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[Backpackers working at abattoir short-changed more than \\$35,000 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160531-comprehensive-cleaning-eu-mr\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160531-blu-hornsby-penalty\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160530-pioneer-personnel-litigation\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160527-anonymous-report-presser\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160526-fwo-asic-spot-checks-in-brisbane\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160525-hobart-nw-campaign-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160525-hobart-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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160524-naked-japan-presser\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160523-green-world-litigation\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160520-care-providers-litigation\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160520-hotel-housekeepers-inquiry\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160519-jackson-penalty\)](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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-remote-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160516-remote-campaign)

16 May 2016

No matter where you are, we can help.

[Cleaning industry compliance needs to improve \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160513-cleaning-compliance-campaign-presser\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160512-statement-on-7-eleven\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160512-nhs-north-litigation\)](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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-visa-holdersmr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-visa-holdersmr)

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 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/may-2016/20160510-teppanyakiloversmr\)](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 (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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