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Free scam awareness workshop to help locals protect their money

With scams on the rise, ARC Justice is helping the Maryborough community stay one step ahead of fraudsters with a free scam awareness workshop on Monday, March 17.

The session, *Scam Smart: Protect Your Money*, will be held at Maryborough Community House from 2pm to 3pm and will equip attendees with practical tools to recognise, prevent and protect themselves from scams.

ARC Justice CEO Damian Stock said scams are becoming more sophisticated, costing Australians millions of dollars each year.

“Scammers are constantly evolving their tactics and unfortunately many people only realise they’ve been targeted after it’s too late,” Stock said.




“This workshop will provide valuable tips on spotting fraudulent schemes, safeguarding personal information and staying safe online. Everyone can benefit from understanding how to identify and avoid scams.”

According to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s recent *Targeting Scams* report, Australians lost a record \$3.1 billion to scams in 2022, with regional communities particularly vulnerable due to limited access to support services.

“This is an issue that affects people of all ages and backgrounds,” Stock said. “We want to empower the Maryborough community with knowledge so they can protect their finances and personal information.”

The workshop is free, with light refreshments provided.

Event details

-  Monday, March 17
-  Maryborough Community House, 23 Primrose Street, Maryborough
-  2pm – 3pm

Bookings are encouraged. To secure a spot, visit <https://shorturl.at/1kLy0>

For more information, email leahs@arcjustice.org.au or call 1800 450 909 or 5445 0909.

About ARC Justice

ARC Justice is a rights-based, for-purpose organisation incorporating the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre and Housing Justice, a specialist renter support program based in Bendigo and the Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre based in Shepparton. ARC partners with the Maryborough District Health Service in the Maryborough Therapeutic Justice Partnership, providing legal and social support help for health service clients and others with a range of legal issues including family violence, tenancy, family law, elder abuse, child protection, consumer disputes, debt and other civil matters and some minor criminal matters. ARC Justice also provides weekly duty lawyer services at the Maryborough court for family violence matters.

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