



## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year Fair Trading again had a strong presence at NAIDOC Week sponsoring family days on the mid North Coast, New England and North Coast areas. Fair Trading was on hand to deliver information to the community, through their information stands, about their rights and responsibilities on topics such as buying a car, credit, shopping and tenancy.

Fair trading also sponsored art competitions in Toronto and Armidale including the NAIDOC Week Art

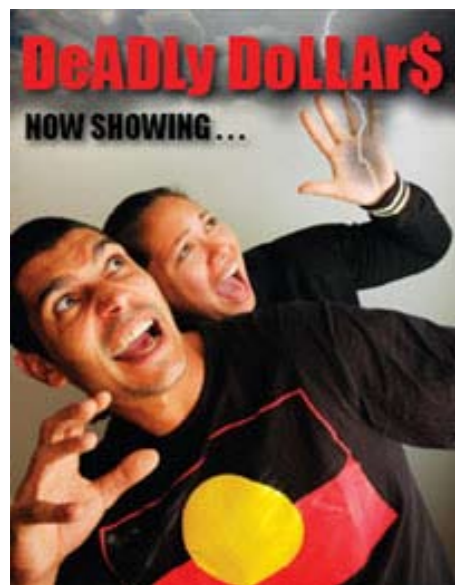
Competition. The competitions allow artists to share their stories and experiences with the community in a positive and creative way. Art plays an important role in helping to enhance the reconciliation process for Australians.

Fair Trading is a proud supporter of NAIDOC Week and Aboriginal communities throughout New South Wales. As an organisation we offer a wide range of services and support through our dedicated team of Aboriginal officers – contact Fair Trading on 13 32 20.

**Pictured right:** Nicholas Levy, winner of the Open Indigenous category and Paul Coles, Regional Manager North and Co-ordinator Aboriginal Action Plan, Fair Trading.



## Deadly Dollars is back



Since being launched in October last year Deadly Dollars has visited 64 Aboriginal communities and entertained more than 4,500 people. The program has been an outstanding success and with the continued commitment of the NSW Government a third instalment of the series has been confirmed. The third tour of *Deadly Dollars* will take place in

October and November this year and will include communities in Broken Hill, Wilcannia and Bourke.

*Deadly Dollars* is a play covering issues such as household spending, interest free deals, mobile phone bills and other credit matters. It focuses on characters that are faced with difficult financial situations because of their purchasing decisions. Like Leeanne who is a recently widowed mum in her 40s struggling to keep her family together, working full-time to pay rising debts. Her 17 year-old daughter Toni is doing her HSC and her boyfriend Jason, an apprentice mechanic wants to move in and is buying all the latest things on credit.

Throughout the performance, cast members interact with the audience, working out solutions to financial dilemmas that are then acted out. The audience learns who, and where, to turn to when faced with financial problems. *Deadly Dollars* was developed by Rod Smith Productions, a Newcastle based Aboriginal

production company, and is set in a small, isolated community.

*Deadly Dollars* has recently been performed in Taree, Sydney and Narooma with the addition of two new actors who replaced original cast members. The play has continued to wow audiences with its energy and humour whilst performing an important task of informing the audience about the pitfalls of purchasing goods on credit and how to deal with various sales techniques.

Visit our website for venues and dates.

Call an Aboriginal enquiry officer on 13 32 20



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## Indigenous Business Lunch

An Indigenous Business Lunch was held in Armidale on 6 May offering Indigenous business owners the chance to network and gain important information to help them run their business successfully. The lunch was developed in partnership with the Office of Fair Trading and the Northern Inland Regional

Development Board to promote Indigenous business in the area.

The event was attended by representatives of the Indigenous business community and community organisations from across the New England and North West regions. They came together to share experiences, exchanges ideas and hear from various Government organisations.

Similar events have been held in the past and are seen as a great way

to reach the Indigenous business community. Coming up in October it will be Sydney's chance to host this event; come along and connect with your community.

### Event details

Where: Blacktown Workers Club  
55 Campbell Street  
Blacktown NSW 2124

When: Thursday 1st October 2009

Time: 10am – 2pm

Cost: Free (Lunch provided)

RSVP: Noni Ross on 9895 0324

## Developing Australia's future leaders

The Young Mob Leaders Program provides opportunities for Indigenous youth in New South Wales to develop leadership skills and contribute to their communities. The program was developed by Fair Trading staff members Noni Ross and Lisa Murphy and World Vision's Julie Welsh.

The program has been running for 2 years and is part of the Sydney Koori Leadership Program. It has been run in partnership with the Redfern Community Centre, Matraville Sports High School and Chifley College.



It is proving to be a success with the view that other schools will participate in the future.

The program helps develop both personal and professional skills that

enable Indigenous youth to achieve personal growth, thrive at school, gain employment and ultimately become positive role models in their communities. The program also informs participants about their own culture enhancing their identity and allows the ability to share knowledge with other Indigenous communities.

Fair Trading staff member Noni Ross was fortunate enough to accompany 10 program participants to the World Indigenous Peoples Conference: *Education in December 2008*. The conference attracts people from around the globe and was held on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation in Melbourne.

## Blacktown Keeping Aboriginal Youth Safe

Indigenous youth in the Blacktown local area can take advantage of the Keeping Aboriginal Youth Safe (KAYS) driver licensing program. The program aims to improve confidence, safety and prevent risk-taking behaviour

that leads to injuries and contact with the criminal justice system.

The program focuses on participants driving skills whilst also teaching about driver and road safety, drug and alcohol awareness, car insurance and the pitfalls of purchasing a car. It is a whole-of-government approach with various government agencies

involved, including Blacktown City Council, Roads and Traffic Authority, Sydney West Area Health Service and NSW Police.

Fair Trading educates participants about buying a car, debt management, borrowing money and budgeting. It is proving to be a very strong program of which Fair Trading is a proud partner.

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