



## Be wary of hoax calls about Centrelink and Medicare

Medicare Australia and Centrelink are warning Australians to watch out for hoaxes which involve dodgy callers pretending to be from the agencies. "Medicare Australia has recently received reports from women of suspicious phone calls from a man claiming to work for Medicare Australia," Human Services Portfolio General Manager Hank Jongen said.

"He's phoned several women that we're aware of, offering cash and holiday prizes as rewards for participating in a survey. He's then proceeded to ask these women intimate and inappropriate questions.

"I encourage anyone who receives a phone call along these lines to terminate the call immediately." Mr Jongen said there have been reports of scammers who have posed as Centrelink staff members in an attempt to gain personal details from customers.

"These personal details can then be used to commit identity fraud and other such criminal activity," Mr Jongen said.

"Let me make it clear that Medicare Australia and Centrelink do not contact you unexpectedly by phone, email or social networking sites just to update your records.

"Typically, they will phone as a follow-up to a letter or a previous phone call.

"If you suspect a possible identity fraud phone scam has occurred, I encourage you to report any details like the phone number, time, date, gender and accent to the Australian Government's designated fraud tip-off line on 13 15 24."

People using Medicare Australia and Centrelink online services are also reminded to protect their information by keeping their login details private and regularly changing passwords. Contact: Human Services Portfolio media team 02 6155 2035 or 0417 498 318

# Excitement gets bigger for Campsie Food Festival – 5 June

60 Stalls serving international food, celebrity chef cooking demonstrations, entertainment for the whole family and free dumpling samples and Korean desserts!

The Mayor of the City of Canterbury, Cr Robert Furolo MP, said excitement is increasing and preparations are well underway for an expected 15,000 food lovers who'll be visiting Beamish Street for the annual Campsie Food Festival.

"Food lovers are in for a treat this year with the Campsie Food Festival expected to be bigger than ever before," Mayor Robert Furolo said.

"We've got hundreds of dishes on offer from countries all over the world including Thai, Korean, Chinese and Brazilian to Greek, Lebanese and Turkish.

"Our Program also includes fantastic cooking demonstrations by well-known chefs and this year, we're

lucky enough to have local resident and finalist from the television show MasterChef, Justine Schofield on our stage.

"Justine won the hearts of many Australians while she was on the show and demonstrated a real talent and love for food.

"Published author and Korean Chef Chung Jae will also be giving a demonstration and 2AC's Australian Chinese Radio's Cecilia Lau will cook up dishes from around Asia.

"To complement the array of food we'll also have entertainment for the whole family and cultural performances from around the world

"A traditional Korean Tea Ceremony will open the Festival followed by plenty of music and dancing.



"Kids will have their hands busy all day with free lantern making workshops and amusement rides and they'll also get the chance to learn all about healthy eating.

"This year we've also introduced noodle and Kim Chi eating competitions with \$100 vouchers on offer from

Franklins for the winners.

"Plus we have free Chinese dumpling samples and Korean desserts in Anzac Mall!

"If you need a break from all the food, we'll also have a bustling market place with a variety of products to choose from including jewellery, clothing, model cars and much more.

"Our major sponsor, Lebara mobile is also running a competition where someone will win 2 return flights to Korea, China or Vietnam. Check out the Lebara mobile stall at the Festival for conditions to enter.

"This is one of Sydney's biggest food festivals and it's a great opportunity to indulge in such a large variety of multi cultural dishes.

"The Campsie Food Festival is definitely an event not to be missed," Mayor Robert Furolo said.

For more information on the Campsie Food Festival phone 9789 9300, visit [www.canterbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.canterbury.nsw.gov.au) or join our Campsie Food Festival Facebook page and follow us on Twitter/canterburycity.

All the action of the 2010 Campsie Food Festival will be along Beamish Street and into Anzac Mall, Campsie, on Saturday, June 5, from 10am-4pm. The 2010 Campsie Food Festival is proudly sponsored by Lebara Mobile, Torch Publishing, Commonwealth Bank Campsie, Homequip Trading Australia, Campsie R.S.L, City Rail, Ayam, Campsie Centre, Din Tai Fung and Franklins.

## STRONG GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST EVER 'KIDS HELPING KIDS AWARDS'

Senator The Hon. Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector has expressed her strong support for the nation's first Awards program rewarding and recognising outstanding achievements in school-based philanthropy.

Senator Stephens commended SchoolAid on establishing the Kids Helping Kids Awards, saying, "So often wonderful philanthropic acts fly under the radar. These new Awards will celebrate and elevate these activities to a national level, inspiring and motivating others to experience the deep rewards of giving. We know that those who learn about the importance of giving at an early age tend to become life-long donors and volunteers. SchoolAid helps teachers and parents to instill in children these vital 'habits of the heart'."

The inaugural Kids Helping Kids Awards will acknowledge the empathy and innate compassion of Australian school children, whilst recognising the tireless work of schools and educators who nurture and encourage the next generation of philanthropists. SchoolAid's sponsors, Microsoft and Cartoon Network are providing an incredible range of technology and entertainment prizes to recognise and reward these achievements, whilst the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation is a primary supporter of the Awards.

Entries for the Kids Helping Kids Awards are now open, with schools across the nation ready to share their stories of support for kids in their local communities, around Australia, and throughout the world – anywhere kids are in need.

## Greek Culture on Display at Earlwood Library

The Mayor of the City of Canterbury, Cr Robert Furolo MP, today encouraged residents to enjoy a night of Greek culture at Earlwood Library on Monday 31 May.

"The cultural diversity in our City enables us to experience parts of the world, without ever going there," Mayor Robert Furolo said.

"And, the best place to discover the traditions, cultures and histories of the world is at our Libraries.

"This month, Earlwood library will

showcase Greek culture.

"There are about 13,500 people who speak Greek at home and approximately 5,700 people who were born in Greece living in our City. "The Greek community is the third largest non-English speaking community in our area and our Library has a collection of 1400 books, music CDs, DVDs, videos, magazines and Newspapers to cater to our Greek community. "This collection is very popular with our Greek residents and more than 8000

items were lent out last year.

"Council works hard to cater for our City's culturally diverse community and we hope that cultural events such as this Greek celebration encourages everyone to expose themselves to other cultures. "There'll be lots to see and enjoy including Greek dancing, singing, poetry recitals and traditional Greek food.

"Our Celebrating Cultures program highlights different cultures, traditions and is a celebration of residents

in our City, and promotes greater understanding between cultures."I encourage residents to come along to the Greek cultural celebration at Earlwood library to learn more about other cultures and the extensive resources on offer at our libraries," Mayor Furolo said.

The Greek cultural celebration will be on Monday 31 May 2010, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, at Earlwood Branch Library, cnr Homer and William Street, Earlwood.