

October 2016

Penalty for underpayment of overseas worker at Brisbane restaurant (<http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161031-ghag-penalty>)

31 Oct 2016

A former Brisbane restaurant operator has been penalised in Court for underpaying an overseas worker more than \$5000.

Fair Work Ombudsman launches flexibility and diversity courses for small business (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161027-online-learning-courses-media-release>)

27 Oct 2016

New Online Learning Courses on Workplace Flexibility and Diversity and Discrimination from the Fair Work Ombudsman seek to help small business understand the law.

Fair Work Ombudsman to audit 200 businesses in NSW Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven region (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161026-nsw-highlands-shoalhaven-campaign>)

26 Oct 2016

Persistent underpayment allegations from workers are among the prompts for a new Fair Work Ombudsman campaign in NSW's Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven region.

Fair Work Ombudsman to audit 200 businesses in Gippsland region (<http://www.fair-work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161026-gippsland-campaign>)

26 Oct 2016

Persistent underpayment allegations from workers are among the prompts for a new Fair Work Ombudsman campaign in Victoria's Gippsland region.

Australian fishing company penalised almost \$50,000 for underpaying Indonesian crew (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161025-australian-wild-tuna-penalty>)

25 Oct 2016

An Australian fishing company and its director have been penalised a total of almost \$50,000 for underpaying four Indonesian crew tens of thousands of dollars.

Penalties for “appalling” conduct in unlawfully deducting \$130 000 from cleaners’ wages (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161024-oz-staff-penalty>)

24 Oct 2016

A businessman with a history of misconduct and his former human resources manager have been penalised for what a Judge has labelled “appalling” and “objectionable” conduct affecting vulnerable workers.

Penalty for employer who viewed Asian workers as “younger, cheaper and faster” than locals (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161021-global-express-penalty>)

21 Oct 2016

A labour-hire operator in Sydney who says she hired young Asian workers because they are “younger, cheaper and faster than locals who are old and slow” has been penalised more than \$100,000, as a result of legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Free advice for small business payroll specialists (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161017-taps-workplace-review-release>)

17 Oct 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman will provide free advice to small business advisers and payroll specialists at the Workplace Review 2016 Payroll Expo in Sydney this week.

Statement on 417 visa-holders (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161015-417-inquiry-media-release>)

15 Oct 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has today released its report into the experiences of 417 working holiday visa-holders in Australia.

Hundreds of workers picking mushrooms allegedly short-changed almost \$650,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161012-mushroom-pickers-litigation>)

12 Oct 2016

A national Inquiry into workplace practices in the horticulture industry has uncovered the alleged underpayment of hundreds of pickers on a Queensland mushroom farm.

McDonald’s continues to show its commitment to young workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161010-mcdonalds-partnership-release>)

10 Oct 2016

McDonald’s Australia continues to demonstrate its commitment to excellent workplace practices at its restaurants, achieving outstanding compliance rates over the past two years.

Australian charities face scrutiny in new Inquiry (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161006-charity-inquiry-mondial-release>)

6 Oct 2016

Some major Australian charities will be scrutinised by the Fair Work Ombudsman as part of a new Inquiry in response to concerns that young charity collectors are being exploited.

Penalties imposed over threats to Indian doctor (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/october-2016/20161005-windaroo-penalty>)

5 Oct 2016

The operators of a general medical practice south of Brisbane have been penalised more than \$51,000 for subjecting an Indian-trained doctor to “appalling” treatment after he complained to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

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