

COMMUNITY GETS CAREER DEVELOPMENT STAR TREATMENT

The Macquarie Fields community celebrated the National Career Development Week campaign for the first time ever this year. A week of events at the shopping centre, including a celebrity visit, brought home the relevance of career planning and choice for everyone in the community. Irrespective of age, stage or circumstance, we can all work towards getting the life we love!

From 2 to 6 June, Macquarie Fields' Glenquarie Town Centre was transformed in a blaze of red into a 'one stop' career development centre. For the many people who came along to join in the celebrations, information, resources, presentations, and all important community support was provided to assist them in planning the next step of their career and lives. The community was even treated to an opportunity to meet and ask career questions of a celebrity from one of their favourite television shows.



National Career Development Week Campaign Manager, Caroline Jones, said; "This initiative by Housing NSW and partners was supported by the National Career Development Week campaign including an event appearance from one of our ambassadors. Macquarie Fields residents of all ages actively engaged in the Q&A with Mark Furze (actor, Home and Away, and musician). The event shows how effectively community partnerships can work towards improving career development opportunities for their residents. "

Career Industry Council of Australia President, Mike Geeves, explained the aim of the Macquarie Fields event was to encourage the community in their career aspirations. This event gave residents an opportunity to ask questions and hear how NCDW Ambassador Mark Furze (actor, Home and Away, and musician) is achieving his own career goals. Mike Geeves said, "A range of things can assist us to make good decisions and to pursue a career direction, even in activities like playing sports and other community events, and including those with whom we come into contact."

When asked the most important thing he has learned in his acting career, Mark Furze (Ric, Home and Away) said; "It's to stop procrastinating. I know what I want and, most of the time, how to get there but I just need to stop putting it off. So the best advice I can give anyone about achieving what they want to achieve, is that the best person to help you is *you* and to do it as soon as you can."

The Macquarie Fields NCDW event was organised by Housing NSW's Learning, Employment & Economic Development Group. For further information contact Leigh Mabin on 0409 602 075