

MEDIA RELEASE

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WORKPLACE INJURIES – THEY ARE EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

For the first time this year <u>icare</u> (Insurance and Care) NSW will joining Emerge Festival, the North Shore's biggest annual festival, this Saturday to connect, inform and engage with Chinese-speaking workers and employers.

John Nagle, icare CEO, said that because 60 per cent of Willoughby's residents are aged between 25 and 69, workplace injury is something that is very important for them, as both employees and business owners.

"And with almost one quarter of Willoughby City residents having Chinese ancestry and 14,500 residents speaking Mandarin or Cantonese at home, icare will be reaching out to them directly to let them know about their rights and obligations regarding workplace injuries," said Mr Nagle.

"We have two very simple messages. icare supports everyone who is injured at work. It doesn't matter who is at fault or even if the business isn't insured.

"If you work in NSW, and you've suffered an injury at work, then icare will help you recover and return to work. We do this by providing advice and covering, when necessary, medical, hospital and rehabilitation costs.

"For most business owners in NSW, a workers' insurance policy is compulsory to cover the costs of workplace injuries, regardless of the size of the business," he said.

The icare Mobile Engagement Team will be at the corner of **Anderson Street** and **Victoria Avenue** from with goodies to give away, as well as information in Mandarin.

They look forward to visiting other parts of Sydney and NSW to meet more Chinesespeaking groups as well as other culturally and linguistically diverse Australian workers.

icare is one of the largest insurance providers in Australia, protecting and insuring the people, businesses and assets – buildings, bridges and buses – of NSW.

Where: Emerge Festival, Chatswood CBD When: 10am-4pm, Saturday 1 September

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