

WORKPLACE BUZZ

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter: Workplace Buzz

You may know us as Labour Hire Australia or Small Business Union. We pioneered workplace agreements in the late 1980s, introduced subcontract shearing in 1992 and then the first successful union-free high rise construction site on the Sunshine Coast. The services we provide have increased and so Haycroft Workplace Solutions is now the umbrella for all divisions. Save time and make us your single contact point. We will use our networks & resources to solve any workplace challenges. Check out our website & feel free to forward this newsletter.

The Office of Workplace Services has hit the ground running in 2007 and we are receiving phone calls from businesses as soon as they've read their letter advising of an imminent visit by someone from the OWS. Don't let this news spoil what I hope is an excellent start to 2007. Contact us today and one of our consultants will work with you to ensure compliance as quickly & painlessly as possible.

Graeme Haycroft

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OWS campaigns are running nationally, and also at state and regional levels. They generally target a particular industry or region and usually begin with the OWS writing to employers to advise... [\[Read more\]](#)

[OWS](#) [is](#) [focussing](#) [on](#) [young](#) [people](#)

The Office of Workplace Services are undertaking a pilot compliance and auditing campaign focussing on young people (aged 15-24) in the workplace. Their goal is to educate and inform employers... [\[Read more\]](#)

[Work](#) [Choices](#) [amendments](#) [\(now](#) [effective\)](#)

Redundancy entitlements: Preserved redundancy entitlements will bind a new employer on transmission of business. Redundancy provisions in Workplace Agreements will be preserved for a maximum... [\[Read more\]](#)

[Wage](#) [and](#) [Allowances](#) [from](#) [December](#) [1,](#) [2006](#)

The Commission announced an increase of \$27.36 per week for minimum wage rates up to \$700 per week and \$22.04 per week for minimum wage rates \$700 per week and above. This does not apply to employers... [\[Read more\]](#)

[Employer](#) [fined](#) [\\$5000](#) [for](#) [underpayment](#) [of](#) [wages](#)

The Magistrates Court of Victoria has, for the first time since WorkChoices came into effect, awarded penalties against an

employer for breaches, investigated by the OWS, of the Workplace Relations... [\[Read more\]](#)

[OWS targeted compliance campaign in different industries in Qld](#)

The Office of Workplace Services is planning a national education and targeted compliance campaign in the hospitality, retailers, accomodation and clothing (outworkers) industry in Qld. The National... [\[Read more\]](#)

[Be aware of The Office of Workplace Services & their audits!](#)

The OWS has filed proceedings in the Federal Magistrates Court against a Canberra company, seeking penalties for underpayments of 50 workers over 16 months calculated at \$19,709.16. The OWS Director... [\[Read more\]](#)

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