



Former Origin Greats team up with Fair Trading

NSW Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Cliff Lyons and Max Krilich this month tackled the tough topics on how to protect Indigenous people in the marketplace, when they talked to Fair Trading Indigenous workers and managers.

NSW FOGS contacted Fair Trading to offer support to the government agency in its fight to protect the rights of Indigenous consumers.

Both FOGS and Fair Trading have a proud history of support for Indigenous Australians.

Confidence, team work, fair play and good leadership were the focus of discussions.



Former Origin Greats and Fair Trading Officers: From Left to right Caine Carrol, Graeme Russel, Mark McCullough, Renee Brooke, Robert Morris, Max Krilich, Jacqueline Renolds, Mook Harrington, Brad Anderson, Cliff Lyons, Lisa Murphy and Noni Ross.

NSW Fair Trading is a national leader in providing services for Aboriginal communities and last year celebrated a decade of its Aboriginal Action Plan commissioned in response to the Gabami Report, which revealed a significant lack of engagement with and by Aboriginal communities in the state.

Since the Action Plan was introduced, Fair Trading has lifted

its service delivery to Aboriginal people, earning their trust and improving their lives through dedicated employment, sporting and community sponsorships, art competitions, education services, information sessions, publications, housing and tenancy initiatives and joint activities with a number of other government, community and Indigenous agencies.

Riverina Aboriginal Men's Yarn-up

Aboriginal men from the Riverina region are invited to a Yarn-up on 9 to 12 June 2009 at the Four Post Camp in Deniliquin.

Participants can attend one, or all days of the Yarn-up. The event is free and includes all meals and accommodation.

As well as some enjoyable recreational activities, participants will gain some valuable information from staff from the following agencies:

- Office of Fair Trading (OFT)
- Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC)

- Attorney General's Department (AGD)
- Corrective Services
- Housing NSW.

Yarn-up Dates

9 Jun 12 noon to 8:00pm
 10 Jun 9:00am to 8:00pm
 11 Jun 9:00am to 8:00pm
 12 Jun 9:00am to 12noon

Des Smith from Fair Trading will be there to inform the men of their consumer rights and responsibilities. All agencies will provide information to participants to take home.

To register, call:

Athol Boney (Branch Manager)
 Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care
 Wagga Wagga
 Tel 02 6937 9640 or Mob 0407 284 108

Call an Aboriginal enquiry officer on 13 32 20



www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

Queanbeyan Outreach every Wed

Fair Trading has established an outreach service for the Aboriginal community in Queanbeyan.

You can find us at the Munjuwa Health, Housing and Community Aboriginal Corporation along with the Gunya Aboriginal Women's Housing Corporation.

Every Wednesday services available at the centre include:

- Fair Trading Aboriginal Customer Service Officer
- Drug and alcohol worker
- Sexual health worker
- Midwife
- Eye doctor (monthly).

Brad Anderson from the Wollongong Fair Trading Centre will be able to answer questions on Fair Trading services such as general consumer

rights, tenancy disputes, finance problems, motor vehicle warranty issues, incorporated associations and more.

For more information on the services available at Munjuwa, call:

Antoinette House
 Coordinator, Munjuwa
 Tel 02 6297 3578
Brad Anderson
 Wollongong Fair Trading Centre
 Tel 02 4254 3433

Deadly Dollars Theatre Play

Deadly Dollars a play about managing your money and staying out of debt is back for a 2009 season. Performances are scheduled for the Hunter, Central Coast, Sydney, Illawarra and South Coast regions.

Leeanne a recently widowed mum in her 40s struggles to keep her family together. She works full-time to pay rising debts. Her 17 year-old daughter



Toni is doing her HSC. Toni's boyfriend Jason, an apprentice mechanic wants to move in. He wants everything now buying all the latest things on credit. Find out how they juggle money, life, work and relationships.

Interact with the cast to change the outcome when two country teenagers visiting the city are seduced into buying a new mobile phone, but one of them ends up losing their job, car and phone! **Visit our website for venues and dates.**

Kooris and cars

The Kooris and cars program aims to educate Aboriginal youth about their basic consumer rights when



buying or financing a vehicle. The 'streetwise' program is presented in four half-hour sessions that include computer licence testing, vehicle safety regulations, shopping for finance, warranty entitlements and how to avoid purchasing a 'lemon'. Mechanically qualified Fair Trading and RTA Inspectors also give participants a practical demonstration about basic mechanical and safety checks, including how to detect dangerous or sub-standard body repairs at some of the workshops.

Participants at the recent Dareton program had questions about using Fair Trading's REVS service after reports community members purchased cars from people still owing money on loans for the cars. For more information about REVS visit www.revs.nsw.gov.au or call your local Aboriginal enquiry officer.

Workshops are scheduled for Balranald, Deniliquin, Cumeragunja, Griffith, Wagga Wagga and Tumut. To book a workshop, call your Aboriginal enquiry officer.

Call an Aboriginal enquiry officer on 13 32 20

- Fair Trading has 24 Fair Trading Centres across NSW. Aboriginal Customer Service Officers are located at the Fair Trading Centres marked with an asterisk*
- Albury
- Armidale
- Bathurst
- Blacktown
- Broken Hill
- Coffs Harbour
- Dubbo*
- Gosford
- Goulburn
- Grafton
- Hurstville*
- Lismore*
- Liverpool
- Newcastle*
- Orange*
- Parramatta*
- Penrith
- Port Macquarie*
- Queanbeyan*
- Sydney
- Tamworth*
- Tweed Heads
- Wagga Wagga*
- Wollongong*

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