

September 2016

Beef farmer faces court action for allegedly short-changing 417 visa-holders \$38,000
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160928-waterfall-feedlot-litigation>

28 Sep 2016

The operators of a remote beef cattle farm in Queensland are facing legal action for allegedly underpaying six backpackers from the UK and Ireland.

Farmers penalised almost \$70,000 for short-changing 417 visa-holders \$2600 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160926-i-luv-penalty>)

26 Sep 2016

The operators of a Queensland farm with a history of flouting workplace laws have been penalised almost \$70,000 and ordered to overhaul their workplace practices following legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

New Community Engagement Grants Program (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160923-community-engagement-grants-mr>)

23 Sep 2016

Guidelines for new grants to deliver advice and assistance on workplace laws to vulnerable groups in the community have been released today by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Overseas backpackers allegedly short-changed thousands while working on NT mango farms
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160923-mango-shop-litigation>

23 Sep 2016

Young overseas backpackers recruited to work on mango farms near Darwin were allegedly underpaid almost \$36,000 in just two months.

Labour-hire contractor signs workplace pact after underpaying Korean workers thousands of dollars (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160921-boonah-packing-eu-presser>)

21 Sep 2016

More than 90 Korean backpackers have been underpaid thousands of dollars while working on a farm in South-East Queensland.

FWO reaches out to Korean community to help raise awareness of workplace rights, obligations (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases>)

[/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160919-group-k-eu-release\)](#)

19 Sep 2016

Persistent underpayment matters involving Korean visa-holders have prompted the Fair Work Ombudsman to reach out to the Korean business community.

City massage shop faces enforcement action after underpaying international students, backpackers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160914-sens-eu-mr>)

14 Sep 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has sounded a follow-up warning to the operators of massage shops that flouting minimum pay rates and short-changing vulnerable overseas workers will not be tolerated.

Fast food operator faces court for allegedly underpaying overseas workers \$18,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160913-wy-litigation>)

13 Sep 2016

A fast food operator in Brisbane is facing Court for allegedly short-changing two overseas workers more than \$18,000 - despite previously being put on notice to pay staff correctly.

\$25,000 back-pay for apprentice floor layer (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160912-pampost-eus-mr>)

12 Sep 2016

A western Sydney commercial flooring company has reimbursed an apprentice floor layer almost \$25,000 after an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found he had been underpaid over two years.

Restaurant operator penalised for “morally moribund” exploitation of Indian couple (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160909-shaik-penalty>)

9 Sep 2016

A former Victorian restaurant operator has been penalised more than \$50,000 and criticised for his “morally moribund” and “calculated and deceitful” exploitation of an Indian couple who were paid no wages for more than a year’s work.

Sushi Go Round signs workplace pact after short-changing visa-holders \$123,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160908-sushi-go-round-mr>)

8 Sep 2016

Nine overseas workers employed by a sushi restaurant chain in Brisbane were short-changed more than \$123,000 over 16 months, a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation has found.

Court action after young worker allegedly underpaid \$26,000 in just three months (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160907-pulis-plumbing-litigation>)

7 Sep 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced legal action against a Victorian plumbing business, alleging a young employee was short-changed more than \$26,000 over a period of just three months.

Taskforce Cadena uncovers workplace issues in Melbourne, Perth karaoke bars

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/september-2016/20160905-taskforce-cadena-karaoke-bars>)

5 Sep 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the results of an investigation into alleged exploitation of staff working in karaoke bars in Melbourne and Perth.



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