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**Linda Burney MP**



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## **TENANCY SKILLS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Coinciding with Youth Week, NSW Fair Trading Minister and Minister for Youth, Linda Burney, today announced the launch of a Gosford-based program providing young people with invaluable information and advice on tenancy.

Ms Burney said the program, Youth Tenancy Skills, is being conducted in partnership with Regional Youth Support Services (RYSS).

“The program will address areas of tenancy most relevant to young people and will provide essential information about financial literacy and obtaining a driver’s licence,” Ms Burney said.

“The program will consist of six information sessions that address the main difficulties experienced by young people today.

“Educating young people about their rights as consumers and tenants is important as they are often targeted by crooked business operators and pushy sales people.”

Ms Burney said through the program, young people will learn necessary skills needed to becoming savvy young consumers and renters. The program will raise awareness about the issues they may encounter as consumers and some they may have already encountered as teenagers.

“The information sessions will be interactive. The students will use the Youth Centre’s computers to access information on the Office of Fair Trading website while also undertaking practical examples and viewing demonstrations.”

Ms Burney said young people make up a significant proportion of the consumer market and as new consumers it is important they know their rights and responsibilities and exercise them with confidence.

“The Youth Tenancy Skills program will greatly benefit the young people of Gosford and I commend Fair Trading staff and RYSS for the development of such a valuable program.”

For further information about the consumer rights of young people, visit the Fair Trading website at [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 32 20.

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