

## 2016 media releases

**[Hobart butcher to back-pay apprentice almost \\$20k \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161221-lindisfarne-butcher-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161221-lindisfarne-butcher-release)**

21 Dec 2016

An adult apprentice butcher in Hobart who was paid less than \$10 per hour will be back-paid nearly \$20,000 by his former employer, following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

**[Migrant worker short-changed \\$31,000 at Melbourne bottle shop \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161220-south-east-melbourne-mr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161220-south-east-melbourne-mr)**

20 Dec 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered \$31,000 for a Chinese migrant who was underpaid while working at a bottle shop at Bentleigh East, in Melbourne's south-east.

**[Fair Work Ombudsman secures \\$23,000 in penalties against mobile phone retailer \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161219-phone-collection-penalty-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161219-phone-collection-penalty-release)**

19 Dec 2016

The operators of a mobile phone retailer who failed to heed warnings to pay employees' minimum lawful rates have been penalised a total of \$23,000 for short-changing an overseas worker at Frankston, in Melbourne.

**[Fair Work Inspectors audit Ballarat businesses \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161216-ballaratmr\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161216-ballaratmr)**

16 Dec 2016

Fair Work Inspectors have undertaken 50 field audits in Ballarat this week and plan to audit a further 150 businesses in the regional Victorian town in coming months as part of a new campaign.

**[Labour-hire operator allegedly underpaid overseas workers on Queensland farms \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161214-seasonal-farm-services-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161214-seasonal-farm-services-litigation)**

15 Dec 2016

A national Inquiry into exploitation of overseas workers on Australian farms has led to the Fair Work Ombudsman launching legal action against a Queensland labour-hire operator for allegedly underpaying overseas workers more than \$60,000.

**[Fair Work Ombudsman takes legal action after young apprentices allegedly short-changed \\$32,000 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161214-gq-industries-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161214-gq-industries-litigation)**

14 Dec 2016

A Queensland building and construction company and its director are facing court over allegations they short-changed two young apprentices more than \$32,000.

**[Queensland tavern operator penalised for short-changing manager \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161213-glasshouse-mountains-tavern-penalty-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161213-glasshouse-mountains-tavern-penalty-media-release)**

13 Dec 2016

The operators of a Queensland tavern have been penalised a total of \$19,500 for causing “significant detriment” to a manager by short-changing her thousands of dollars.

**[Chinese worker in Cairns short-changed almost \\$9000 in just four months \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161212-north-qld-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161212-north-qld-release)**

12 Dec 2016

The Fair Work Ombudsman has recovered almost \$9000 for an overseas worker who worked at a travel agency in Cairns over a period of just four months.

**[MUA faces court on claims it organised unlawful action \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161209-mua-hutchinson-ports-australia-media-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161209-mua-hutchinson-ports-australia-media-release)**

9 Dec 2016

The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) is facing legal action after the Fair Work Ombudsman filed court proceedings alleging the union organised a campaign of unlawful industrial action, leading to up to nearly 100 workers withdrawing labour from shipping terminals in Sydney and Brisbane.

**[Taiwanese company penalised after paying overseas workers less than \\$5 an hour \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161208-chia-tung-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2016-media-releases/december-2016/20161208-chia-tung-penalty)**

8 Dec 2016

A Taiwanese company that last year back-paid almost \$900,000 to a team of overseas workers it brought to Australia has now been penalised in Court for ignoring a demand to make further back-payments to two overseas workers it paid less than \$5 an hour.

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