

Job advice hot on Chili's heels

THE South Coast Labour Council last night hosted an information session to make young workers aware of their employment rights, with the investigation of a Wollongong restaurant still a hot topic.

The public meeting was attended by workplace investigators from the NSW Office of Industrial Relations as well as representatives from the Federal Workplace Ombudsman.

South Coast Labour Council secretary Arthur Rorris said young people needed to be aware of their entitlements in order to avoid being exploited.

"No matter what you sign, if you're aged 15 to 18 then you are still able to claim whatever you're entitled to under the award," Mr. Rorris said.

"That can be a substantial amount of money, and you're entitled to get that back."

In July, several former employees of Chili's at Fairy Meadow claimed they were expected to cover unpaid bills and were regularly asked to work unpaid overtime. Some staff were asked to wait up to an hour to "clock on" if they weren't busy.



Know your rights: Michelle Campbell and Sean Kendall, from the NSW Office of Industrial Relations, at last night's meeting.