Melbourne restaurant was underpaid more than \$10,000 because the owner believed he was inexperienced and had agreed to a lower wage rate, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found.

## **Trolley collector allegedly underpaid \$26,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160523-green-world-litigation>)**

23 May 2016

An overseas worker employed as a trolley collector in NSW was underpaid \$26,000 in less than four months, the Fair Work Ombudsman claims.

## **Adelaide home care company faces Court over allegations of sham contracting (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160520-care-providers-litigation>)**

20 May 2016

A major home care company in Adelaide is facing Court over allegations that its business model breaches sham contracting laws and has resulted in workers being underpaid thousands of dollars.

## **Statement on outcome of Inquiry into the housekeeping services of 4 and 5-star hotels (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160520-hotel-housekeepers-inquiry>)**

20 May 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the findings of its Inquiry into the procurement of housekeeping services by three of Australia's major hotel chains.

## **Employer lured, exploited and berated young backpackers, before leaving them stranded (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160519-jackson-penalty>)**

19 May 2016

A business operator has been penalised \$71,910 after making bogus claims in job ads to lure young backpackers to a remote area of western Tasmania, before paying them as little as \$1.35 an hour and then leaving them stranded.

## **Melbourne restaurant faces Court over failure to respond to backpayment of Indian visa-holders (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160519-rs-and-jsmr>)**

19 May 2016

The former operator of an Indian restaurant at Richmond, in suburban Melbourne, is facing Court for allegedly failing to respond to a request to back-pay thousands of dollars to two former employees.

**[Blueberry farmer penalised over serious record-keeping failures for 417 visa-holders \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160518-dosanjh-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160518-dosanjh-penalty)**

18 May 2016

A NSW blueberry farmer who employed dozens of overseas backpackers to pick his crop has been penalised \$13,005 for serious record-keeping failures.

**[Hair product retailer faces court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160518-corioliss\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160518-corioliss)**

18 May 2016

A hair product retailer operating two shopping centre kiosks in Melbourne is facing legal action for allegedly underpaying its workers tens of thousands of dollars.

**[Advice for small business in Adelaide \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160517-migrant-workshop-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160517-migrant-workshop-mr)**

17 May 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman will engage with South Australian small business operators at this Thursday's SA Migrant Small Business Expo at Woodville.

**[Trolley-collection company faces Court \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160517-civic-national-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160517-civic-national-litigation)**

17 May 2016

The former operator of a trolley-collection company at Wagga, in regional NSW, is facing Court for allegedly providing false records to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Court dismisses allegations against retailer \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-ecosway-decision\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-ecosway-decision)**

16 May 2016

The Federal Court has dismissed the Fair Work Ombudsman's legal action against an international retail company.

**[Another penalty against salon operator \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-house-of-color-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-house-of-color-penalty)**

16 May 2016

A former salon on the NSW Central Coast has become the latest business operated by NSW businessman Nelvin Nitesh Lal to be penalised for short-changing young employees.

**[Help is at hand for Outback Queensland and NSW \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-re-mote-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-re-mote-campaign)**

16 May 2016

No matter where you are, we can help.

**[Cleaning industry compliance needs to improve \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160513-cleaning-compliance-campaign-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160513-cleaning-compliance-campaign-presser)**

13 May 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has again called on cleaning contractors to pay greater attention to wage rates.

**[Statement on 7-Eleven \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160512-statement-on-7-eleven\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160512-statement-on-7-eleven)**

12 May 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman notes with concern a decision by convenience store franchisor 7-Eleven to terminate the services of the Fels Wages Panel in recovering the lawful entitlements of workers.

**[Lake Macquarie restaurant faces Court for allegedly underpaying 85 employees more than \\$583,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160512-nhs-north-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160512-nhs-north-litigation)**

12 May 2016

The operators of a Chinese restaurant in regional NSW are facing Court for allegedly underpaying their staff more than \$583,000 in just 16 months.

**[Fruit-picking backpackers most likely to dispute pay \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-visaholdersmr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-visaholdersmr)**

11 May 2016

Backpackers on working holiday visas account for the highest level of pay disputes raised with the Fair Work Ombudsman, new statistics reveal.

**[Overseas workers allegedly underpaid almost \\$150k \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-teppanyakiloversmr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-teppanyakiloversmr)**

10 May 2016

The operators of three Japanese-style food outlets in Queensland are facing Court for allegedly short-changing five overseas workers almost \$150,000.

**[Motel operators face court after Filipino workers allegedly short-changed more than \\$261,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160509-nsw-motels-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160509-nsw-motels-litigation)**

9 May 2016

The operators of two motels in NSW and Victoria are facing Court for allegedly short-changing four Filipino workers more than \$261,000.

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