



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### icare LUNG SCREEN SERVICE BRINGS PEACE-OF-MIND TO ORANGE EMPLOYERS

[icare](#) General Manager for Dust Diseases Care, Chris Koutoulas, today announced icare's *Lung Screen Mobile Unit* continues its 2017 visits to regional NSW, with an upcoming stop and community information session planned for locals at the *North Orange Shopping Centre*.

The icare Lung Bus will be at *9 Telopea Way, Bletchington, Orange* on Thursday 12 October from *2:00pm to 3:00pm* – This marks icare Dust Disease Care's 19th visit this year to a regional NSW town.

Mr Koutoulas said the Lung Screen unit - icare's mobile respiratory screening service - was just one example of the new ways icare is providing care and support services to NSW businesses and employees working with asbestos, crystalline silica and other hazardous substances.

"icare is putting workers at the centre of all that it does. Our mobile Lung Screen unit allows us to visit NSW regions, like Orange, with a large number of businesses working with hazardous dusts and bring screening closer to at-risk workers," he said.

"Our mobile unit conveniently sets up onsite at a workplace or nearby location, which also makes it easier for workers, saving travel time and minimising disruption to their day. From as far south as Griffith to as far north as Tweed Heads, we're able to see up to 400 workers a month across the State, bringing essential screening services and peace of mind to those that need it most," Mr Koutoulas said.

icare's Lung Screen unit features a 13-metre trailer equipped with:

- A digital chest X-ray room;
- Advanced lung function testing equipment; and
- A medical practitioner to conduct examinations.

"The screening process takes 20 minutes and the results are later reviewed by a respiratory physician. A report is then provided to each worker and the employer is immediately notified of any workplace injury. If necessary, post the screening, further support and care through icare Dust Diseases Care will be provided to workers who have been diagnosed with a work-related dust disease," Mr Koutoulas said.

Employers across regional NSW in high-risk industries can book the icare Lung Screen mobile unit for \$100 + GST per worker, to screen at-risk workers for harmful dust exposure.

"By visiting worksites across NSW with our regional lung screen visits, icare is making it easier for employers to proactively provide their workers with essential health-monitoring for potential dust diseases," he said.

NSW employers can make lung screen appointments by calling [13 94 44](tel:139444) or emailing: [lungscreen@icare.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lungscreen@icare.nsw.gov.au)

Watch the creation of icare's Lung Screen Unit on [YouTube](#).

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